



Interoffice Memorandum

DATE: June 29, 2026

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
-AND-
County Commissioners

FROM: Marc A. Cannata, P.E., Director, Utilities

SUBJECT: August 4, 2026 – Public Hearing
Solid Waste System Tipping Fees
Contact Person: Glenn Kramer, Manager
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As discussed in the Utilities Department Budget Work Session presentation, Utilities staff are recommending adjustments to the Orange County Solid Waste Charge Schedule for tipping fees at the Orange County Landfill and transfer stations.

In FY 2023, Utilities staff worked with our rate consultant to conduct a rate study, analyzing the Solid Waste System (the “System”) revenues and cost requirements. At the time, we were experiencing significant cost increases due to a 40-year high inflation rate and supply chain issues from the worldwide pandemic, both of which significantly affected System operating and capital expenditures. The rate study recommended, and the Board approved, three years of 12% increases to the tipping fees from FY 2024 – FY 2026. The rate study also recommended annual 4% indexing of System tipping fees for the remainder of the 10-year study period to provide sufficient funding to meet cell construction and closure requirements during this period.

Now that the 3-year rate plan of annual 12% increases is complete, internal analysis and updated 10-year modeling of the System’s cash flows has verified the need for annual 4% indexing through the current 10-year planning period. Therefore, staff recommends implementing a 4% increase in tipping fees for FY 2027, effective on October 1, 2026, and annual 4% increases thereafter. We project that these rate increases are necessary to meet the financial requirements of the system over the next ten years. With your approval, the attached resolution, with the included charge schedule, will accomplish this rate plan with the inclusion of a provision for automatic annual indexing at 4%.

Similar to the automatic annual rate indexing in the rate resolutions for the Water & Wastewater System rates, the Board can repeal the automatic increase in any year it desires. The Utilities Department will make a recommendation to index, or not to index, System tipping fees during the annual Budget Work Sessions, and if directed, will bring a resolution to the Board to repeal the automatic annual indexing for the next fiscal year.

The County Attorney’s Office has reviewed the resolution and finds it acceptable as to form. The revised Solid Waste System Charge Schedule will be presented in a public hearing on August 4, 2026. Utilities staff recommend approval.

Action Requested: **Approval and Execution of a Resolution Regarding Solid Waste Disposal; Adopting a Revised Fee Schedule for Solid Waste Disposal at County Disposal Facilities; Revising Certain Solid Waste Disposal Fees; Providing for an Automatic Annual Rate Increase; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date.**

RESOLUTION

of the

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

regarding

**SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL; ADOPTING A REVISED FEE
SCHEDULE FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AT COUNTY
DISPOSAL FACILITIES; REVISING CERTAIN SOLID WASTE
DISPOSAL FEES; PROVIDING FOR AN AUTOMATIC ANNUAL
INCREASE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Resolution No. 2026-M-

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County (the “Board”) is authorized to establish, operate, and maintain a waste collection and disposal system within Orange County (the “System”) pursuant to its powers as a charter county, Florida law, and Section 32-16, Orange County Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board is also authorized to prescribe, fix, establish and collect fees, rentals, or other charges for the facilities and services furnished by such waste collection and disposal system, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board last adopted a revised fee schedule for solid waste disposal at County disposal facilities on August 8, 2023, pursuant to Resolution 2023-M-33; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds it necessary to revise the fee schedule in order to enable the System to better fund its cost requirements; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 32-16, Orange County Code, notice of a public hearing to consider adoption of the revised fee schedule was published, and the Board held the public hearing and considered the revised fee schedule and public comments thereon.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY:**

40 **Section 1. Revised Fee Schedule.** The Board of County Commissioners
hereby adopts the revised fee schedule attached to and incorporated in this Resolution
42 as Exhibit “A” (the “Solid Waste System Charge Schedule”). Resolution 2023-M-33 is
superseded and repealed as of the effective date of this Resolution.

44 **Section 2. Automatic Annual Rate Increase.** The Board adopts an automatic
annual rate increase applicable to Fee Categories 1 through 5 as listed on Exhibit “A” (the
46 “Adjusted Fee Categories”). Effective October 1, 2027, and on October 1 of each year
thereafter, each fee in the Adjusted Fee Categories shall be increased by four percent
48 (4%) over the amount in effect immediately prior to such date. Fee Categories 1, 2, and
3 shall be rounded to the nearest ten cents, and Fee Categories 4 and 5 shall be rounded
50 to the dollar. On the effective date of each automatic annual rate increase, the Solid
Waste System Charge Schedule shall be revised accordingly, and a copy of the revised
52 Solid Waste System Charge Schedule shall be maintained for public inspection by the
Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners. The automatic annual rate increase shall
54 not apply to: (a) the minimum charge for all vehicles; (b) fees for dewatered wastewater
treatment sludge accepted by agreement; or (c) the per-tire fee for Waste Passenger
56 Tires (Fee Category 6).

Section 3. Severability of Provisions. If any provision of this Resolution or the
58 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not
affect other provisions or applications of this Resolution, which can be given effect without
60 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of the Resolution are
declared severable.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect on October 1, 2026.

ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: _____
Jerry L. Demings
Orange County Mayor

ATTEST: Phil Diamond, CPA, County Comptroller
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"
SOLID WASTE SYSTEM CHARGE SCHEDULE¹

All vehicle types pay the prevailing fee for the applicable category for covered loads. Any mixed loads will be charged for the higher fee category.

Uncovered loads are charged at 2 times the rate for covered loads of the applicable fee category.

Class III and/or yard waste materials delivered to a transfer station will be charged the Class I Solid Waste rate.

Dewatered wastewater treatment sludge is accepted by agreement only.

Minimum charge for all vehicles is \$10.00.

Fee Category	Fee Per Ton Effective October 1, 2026
1. Class I Solid Waste (Putrescible garbage)	\$56.40
2. Class III Solid Waste (Construction and demolition debris)	\$42.70
3. Yard Waste	\$48.70
4. Asbestos	\$185.00
5. Waste Tires (More than 8 passenger ² tires, any number of light truck [LT] and other tires, or mixed tire loads)	\$249.00
6. Waste Passenger ² Tires (Maximum of 8 tires)	\$3.00 per tire

FOOTNOTES

¹For those customers under written contract, the contract shall prevail if, and to the extent, there is any inconsistency between the provisions of the charge schedule and the provisions of the contract.

²Passenger tires are designated with a "P" on the side wall of the tire prior to the tire measurements for the nominal width of the tire, the aspect ratio (height to width), and the rim diameter.