

RESOLUTION 2023-72

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING AND IMPOSING A NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT FOR COLLECTION, DISPOSAL, RECYCLING AND MANAGEMENT OF SOLID WASTE; DESCRIBING THE METHOD OF ASSESSING SOLID WASTE COSTS AGAINST RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE ALACHUA COUNTY MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT WHICH SERVES THE UNINCORPORATED AND INCORPORATED AREAS OF ALACHUA COUNTY; ESTABLISHING AN INTERIM ASSESSMENT FOR PARCELS RECEIVING A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2023; ADOPTING THE SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR COLLECTION, DISPOSAL, RECYCLING AND MANAGEMENT OF SOLID WASTE; PROVIDING FOR CERTIFICATION OF THE ROLL; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida (the "Board"), finds that proper collection, disposal, recycling, and management of solid and hazardous waste is necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Alachua County, Florida; and,

WHEREAS, the Board finds that having and developing additional property to allow for expansion of facilities to process solid waste and recyclable materials collected curbside is a special benefit to properties in the Universal Area; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 75 of the Alachua County Code authorizes the imposition of a Solid Waste Assessment against Improved Property throughout the Unit, and,

WHEREAS, the imposition of a Solid Waste Assessment is an equitable and efficient method of allocating and apportioning Solid Waste Costs among parcels of Improved Property located within the Unit; and,

WHEREAS, the Board desires to impose a Solid Waste Assessment against Improved Property within the Unit using the Uniform Assessment Collection Act for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 75 of the Alachua County Code provides that the Board annually impose the non-ad valorem assessment by resolution; and,

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2023, the Board adopted Resolution 23-47, the Initial Assessment Resolution; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Uniform Assessment Collection Act and Chapter 75 of the Alachua County Code, notice of the Solid Waste Assessment was sent to the owners of Assessed Property; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Assessment Collection Act, notice was given by newspaper publication, and Proof of Publication is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on September 12, 2023, and comments and objections of all interested persons have been heard and considered by the Board as required by Chapter 75, of the Alachua County Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY. This resolution is adopted pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 75 of the Alachua County Code, Resolution 23-47, Chapter 125, Florida Statutes, and other applicable provisions of law.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS. This resolution constitutes the Final Assessment Resolution as defined in Chapter 75 of the Alachua County Code. All

capitalized words and terms shall have the meanings set forth in Chapter 75 of the Alachua County Code and Resolution 23-47.

SECTION 3. CONFIRMATION OF THE INITIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION.

The Initial Assessment Resolution is hereby confirmed.

SECTION 4. SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENTS.

(A) The parcels of Assessed Property described in the Assessment Roll, which is hereby approved, are hereby found to be specially benefited by the provision of the solid waste services, facilities, and programs described in the Initial Resolution, in the amount of the Solid Waste Assessment set forth in the Assessment Roll, a copy of which was present or available for inspection at the above referenced public hearing and is incorporated herein by reference. It is hereby ascertained, determined and declared that each parcel of Assessed Property within the Unit will be specially benefited by the County's provision of Curbside Collection Service, Rural Collection Center Service and Solid Waste Management Services in an amount not less than the Solid Waste Assessment for such Tax Parcel, computed in the manner set forth in the Initial Assessment Resolution. Adoption of this Final Assessment Resolution constitutes a legislative determination that all parcels assessed derive a special benefit, as set forth in the Ordinance and the Initial Assessment Resolution, from the solid waste services, facilities, and programs to be provided and a legislative determination that the Solid Waste Assessments are fairly and reasonably apportioned among the properties that receive the special benefit as set forth in the Initial Assessment Resolution.

(B) There is hereby levied and imposed for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, a non-ad valorem assessment against all Assessed Property described in the Assessment Roll pursuant to the Cost Apportionment and the Parcel

Apportionment in the amounts determined in the Solid Waste Assessment Rate Schedule, as set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto. The approval of the Solid Waste Assessment Rate Schedule by the adoption of this Final Assessment Resolution determines the amount of the Solid Waste Assessment.

(C) The Solid Waste Assessments specified in the Solid Waste Assessment Rate Schedule are hereby established to fund the specified Solid Waste Cost determined to be assessed in the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2023.

(D) It is hereby ascertained, determined, and declared the foregoing method of determining the Solid Waste Assessments is a fair and reasonable method of apportioning the Solid Waste Cost and the assessment collection cost among parcels of Assessed Property located within the Unit.

(E) Solid Waste Assessments shall constitute a lien upon Assessed Property so assessed equal in rank and dignity with the liens of all state, county, district or municipal taxes and other non-ad valorem assessments. Except as otherwise provided by law, such lien shall be superior in dignity to all other liens, titles, and claims, until paid.

SECTION 5. INTERIM ASSESSMENTS For Residential Property in the Universal Area and Non-Universal Area which are improved and for which a Certificate of Occupancy is issued on or after October 1, 2023, an interim assessment for collection, disposal, and recycling of solid waste shall be collected by the County prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. The amount of the interim assessment for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, shall be as set forth in Exhibit C attached hereto.

SECTION 6. ADOPTION AND CERTIFICATION OF ROLL. The Board hereby adopts the Assessment Roll for collection, disposal, recycling, and management of Solid Waste for the County's Fiscal Year 2023-2024, in accordance with the rates set forth in this resolution and authorizes staff to present the Assessment Roll to the Chair for certification to the Tax Collector, for collection on the ad valorem tax roll. If the Assessment Roll is changed by the Property Appraiser after this certification is completed, a revised Assessment Roll certification to the Tax Collector shall be completed by December 1, 2023.

SECTION 7. EFFECT OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION. The adoption of this Final Assessment Resolution shall be the final adjudication of the issues presented herein, (including, but not limited to, the method of apportionment, the rate of assessment, the Assessment Roll and the levy and lien of the Solid Waste Assessments), unless proper steps shall be initiated in a court of competent jurisdiction to secure relief within 20 days from the date of this Final Assessment Resolution.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED in regular session, this 12th day of September, A.D., 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Anna Prizzia, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

J. K. "Jess" Irby, Esq., Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Alachua County Attorney

LIST OF EXHIBITS

Exhibit A: Proof of Publication

Exhibit B: Solid Waste Assessment Rate Schedule

Exhibit C: Interim Assessment Schedule

Exhibit A Proof of Publication

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO IMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENTS FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 197.002, Florida Statutes, that the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, Board, will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at Room 100, 2nd floor of the Alachua County Administration Building, 12 South East First Street, Gainesville, Florida, to consider the imposition of non-ad valorem assessments against unincorporated residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional properties located within unincorporated and unincorporated Alachua County to fund solid waste management services for such properties and to authorize collection of such assessments on the annual ad valorem tax bill. This assessment will be imposed by the Board and will be collected by the Alachua County Collector.

The property subject to the non-ad valorem assessment for solid waste management is located within the unincorporated and unincorporated areas of Alachua County. The proposed assessment includes all Residential Property and Non-Residential Property within the area depicted on the map below.



The amount of the assessment to be imposed against each parcel of property and the legal description of the assessments are available for review electronically at the Alachua County Solid Waste and Resource Recovery Department at 6030 NW 120th Lane, Gainesville, Florida, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

The proposed annual non-ad valorem assessment for solid waste management for the base year October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, are \$25.00 per dwelling unit on unincorporated Residential Property in the non-overlaid area, \$25.00 per dwelling unit on unincorporated Residential Property in the overlaid area, and \$10.00 per dwelling unit on unincorporated Residential Property in the overlaid area. For Commercial Property, the proposed assessment is \$10.00 per square foot of floor area. For Industrial Property, the proposed assessment is \$10.00 per square foot of floor area. For Institutional Property, the proposed assessment is \$10.00 per square foot of floor area. For all other properties, the proposed assessment is \$10.00 per square foot of floor area.

ALL AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAR AT THE PUBLIC HEARING AND THE RIGHT TO FILE WRITEN OBJECTIONS WITH THE BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. OBJECTIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO:

THE ALACHUA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
P. O. BOX 6547, GAINESVILLE, FL 32627-6547

If any persons wishing to appear at the Board with respect to any matter considered will need a record and copy will be made of the proceedings in public.

IF ANY ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, PLEASE CONTACT THE ALACHUA COUNTY EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICE AT (352) 334-6600 OR (352) 334-6600.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE ASSESSMENT, PLEASE CALL THE ALACHUA COUNTY WASTE COLLECTION OFFICE AT (352) 334-6600.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO IMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENTS FOR OPERATION OF RURAL COLLECTION CENTERS INCLUDING DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 197.002, Florida Statutes, that the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, Board, will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at Room 100, 2nd floor of the Alachua County Administration Building, 12 South East First Street, Gainesville, Florida, to consider the imposition of non-ad valorem assessments against certain unincorporated residential properties located within the Alachua County Municipal Services Board's (MSB) service area to fund solid waste management services for such properties and to authorize collection of such assessments on the annual ad valorem tax bill. This assessment will be imposed by the Board and will be collected by the Alachua County Collector.

The property subject to the non-ad valorem assessment for solid waste collection, disposal and recycling is located within the unincorporated areas of Alachua County. The proposed assessment includes all residential property within the area depicted on the map below. The area subject to the assessment is in the portion of unincorporated Alachua County which is outside the coverage of the MSB and is located in the following address:



The amount of the assessment to be imposed against each parcel of property and the legal description of the assessments are available for review electronically at the Alachua County Solid Waste and Resource Recovery Department at 6030 NW 120th Lane, Gainesville, Florida, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

The proposed annual non-ad valorem assessment for rural collection centers, including disposal and recycling, for the base year October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, is \$10.00 per residential unit.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO IMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE COLLECTION SERVICES

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 197.002, Florida Statutes, that the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, Board, will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at Room 100, 2nd floor of the Alachua County Administration Building, 12 South East First Street, Gainesville, Florida, to consider the imposition of non-ad valorem assessments against certain unincorporated residential properties located within the Alachua County Municipal Services Board's (MSB) service area to fund solid waste management services for such properties and to authorize collection of such assessments on the annual ad valorem tax bill. This assessment will be imposed by the Board and will be collected by the Alachua County Collector.

The property subject to the non-ad valorem assessment for the curbside collection, disposal and recycling of solid waste and recyclable materials is located within the unincorporated areas of Alachua County. The proposed assessment includes all residential property within the area depicted on the map below. The area subject to the assessment is in the portion of unincorporated Alachua County which is outside the coverage of the MSB and is located in the following address:



The amount of the assessment to be imposed against each parcel of property and the legal description of the assessments are available for review electronically at the Alachua County Solid Waste and Resource Recovery Department at 6030 NW 120th Lane, Gainesville, Florida, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

The proposed annual non-ad valorem assessment for Residential Curbside Collection for the base year October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, is \$10.00 per residential unit, \$20.00 per 20-gallon cart, and \$10.00 per 30-gallon cart.

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Exhibit B

ESTIMATED SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENT RATE SCHEDULE

SECTION B-1. DETERMINATION OF CURBSIDE COLLECTION ASSESSED COSTS. The estimated Curbside Collection Cost to be assessed for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2023, is \$6,984,348.07.

SECTION B-2. ESTIMATED CURBSIDE COLLECTION ASSESSMENTS. The estimated Curbside Collection Assessments to be assessed and apportioned among benefited parcels pursuant to the Cost Apportionment and Parcel Apportionment to generate the estimated Curbside Collection Cost for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2023, are hereby established as follows for the purpose of this Final Assessment Resolution:

Cart Size and Rate			
Mini can	35 gallon	64 gallon	96 gallon
\$ 203.89	\$ 227.08	\$ 276.86	\$ 330.00

SECTION B-3. DETERMINATION OF RURAL COLLECTION CENTER ASSESSED COSTS. The estimated Rural Collection Center Cost to be assessed for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2023, is \$1,704,909.15.

SECTION B-4. ESTIMATED RURAL COLLECTION CENTER ASSESSMENTS. The estimated Rural Collection Center Assessments to be assessed and apportioned among benefited parcels pursuant to the Cost Apportionment and Parcel Apportionment to generate the estimated Rural Collection Center Cost for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2023, are hereby established as follows for the purpose of this Final Assessment Resolution:

Unit	Rate
Dwelling Unit	\$ 132.01

SECTION B-5. DETERMINATION OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSESSED COSTS. The estimated Solid Waste Management Cost to be assessed for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2023, is \$3,947,752.19.

SECTION B-6. ESTIMATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENTS. The estimated Solid Waste Management Assessments to be assessed and apportioned among benefited parcels pursuant to the Cost Apportionment and Parcel Apportionment to generate the estimated Solid Waste Management Cost for the Fiscal Year commencing

October 1, 2023, are hereby established as follows for the purpose of this Final Assessment Resolution:

Unit Type	Waste Generation Tons per Year	Residentially Collected Residential Rates/Unit, Universal & Municipal	Commercially Collected Residential Rates/Unit	Residentially Collected Residential Rates/Unit, Non-Universal	Commercial Rates/Unit
Dwelling Unit	N/A	\$ 25.27			
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Dwelling Unit	N/A			\$ 15.81	
Parcel	< 5				\$ 23.61
	5 - 9.9				\$ 71.78
	10 - 19.9				\$ 144.05
	20 - 29.9				\$ 240.40
	30 - 39.9				\$ 336.76
	40 - 49.9				\$ 433.11
	50 - 74.9				\$ 601.73
	75 - 99.9				\$ 842.61
	100 - 149.9				\$ 1,203.94
	150 - 199.9				\$ 1,685.71
	200 - 499.9				\$ 3,371.90
	500 - 999.9				\$ 7,226.05
	1,000 - 1,899.9				\$ 13,970.82
	1,900 - above				\$ 21,197.84

Exhibit C

INTERIM ASSESSMENT

**RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE COLLECTION CHARGES ON ISSUANCE OF
CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY (64 Gal)**

2023

October 1 to October 31	\$ 276.86
November 1 to November 30	\$ 253.79
December 1 to December 31	\$ 230.72

2024

January 1 to January 31	\$ 207.65
February 1 to February 28	\$ 184.57
March 1 to March 31	\$ 161.50
April 1 to April 30	\$ 138.43
May 1 to May 31	\$ 115.36

THE FOLLOWING FEES ARE FOR SERVICES THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

June 1 to June 30	\$ 369.15
July 1 to July 31	\$ 346.08
August 1 to August 31	\$ 323.00
September 1 to September 30	\$ 299.93

INTERIM ASSESSMENT

**RURAL COLLECTION CENTER CHARGES ON ISSUANCE OF
CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY**

2023

October 1 to October 31	\$ 132.01
November 1 to November 30	\$ 121.01
December 1 to December 31	\$ 110.01

2024

January 1 to January 31	\$ 99.01
February 1 to February 28	\$ 88.01
March 1 to March 31	\$ 77.01
April 1 to April 30	\$ 66.01
May 1 to May 31	\$ 55.00

THE FOLLOWING FEES ARE FOR SERVICES THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

June 1 to June 30	\$ 176.01
July 1 to July 31	\$ 165.01
August 1 to August 31	\$ 154.01
September 1 to September 30	\$ 143.01