

Redfern, Gia

From: Michael Gaffney <mgaffney1@cfl.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 10:39 PM
To: SWM_Webmis
Cc: Commissioner, D5
Subject: Hearing on Proposed Solid Waste Assessment Rate Increase

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Good evening,

This correspondence is submitted in order to acknowledge receipt of the notice from Brevard County Solid Waste dated 02-Aug-2020 that advises the solid waste assessment for our residence may be increasing. A Board of County Commissioner hearing is proposed for 25-Aug-2020 to consider the rate increase.

The notice advises that affected property owners may "...file written comments or objections with the Board of County Commissioners...within 20 days of receiving (the) notice...".

Please reply at your earliest opportunity that this email will serve the purpose of "written comments or objections". I do object to the rate increase proposed in this 02-Aug-2020 Notice.

My comments and objection to the proposed rate increases through 2027 are based on several factors:

1. The 2020 rate is \$139.70. The proposed rate for 2021 is \$194.28. That's a **39% increase**. Really? A 39% jump? In one year? A year that, for the most part, has seen fuel prices drop, and likely overhead costs decrease for any of the entities that were solicited for the waste services.
2. Brevard County residents, like many across the country, are enduring some tough times due to Covid-19. Adding this 39% burden isn't going to help.
3. The apparent successful bidder is Waste Management, the current vendor. The service performed by this vendor has not been admirable over the course of the last couple of years, at least not in our neighborhood. The service days are sometimes missed, and without any warning, the collection may (stress "may") occur the next day (not a service day), so better leave the can by the street...it may or may not get picked up.
4. Proposals were solicited, and Waste Mgt has been "awarded a new contract". Does that infer that the public hearing scheduled to vote on the new rates is really just a formality? If somehow the Board is swayed to vote against it, does that mean a new RFP has to be put out for bid?

Please review and reply.

I respectfully request a copy of the solicitation for the Solid Waste Services along with the cost and/or technical evaluation that decided the successful bidder was Waste Mgt.

Regards,

Mike Gaffney
1755 Williamsburg Way
Melbourne, FL 32934

321.259.3175

Redfern, Gia

From: linda <lmoore51@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 10:01 AM
To: SWM_Webmis
Subject: Rate Increase

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John Tobia

I live at Quail Run Retirement Community. Myself along with others are upset by this 66% increase you are asking for. First of all we do not need regular trash pick up but once a week not 2. Second of all we live on a fixed income and just can not afford this high of an increase. We understand the cost of things are going up (everything but our income). We need for you to rethink this high of an increase and think about the senior that this will hurt.

Thank you

Linda

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

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AUG 19 2020

*Solid Waste Management
Department*

Eugene E Luthe
1667 Grand Isle Blvd
Melbourne, FL 3940

Board of County Commissioners
Solid Waste Management Department
75 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building A Room 118
Viera, FL 3940

Re: Solid Waste Cost Increase

Gentlemen:

I find your letter introducing the new cost of the solid waste program to be somewhat dishonest and insulting. This of course calls into question whether or not any serious negotiations went on or what the rebidding process looked like.

You are quick to point out the 3% annual increase from 2021 to 2027, a reasonable request and agreement.

However you fail to recognize the 39% increase from 2020 to 2021. I would request that you share the bid documents to show the transparency of the process. This is an incredibly large increase to absorb under the current conditions.

I hope someone will address this at the meeting.

Very Truly Yours,



Eugene E Luthe

CC: Florida Today

August 15, 2020

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AUG 18 2020

To: Board of County Commissioners
Brevard County
Solid Waste Management Department

From: Alison Johnson, Trustee
For Freddy Johnson who passed away
on Feb. 25, 2019

Parcel ID: 28-3820-00-37A, 8

Tax Account# 2849556

Site Address: 742 Carousel Ln
Melbourne Beach 32951

Your letter was sent to my deceased
husband: Johnson, Freddy Trustee
398 Island View Dr.
Traverse City, MI 49696-9414

our permanent address. I just received
your August 2 letter today, August 15.
I do think your rate increase of over
30% hike is too much. In future
please address all communication to me
at my 742 Carousel Ln address and I will
get it. Thank you, Alison Johnson,
Trustee of the Freddy Johnson Trust.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Solid Waste Management Department
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building A, Room 118
Viera, Florida 32940

August 2, 2020



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ROSSI, THOMAS L
ROSSI, MARY ANN
2024 PAYNE STEWART DR # 181
TITUSVILLE FL 32796-3953



Handwritten notes: "11 DUE R# 71 NW"

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Solid Waste Management Department

Dear Customer,

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Table with 8 columns: Fiscal Year, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027. Row 1: Assessment Rate per Billing Unit. Values range from \$194.28 to \$231.98. A note at the bottom states: Annual increases for each year will not exceed 3% of the prior year assessment.

If approved by the Board these new annual rates will be reflected on your tax bill beginning in November 2020. The Board will adopt an annual rate resolution to verify the percentage increase prior to commencement of each fiscal year 2021 through FY2027 pursuant to Section 94-233, Code of Ordinances of Brevard County, Florida. The total revenue to be collected from the curbside collection assessment is estimated to be \$154,748,340.21 for the entire period.

NOTE: THIS IS NOT A BILL

The proposed special assessment calculated for the property referenced below is:

Parcel ID: 21 3520-28-*8

Tax Account Number: 2111816

Site Address: 2024 PAYNE STEWART DR TITUSVILLE 32796

Collection Billing Units: 0.39

Collection Billing Amount: \$ 75.77

Notice of Hearing on Proposed Solid Waste Assessment Rate Increase

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on August 25, 2020 to consider a proposed Solid Waste collection assessment rate increase at the Commission Board Room, Building C, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Florida 32940. All affected property owners have the right to appear at the hearing or to file written comments or objections with the Board of County Commissioners at the above address within 20 days of receiving this notice. Failure to pay the assessment will cause a tax certificate to be issued against your property pursuant to Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, and may result in loss of title.

Contact Agency: Brevard County Solid Waste Department, Phone (321) 633-2042

Website: BrevardCounty.us/SolidWaste

NO =

I were voted For This nor will

I pay a Bill.

This. we pay a maintenance

Fee that this should be

included in.

Thomas J. Kasal
Marion

PETER B. LESTER

4945 DATE PALM STREET
COCOA, FL. 32927
443.668.7778

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*Solid Waste Management
Department*

August 7, 2020

FROM: Peter & Karyl Lester
TO: Solid Waste Management Department
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building A, Room 118
Viera, FL 32940

To Whom It May Concern:

We are in receipt of your letter dated August 2, 2020 regarding current and proposed garbage and recycling rates. Mentioned in paragraph 3 is that rate increases will not exceed 3% annually.

However, the letter also states that our current collection rate is \$139.70, which will apparently be increased to \$194.28 as of the new contract, so stated for 2021. This is a horrendous increase of \$54.58, or over 35% !!

We oppose such an increase – stay with the year-to-year increase of 3%, or in our case, \$4.20 !!

We would like more information on this and how such a huge leap from 2020 to 2021 can be justified.

Thank you.


Peter & Karyl Lester

8-15-2020

To Board of County Commissioners :

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From Patterson, Gary D.
595 Venetian Way
Merritt Island Fl. 32953-4190

AUG 17 2020

Solid Waste Management
Department

As a resident of Brevard County for over 40 years plus residing at the above address for over 40 years, I will not be attending the public hearing because of age and health. I am sending my written comment and I am appalled at the Commission for allowing a 39% increase in rates. This increase was so large you could not even put it on the letter sent on 8-20-2020 as you did on the rate increase letter sent July 28-2017

Again, I object to this increase of 39%

Gary D. Patterson
595 Venetian Way
Merritt Island Fl. 32953

To Whom it may concern.

Today 8/10/2020 I received your notice of rate increases for solid waste service thru 2027.

Now I do not have a problem with a 3% increase from 2022 thru 2027. This seems fair to me.

This amounts to roughly \$6.00 and change.

I do however have a problem with an increase of \$54.58 for the year 2021. This is over 25% increase from 2020. Since many people like myself do not live in these homes more than three to five months a year, you are charging for at lease 7 months that nothing is ever collected. This is not fair.

I propose a \$6.00 fee for 2021 also. This I believe would be fair for everyone.

Thank you

Claude L. Rottet

925 Tacaranda Drive

Barefoot Bay, Florida

32976

Home Mailing Address:

Claude L. Rottet

2590 Tunnel Mill Road

Charlestown, Indiana

47111

Parcel ID# 303810-55-120-13

Tax Acc No. 3004101

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AUG 14 2020

Solid Waste Management
Department

William ODonnell
933 Cashew Circle
Barefoot Bay, FL 32976

Dear Sir,

I received the notice of possible increase in cost of waste management. You show figures of about an increase each year of no more than three percent starting in 2022. This I can figure out.

What I can't figure out is why you do not mention that the fee for the year 2021 from 2020 is not three percent but more like just under forty percent for an increase of \$54.58. (\$194.28 -\$139.70). Can't understand why you failed to mention this or that you simply thought people would not see this increase.

Hopefully you will read this at the hearing on August 25, 2020. Can't believe you did not mention this and only mentioned a three percent increase after 2021.

Sincerely,


William O'Donnell

8/11/20

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*Solid Waste Management
Department*

August 6, 2020

To: Board of County Commissioners, Brevard County
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building A Room 118
Viera, Florida 32940

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*Solid Waste Management
Department*

Reference: Your Letter of August 2, 2020 – Proposed Special Assessment

I am writing to object to the proposed special assessment as described in your letter of August 2, 2020. Based on the explanation in the letter, it would appear that the new assessment starting in 2021 is \$194.28 which would amount to an increase over the 2020 assessment of \$54.58 or 39%. I fail to see how any new service bid could justify this large of an increase.

Perhaps I misunderstand how things work, but our property is one of 50 units in a condominium association. We currently pay Waste Management to remove the trash for the Association. These new rates would mean the members/owners will pay \$9700 in addition to the pickup charges. It wouldn't be the first time I didn't understand how things work, but it just doesn't feel right.

I don't suppose anything will change as a result of my writing to object, but as least I can say to myself, I tried.

Neil Durkee
Donna Durkee
Parcel ID 27 3830-EW-A-6.50
Tax Account Number 2730760
Site Address: 995 N Highway A1A Indialantic 32903

Mailing Address: 597 Grooms Road
Clifton Park, NY 12065

Solid Waste Management Dept.
2726 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building A, Room 118
Viera, Fl. 32940

Harry T. Gautsch
6659, Bamboo Ave.
Cocoa, Fl. 32927-8906

Dear Waste Management

In re-guard to the new proposed rate increase, if it will improve service then this household agrees. 28 % seems like a pretty big increase. The 3 % a year takes it to very close to 61 % by 2027, a 61 % increase over 6 years is way out of bounds, what else goes up that much. Waste Management needs some serious competition, and at least three quotes should be reviewed before making a final decision and they should be shown-ed at the upcoming meeting on August 25, 2020.

Harry and Maxine Gautsch
Customers

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*Solid Waste Management
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August 6, 2020

Board of County Commissioners
Solid Waste Management Department
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
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Solid Waste Management
Department

Dear Commissioners,

We recently received a letter, dated 8/2/20, about the proposed Waste Management rate schedule. This is our response per the instructions at the bottom of that letter that allows for a filing of written comments within twenty days.

We have lived at this address since June 2000 and been served by Waste Management for most, if not all, those years. We have experienced many service issues with waste removal on Feast Road. These issues include regular trash pickups but mostly pertain to yard waste removals and special pickups. We have spoken with various local and national Waste Management employees and found resolution to require repeated requests and to yield only temporary results.

During this same time, we have also been in contact with this district's former Commissioner, the Code Enforcement Department of both Brevard County and the City of West Melbourne as well as Brevard Road and Bridge Maintenance looking to solve various waste mishandling issues.

As an example, here is a link (copy enclosed) to a Google review about a yard waste issue from ten months ago - complete with photos. I did as the "Response from the owner" requested at the end of the review but was never contacted. The piles were eventually retrieved.

<https://www.google.com/maps/contrib/113954256623430326971/place/ChIJgYMZQ2AO3ogRQ8qKaRwwlbc/@28.3067272,-81.0500032,9z/data=!4m6!1m5!8m4!1e1!2s113954256623430326971!3m1!1e1?hl=en-US>

Even as recent as last month we were in touch with Andrea Young of the City of West Melbourne regarding an unsolved repetitious waste issue pertaining to a vacant lot on this street. In the past this problem has become a fire hazard and we contacted Brevard Fire and Rescue before it lit up the woods here . . . again.

We would like the services we pay for on a consistent basis. Also, we would like assistance in seeing any illegal waste dumping to stop. Given how many problems exist here, you should easily imagine the following two objections:

1. The rate increases are too high. Three percent times seven years equals a twenty one percent hike. Who, besides greedy elected folks, are getting that kind of raise? Are working folks' raises or COLA's going to keep up with that? Not likely. Keep it more in line with reality, please.
2. How does this go from \$139.70 this year to \$194.28 next year? That is a lot more than three percent. What part of the current economy calls for \$54.58 more or almost FORTY PERCENT increase!? This is unjustifiable.

Had we experienced waste removal service so effective that repeated calls, emails, post reviews and complaints were unnecessary, this letter would not have been written and we would gladly pay. That has not been the reality. Please consider these concerns as if they were your own. We have provided our email and cell numbers, should any questions arise.

Regards,



Michael and Susan Croft

2140 Feast Road

Melbourne FL 32904

heycroft@hotmail.com

321-427-3272 or 321-427-0171

★ 10 months ago

I sent in a complain (see below) to Waste Management on 9/21/19 and got no response other than the three tires curbside are now gone. Two of these three piles were ignored for more than three weeks BEFORE DORIAN and we'd like to know why.

COMPLAINT: Why are there several large piles of yard waste from before hurricane Dorian still up and down this short street? Some curbside tires are also being ignored for several weeks now.

So I sent another email to Waste Management a week later as follows:

SECOND EMAIL: Help Waste Management folks, A week ago I sent a complaint (see below). Nothing has been picked up (see photos enclosed) and no explanation was forthcoming. On Monday, we will forward this message to our District Commissioner to ask for their help but thought you'd appreciate a heads up.

Here is the 9/28 email we sent to the Commissioner when the second email to Waste Management went ignored.

Dear Commissioner,

There is a long-standing problem with consistent weekly waste removal on Feast Road. We address these issues as they crop up, and all gets back to normal ... for a while. But the problem returns, again and again. That gets old, as you can imagine. This time, there are yard waste piles that have been ignored since before Dorian. The complaint submitted over a week ago yielded no results and no explanation. Can you help with this? If not, who can help with this?

Today, Oct 2nd, I heard from Janette in the Commissioner's office. She forwarded the following email from Dina at Waste Management:

Good afternoon, Janette,

We will take care of this. We are not showing any clam service requests for this area, but we will enter tickets for the clam yard waste service and take care of it right away. Also, please be advised that it has come to our attention that many area residents assumed that a hurricane debris contractor would be servicing Brevard County. As a result, yard waste volumes and requests for service continue to skyrocket. Waste Management has brought in additional resources and manpower to service all areas as expeditiously as possible. Our Customer Experience Center will continue to advise residents of the delay, which is at approximately 5-10 days. We will take care of this and the surrounding area. Route Manager Tony Holloway is copied on this email and he will conduct a site visit and ensure all is addressed. Thank you!

And here is what Janette had to say to Dina, but gave no response directly to us:

Hi Dina,

Thank you for this information I could only imagine the amount of requests that are coming in. I will make sure to let the resident know.


Thank you !!!

So I called Dina as there are questions. So far, the piles in the photos are untouched going on EIGHT WEEKS NOW with no return calls or direct email responses from anyone. This is unquestionable professional failure at its finest. Have they all forgotten who pays their salaries? What does it take to receive legitimate contracted services -- Channel Nine Problem Solvers?

UPDATE: I emailed County Fire and Rescue with concerns about the fire hazard and they have responded. One can still see the blacked area on the street where one pile burned a while ago. Some vigilant neighbors were able to monitor it completely burning out without causing any actual property damage.

MORE UPDATE: Sarah from WM Corporate called. Piles were mostly removed within hours. Debris on two of the three were left (substantial branches and litter because the piles were so dried out). Tony from WM Local called, he'll do a site inspection soon. I reiterated that we (meaning several neighbors here) believe truck personnel figured out which houses don't complain so they can ignore yard waste piles over a period of weeks. Piles grow as people add to them. In essence, the weekly yard waste guys figured out an effective scam for pushing their work onto the clam truck crews. For the 8 weeks these piles were ignored, our yard waste was picked up every Friday. We are known as a house that complains.

From now on I'll contact WM Corporate and Brevard Fire/Rescue.

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Response from the owner 10 months ago

Hi! I certainly understand the frustration experienced by not having materials collected. It will be my pleasure to look further into this concern for you. Please email your address to wmcared@wm.com subject line GOOGLE REVIEWS along with a copy of your post, and we will contact you right away. Thank you ^cj



Photo 1 of 3



Photo 2 of 3



Photo 3 of 3

Larry T. Sparrow
3825 Burkholm Road
Mims, FL 32754

Brevard County Board of Commissioners
Solid Waste Management Department
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Viera, FL 32940

August 6, 2020

RE: Proposed Solid Waste Collection Assessment Rate Increase

I am writing to request an exemption from the solid waste collection. This is based upon the fact that I have paid for a full year of collection in 1919-1920 and have not received the services paid for.

Whenever there is a holiday on our pickup day, we lose the service for that day. During the course of this summer, our recycling has consistently been 2-3 days late each week. And brush pickup has a delay of 1-2 months.

On what basis are we required to pay for a service that is either untimely or completely non-existent? And now, you're preparing to raise our rates every year for the next ten years.....and for the same type of service offered by the same company that has been negligent in the past.

Citizens should have the option of taking their garbage and recycling to the Titusville Collection Center on their own, rather than continuing to pay for bad or non-existent service. And don't tell me it's because of COVID. That seems to be the popular excuse for NOT doing a job. In this case, services have been paid for even though not always delivered.

I object to citizens being forced to pay, in ever-increasing amounts, for services that are substandard or non-existent.

Sincerely,



Larry T. Sparrow

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*Solid Waste Management
Department*

Board of County Commissioners
Solid Waste Management Dept.
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building A, Room 118
Viera, Florida 32940


RE: Proposed Solid Waste Rate

Commissioners,

The present service of twice weekly pickup of garbage is excessive, the vast majority of single family homes only require once weekly pickup of garbage. The few homes that generate more than one barrel can be accommodated by a second container.

The savings would be immediate and huge. For once use your common sense to make a change that matters.

Thank you


Rodovic W. Holzworth
Parcel 27 3613-29-*2
A/c 2732157
1825 Hammock Estate Ln
Melbourne 32934

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Solid Waste Management
Department

Mr. Richard Ebbensgard
7072 Holly Avenue
Port Saint John, FL 32927
August 6, 2020

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building A, Room 118
Viera, FL 32940

SUBJECT: OBJECTION to SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT RATES

ATTN: Board of County Commissioners

After receiving my August 2, 2020 residential rate increase notification letter, **WE STRONGLY OBJECT** to the continued monopoly of this expensive company for the following reasons:

1. The 2021 rate of \$194.28 (From \$139.70) is an increase of \$54.58;
2. The reflected annual rate increases an additional \$6.00 through 2027.
3. For the past couple of years, the services for our address have become sporadic, often missing services on the scheduled days, resulting in several calls from myself and other residents in my block to ask for missed pickups. Other times, the service goes skipped until the next scheduled weekly pickup, therefore, the company is not providing the timely and expected quality services we have been paying for! (Note: We set our containers out the evening prior to the next day's scheduled pickup, so no excuses!)

A rebuttal by the Waste Management Department to this objection can no longer be supported by training issues, broken down trucks, personnel shortages, etc. We have all received these explanations for the past several years, with the latest being a shortage of personnel related to COVID-19. We are all experiencing missed yard waste, household garbage, and recycle pickups. Sometimes they come the next day, not at all, or only after we call to complain about missed pickups. If this contract is once again rewarded to the current monopolized company, **WE EXPECT** timely and on schedule pickups for **ALL** services, with the exception during weather disasters.

Respectfully,



Richard Ebbensgard

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*Solid Waste Management
Department*

August 8, 2020

Reference: Letter from the Solid Waste Department on Proposed Solid Waste Assessment Rate Increase

To: Board of County Commissioners

From: Concerned Long Time County Resident

Parcel ID 25 3635-28-B-76

Tax Number: 2534357

Members of the Board,

I received your letter today explaining that you had done your due diligence on putting out to bid for residential solid waste and recycling service for 2021 and beyond.

As referenced in your letter a single residence family expense for **2020 is \$139.70** annually and as I read your proposal for **2021** it reflects a rate of **\$194.28 or an increase of 39%**.

My question why such a large increase and did do we have other options we should be exploring?

Certainly something other than what is in this letter must be explained to all country residents why such an increase in service. You reference a 3% maximum rate going forward but do not explain why we have a 39% rate increase this next year.

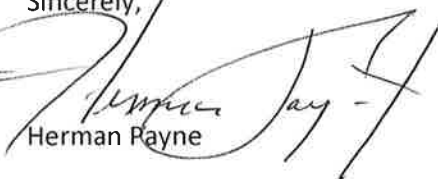
My concerns are if passed we set a president for other services for future charges?

My request is that we re-bid this service and look for alternatives and NOT APPROVE this huge increase at this time.

I look forward to your written reply to our concerns. As it appears today we can only communicate with the Board via WRITTEN comments sent by mail on this matter.

However, please feel free to send your comments to me via my e-mail listed below

Sincerely,



Herman Rayne

969 Warbler Ct

Rockledge Fl. 32955

Rockledge1@cfl.rr.com

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*Solid Waste Management
Department*

8-5-2020

Brevard County Waste Management.

Sirs- we @ 955 New Sound Harbor Dr Merritt Island.

Are very satisfied with our service and Price -

to Qualify our Summer Home in New York -

Waste removal. Rate is thirty Dollars per month

once a week Pick up - To Illustrate our feelings
3% Per year is an excellent Negotiation -

By your agency on tax Payers behalf -

Don Kruger

955 New Sound Harbor Dr
Merritt Island 32952

Summer address

305 PLY VIEW

Queensbury NY

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Solid Waste Management
Department

To; Solid Waste Management Dept.
2725 Judge Jamieson Way
Bldg.A Room 118
Viera, FL.32940

Wednesday, August 05, 2020

This is a letter in response from the described property in referencing the letter received on Wednesday August 5,2020 about raising fees for your services. I understand that things go up . Your letter states about 3% increase per year. Then my question is why is the requested amount of increase higher than the stated 3%. In fact, the requested increase is \$54.58 which equates to a percent increase of 39%. I object to the massive amount of increase requested. You may consider this letter a NO vote FOR A “yaaa-naaa” vote. My residence as stated per this letter dated August 2,2020 is

PARCEL ID: 21 3529-27-b-7

TAX CODE NUMBER: 2105813

Site address: 3015 avon ln Titusville 32796

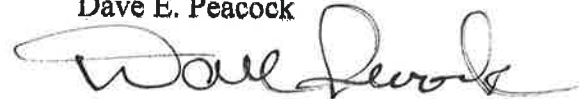
COLLECTION billing units:1.00

collection billing amount \$194.28

I just noticed that a decision has already been made as to whether or not the subject is approved by a vote to be made. The stated price already dictates the to be amount.

Thank You for reading my thoughts on the matter in hand. Just one man to another.

Dave E. Peacock



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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Solid Waste Management Department
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building A, Room 118
Viera, Florida 32940

August 2, 2020



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PEACOCK, DAVE E
PEACOCK, RAMONA
3015 AVON LN
TITUSVILLE FL 32796-1670



54.58 = 39%
139.70

Dear Customer,

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Fiscal Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
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Parcel ID: 21 3529-27-B-7
Tax Account Number: 2105813
Site Address: 3015 AVON LN TITUSVILLE 32796

Collection Billing Units: 1.00
Collection Billing Amount: \$ 194.28

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Department

8/6/20
Solid Waste Mgt Dept,
I normally do not write
a letter like this - but
I can't hold my opinion
of Western Waste anymore.
They do not deserve a
raise in their services
services.

I live on Coquina Dr on
Merritt Pk. at least 3
times a month. they do
not get our garbage
- recycle or yard waste.
This past Monday they
took all the yard waste
but mine - it may have
been been 1 branch - they
left it.

Speaking of yard waste -
why do they not pick
up palm fronds if there are
more than 4 why do we
have to wait more than
a month for 5 palm fronds
to get picked up. also if you
have more than 3 cans
full of yard waste - which

we have every few months especially after a storm - they will not pick them up, no matter what we do.

I just leave it on the street & let it rot.

I for one do not think they deserve a raise. I had heard last year it was going to be 45% more. Why?

all we want is a garbage Co. that will pick up the garbage & yard waste.

when I call the office it is a pain to get ~~to~~ talk to anyone & some times they are rude.

There are enough people around here that do not want to do their job.

Yours truly
Roslyn Stephens
Stephens family trust

August 2, 2020

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STEPHENS FAMILY TRUST
1660 COQUINA DR
MERRITT ISLAND FL 32952-5673



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Parcel ID: 24 3719-80*-51

Collection Billing Units: 1.00

Tax Account Number: 2432751

Collection Billing Account: \$ 194.28

Site Address: 1660 COQUINA DR MERRITT ISLAND 32952

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2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building A, Room 118
Viera, Florida 32940

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August 6, 2020

Subject: Waste Collection Assessment Proposal

To the Board:

While overall the collection process provide by Waste Management and the other involved companies in our area has been acceptable, it has not been consistent enough to justify a rate increase, be it one-time or annually, at this time.

- Yard Trash: Les then expected - A below average service rating. This includes, but not limited to, tree/brush trimming along the roadway and yard debris, as well as items in containers that have been set out for pickup. On several occasions, they were not collected for 1-2 weeks and in a few cases 3-4 weeks. Several times I emailed my District Commissioner's office to get it taken care of. Even now, as I write this opinion, some trash remains by the road for over 2 weeks.
- Household Waste: As expected – An average service rating. It is more of a case of the mechanical pickup system now being used and the driver's concern for public safety - Once the trash has been unloaded, the container on several occasions was improperly replaced and landed on its side very close to or even on the main road potentially affecting the right of way.
- Recyclables: As expected, thus average service rating
The crew that handles this does a consistent job of pickup

Thus, we are of the opinion that the proposed rate increase asked for be declined!

Regards,
William M and Emily L Bailey
4310 Citrus Blvd
Cocoa, Florida 32926-8310



Partial ID: 24 3503-25-11-2
Tax #: 2401366

Attachment: Letter relating to proposal



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Solid Waste Management Department
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building A, Room 118
Viera, Florida 32940

We are opposed to this rate increase schedule at this time! Letter of opinion included.

August 2, 2020



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BAILEY, WILLIAM M
BAILEY, EMILY L
4310 CITRUS BLVD
COCOA FL 32926-2822



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From: David Valdina <davidvaldina@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 9:48 AM
To: SWM_Webmis
Cc: David Valdina
Subject: Praise for Waste Management of Florida

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I received a letter advising me of the new contract and expected compensation. I am very happy with Waste Management of Florida in every respect, job performance, cost and the little extras from their employees. Please pass on my compliments to them.

Sincerely,
/s/ David Valdina
1084 Parkway Lane
Barefoot Bay, FL 32976

Brevard County 8-5-2020

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From: Glenn Johansen <R2D2Johan@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 9:43 AM
To: SWM_Webmis
Subject: Increase for Solid Waste Assessment for FY2021

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Brevard County Solid Waste Management Dept.:

In the recent mailing the project increase in assessments for the next seven fiscal years, the rate table shows that the annual increase for each year after 2021 will not exceed 3% of the prior year assessment.

However, for anyone who will bother to do the math, the increase from FY2020 (\$139.70) to FY2021 (\$194.28) amounts to a 39% increase for the coming year. That is a really front-loaded increase for trash collection in the coming fiscal year.

The way in which the August 2, 2020 letter is written it cleverly hides this 39% increase by not showing it in the chart presented in that letter, although it is embedded in the text of the letter.

If the chart clearly showed that 39% increase from FY2020 to FY2021, you can bet that most people would balk at such a high rate increase and would raise the issue at the County Administration level.

Why not have spread out the 39% rate increase over the entire seven year period? If it were apportioned equally 39% plus 36% divided by seven years = 75% / 7yrs. = 10.7% / year. The chart makes it look to the average resident like it is only a 3% average annual increase over the period covered.

An average increase for trash collection of 10.7% is way more than the rate of inflation. Can anyone imagine a ten percent increase in any other household expense over a ten year period? Perhaps in the annual cost of hurricane insurance...

The negotiators working with Waste Management, Inc. to work out this deal may be able to explain how the deal works for the residents of Brevard County. The cost of trash disposal must be where in the increase lies.

Just saying...

Glenn Johansen
Johansen Trust
Micco, FL

8/6/2020

Complaint ID: 25348 Complaint Issuer: James Osborne

Customer Phone: (321) 220-8636 Email Address: jameseosborne@yahoo.com

Complaint Type: Garbage Complaint Description: With the POOR service we have gotten over the last 6 months A 40% increase is crazy. Most people have realized once a week is sufficient and they might be able to keep up and HONOR the existing contract!

2945 NEWFOUND HARBOR DR

MERRITT ISLAND

8/5/2020

Complaint ID: 25328 Complaint Issuer: Corey Luering

Customer Phone: (630) 880-4936 Email Address: finsnum1@hotmail.com

Complaint Type: Garbage Complaint Description: I'm in receipt of the notification on the fees for 2021. A 39.06% increase is unacceptable, especially in today's times. I may not make the 8/25 hearing so I wanted to officially protest this proposed increase.

3262 Echo Ridge Pl

Cocoa