

**City of Venice**  
**Solid Waste and Recycling Stakeholders' Recommendation Summary**  
**City Council 6/11/19**

**A. Rate Recommendations:**

1. Residential and commercial can garbage and recycling rates:
  - a. **Consensus.** Continue scheduled annual increases of 4% (10/1/19), 3% (10/1/20) and 1% (10/1/21).
  
2. Recycling rate surcharge:
  - a. **Consensus.** Keep temporary surcharge in place until recycling processor contract issues are resolved.
  - b. **Consensus.** Review 23% surcharge level at least semi-annually for adjustment up or down.
  
3. Roll-off rates:
  - a. **Consensus.** Recommended adding \$100 delivery and relocation fee to roll-off rates.
  - b. **Consensus.** Change annual rate increases to the same as #1.
  
4. New private hauler fee, estimated at \$75,000 new revenues:
  - a. **Consensus.** Recommended staff proceed with Private Hauler Fee.
  
5. New can charge for new homes/businesses only:
  - a. **Consensus.** Recommended \$100 cart fee for one garbage cart and \$100 cart fee for one recycling cart.
  - b. **Consensus.** \$100 for each additional garbage and/or recycling cart.
  
6. Solid waste impact fee:
  - a. **Consensus.** Support solid waste impact fee and recommend revisiting after impact fee study.

**B. Annual Solid Waste Budget Recommendations:**

1. FY2020 Annual Solid Waste Budget:
  - a. **Consensus.** Recommend adopting proposed FY2020 Solid Waste budget, to be modified for rate recommendations above and/or new information that becomes available.
  
2. FY2020 – 2024 Capital Improvement Program – Solid Waste Vehicles:
  - a. **Consensus.** Recommend adoption.

3. FY2019 Solid Waste Budget:
  - a. **Consensus.** Freeze purchase of roll-off containers temporarily to minimize deficit and utilize existing inventory.
4. FY2020 – 2021 Budget Solid Waste Personnel:
  - a. **Consensus.** Freeze FTE's at current levels for FY2020 budget. Recommend reviewing again after full automation, expecting efficiency improvement to accommodate growth.

## C. Operational Recommendations

1. Recycling processing and disposal contract:
  - a. **Consensus.** Encourage Sarasota County to seek a resolution of a new recycling processor contract with the county.
2. New Solid Waste Facility:
  - a. **Consensus.** Accelerate the acquisition of a parcel to relocate Solid Waste to east of I-75, and construction of a new facility, parking area, gas pumps, and fleet repair bays and Identify alternative parcels if County negotiations fall through.
3. Automation:
  - a. **Consensus.** Complete garbage collection automation in FY2020. Proceed to full single-stream automated recycling collection as soon as possible to eliminate requirements for dual fleets (target completion spring of 2020).
    - i. Automation will include conversion to single stream collection
    - ii. Apply for partial grant funding of cans and marketing program
    - iii. Purchase and exchange new recycling cans in FY2020
    - iv. Recommended 65 gallon minimum can size
    - v. Coordinate marketing/informational program with County
4. Garbage collection frequency – can collection only:
  - a. **Voted on and passed 3 votes to 2.** After citywide automation is completed (spring of 2020), switch to once per week garbage collection for residential and commercial can customers to improve operational efficiency and realize budgetary savings.
  - b. **Consensus.** Add a special rate for those who sign up for a second weekly collection (approximately \$10 per month).

5. Garbage/Recycling collection daily work schedule:
  - a. **Consensus.** Recommend the elimination of Saturday and holiday collections once full automation has been implemented.
  - b. **Voted on and passed 4 votes to 1.** Recommend keeping the 10 hour work day, and adjusting routes after automation to ensure the 10 hour work shift is being filled.

## D. Other Recommendations

1. Can collection on one side of street only:
  - a. **Consensus.** Rejected due to safety considerations, city demographics and minimal operational efficiencies achieved.
2. Pay-Per-Throw - Apply different rates based on can sizes:
  - a. **Consensus.** Rejected due to being difficult to administer and penalizes families.
  - b. **Consensus.** Charge \$100 for additional carts and \$5/per month.
3. Yard Waste Collection:
  - a. **Consensus.** Ban use of plastic bags for yard waste.
  - b. **Consensus.** Continue 2 free bulk pickups annually for yard waste per residence.
  - c. **Consensus.** Continue no limit on yard waste collection, in paper bags or cans.
4. Keep Stakeholder Group Active:
  - a. **Consensus.** Recommend keeping group active, due to the dynamic recycling situation, City switch to Single-Stream collection and other ongoing operational changes.