



MEMORANDUM TO VENICE CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH CHARTER OFFICER: James Clinch, City Manager

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James Clinch (Oct 10, 2025 14:18:27 EDT)

FROM: Ricky Simpson, Director

DEPARTMENT: Public Works and Asset Management

DATE: 10/10/2025

MEETING DATE: 10/28/2025

SUBJECT / TOPIC: Resolution No. 2025-25 Update to Recycling Surcharge Rate

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Due to a significant rise in third-party recycling processing costs, the City Council implemented a 23% recycling surcharge on November 19, 2018. While many cities chose to suspend their recycling programs, the City of Venice was able to maintain its recycling services, thanks to this surcharge.

The City's recycling contract includes a fixed processing fee along with an Average Market Value (AMV) component, which varies based on regional commodity prices. As a result, the recycling surcharge also fluctuates in accordance with changes in the AMV and is adjusted as needed.

Venice's residential recycling program continues to operate effectively, consistently producing high-quality recyclables with minimal contamination or waste. The Finance Department, in collaboration with Public Works, has been closely monitoring third-party recycling processing fees. Based on current market trends, a decrease in recycling market rates has been observed.

Therefore, effective October 1, 2025, the recycling surcharge will be reduced from 15% to 10%. This revised rate has been factored into the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

SUPPORTS STRATEGIC PLAN: Goal Three: Ensure a Fiscally Sound City

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED: For Council Adoption by Motion

Yes N/A

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| ☒ | ☐ | Finance Department Review/Approval |
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CC: Linda Senne, Finance Director

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, REDUCING THE FEE SURCHARGE OF FIFTEEN PERCENT FOR THE COLLECTION OF PROGRAM RECYCLABLES TO TEN PERCENT; SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 2023-23; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Section 54-161 of the Code of Ordinances authorizes city council to adopt a surcharge for the collection of program recyclables by resolution; and

WHEREAS, recycling is very important to the local environment by reducing pollution, reducing waste entering landfills and conserving natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the current global economic conditions are still resulting in a low demand and low market value for recyclable materials; and

WHEREAS, the processing, hauling and disposal costs for program recyclable have decreased over the past twelve months; and

WHEREAS, the proposed reduction in the temporary recycling surcharge will still allow the City to maintain a balanced budget and continue recycling operations; and

WHEREAS, this temporary recycling surcharge may be adjusted as needed based upon the future third-party processing and disposal costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, as follows:

SECTION 1. The above Whereas clauses are ratified and confirmed as true and correct.

SECTION 2. City Council hereby adopts a 10% surcharge, retroactive to October 1, 2025, to be added to the current fees for the collection of program recyclables set forth in Section 54-161 of the Code of Ordinances.

SECTION 3. This resolution supersedes Resolution No. 2023-23 in its entirety.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption, as provided by law.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, AT A MEETING HELD ON THE 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2025.

Nick Pachota, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelly Michaels, MMC, City Clerk

I, Kelly Michaels, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Venice, Florida, a municipal corporation in Sarasota County, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and complete, true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Venice, Florida, at a meeting thereof duly convened and held on the 28th day of October 2025, a quorum being present.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said City this 28th day of October 2025.

Kelly Michaels, MMC, City Clerk

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Approved as to form:

Kelly Fernandez, City Attorney

MEMORANDUM - Recycling Surcharge Reduction FY26

Final Audit Report

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