



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 5/21/2024

New Business

Department: Solid Waste

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Subject: Solid Waste Franchise Contract Approval (Second Reading)

Brief Summary:

The Board of Commissioners is requested to approval the Solid Waste Franchise Agreement with FCC Environmental Services, LLC for the unincorporated residents of Buncombe County. High-level overview of contract includes:

- Seven (7) years with a one-year (1) option for extension.
- Weekly trash and every-other-week recycling pickup.
- After the first two (2) years, FCC shall be entitled to a subscriber cost increase based on the CPI-U with a floor of 3.5% and cap of 5% increase.
- An Emergency Plan, Contingency Plan, and Transition Plan to ensure a smooth change of operations and continuation of service.
- New rollout carts.

Cost breakdown:

Service Type	Subscriber Cost in 2025-2026
Basic Service	\$28.65
Premium Service	\$59.00
Bulky Pickup Service and Disposal (per item)	\$25
Bear Carts (purchase)	\$320
Bear Carts (monthly lease)	\$10.16
Additional Cart with Service (monthly lease)	\$12.00
Disability Program	\$28.65
Low-Income Program (limited to 700)	15% off Basic Service
Additional Bag Service (per bag)	\$3

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Staff recommends approval of the contract for the Solid Waste Franchise Agreement with FCC Environmental Services, LLC. To enter into a franchise agreement, two readings are required by the Board of Commissioners. This will be the second reading.