

CITY PLANS TO REVISE ROUTES FOR TRASH, BULK & RECYCLE COLLECTION

As part of ongoing efforts to increase efficiency and provide the same high quality of service to more than 4,000 additional residential addresses, the City's Public Works staff is developing a revised routing system for the collections of refuse, recyclables and bulk trash. **The revised routes will take effect on January 1, 2011.**

The City Commission approved the City's Solid Waste Division assuming the responsibility of collecting refuse, recycling and bulk in the 2005-annexed areas of the City through the FY 10 budgetary process. The current solid waste services vendors in the annexed areas (All Service Refuse and Waste Management) have been informed that their current contracts for service will not be renewed after December 31, 2010.

There will be a positive fiscal and environmental impact to the City as a result of the proposed new routing systems for refuse, recycling and bulk collections. There will be greater efficiency of collections as compared to the current combination of contractor and City-provided routing systems and there will be a reduction in the total number of collection vehicles on City streets. The City will no longer have to pay the vendors an amount which is greater than the City charges the customers for solid waste and recycling services. The savings realized by the City in assuming responsibility for solid waste services in the annexed areas allowed the City to significantly reduce cart service rates in FY 10 in anticipation of these future savings.

The collection vehicles to provide the additional solid waste services have been purchased, financed, and are currently in operation and available for the startup date in the annexed areas. The vehicles are currently in operation on a rotating basis with the other frontline collection vehicles in order to ensure their operational reliability.

The City is hiring five additional Refuse Service Operators as reflected in the Recommended FY 11 Budget with the anticipated hire date no later than November 1 to allow supervisory staff adequate time to train the new employees and ensure they are prepared to perform their assigned duties in an efficient and effective manner. They will also be available to assist in the delivery of the 4,077 refuse carts to the residents of the annexed areas during the last two weeks of December.

The new 95-gallon refuse carts for the annexed areas will be delivered to the City by the manufacturer in December. The vendor quoted a cost of \$18,297 to deliver the carts to residential and commercial customers in the annexed areas. The City opted to have staff provide this service at an estimated cost of \$3,000 (saving the City approximately \$15,300).

The City will work with the current vendors to ensure a smooth transition of essential refuse, recycling and bulk collection services to the annexed areas. Commercial recycling service, construction and demolition debris removal, and compactor service within the annexed areas will continue from those vendors who are properly licensed by the City and who pay either franchise or permit fees to provide these services.