

**BACK-UP MATERIALS INCLUDED WITH AGENDA REQUEST FOR  
FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 26-5596, AMENDING THE  
SARASOTA CITY CODE, CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, SECTION 16-27  
AND CHAPTER 13 TO ADD NEW SECTION 13-7 " NATURAL DISASTER  
COLLECTION RESERVE ACCOUNT"**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 26-5596**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SARASOTA, FLORIDA AMENDING THE SARASOTA CITY CODE, CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE II, COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AND SOLID WASTE; DIVISION 2, MANDATORY SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, SECTION 16-27, FEES FOR REMOVAL OF SOLID WASTE BY CITY-AMOUNTS, ETC., TO INCREASE THE RATES SET FORTH THEREIN BY ADDING A UNIFORM SURCHARGE OF \$3.63 PER ACCOUNT TO BE USED TO FUND THE CITY OF SARASOTA NATURAL DISASTER COLLECTION RESERVE ACCOUNT; AND TO DELETE PROVISIONS SETTING THE RATES THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY IN EFFECT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023/24 AND 2024/25, AMENDING THE SARASOTA CITY CODE, CHAPTER 13 EMERGENCIES, TO ADD THERETO A NEW SECTION 13-7 TO BE ENTITLED "NATURAL DISASTER COLLECTION RESERVE ACCOUNT" IN ORDER TO CODIFY RESOLUTION 26R-3372; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THE PARTS HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR READING BY TITLE ONLY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, at the regular City Commission meeting of February 17, 2026, the Director of Public Works made a presentation to the City Commission to recommend that the Commission adopt proposed Resolution 26R-3372 to establish a restricted Natural Disaster Collection Reserve Account within the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund; and,

WHEREAS, expenditure of monies deposited into the Natural Disaster Collection Reserve Account will be restricted to expenditures incurred for debris collection, removal, reduction, monitoring and disposal when the debris results from a natural disaster event under circumstances more fully described herein; and,

WHEREAS, other local governments in Florida have established storm debris removal reserve funds to better manage the immediate financial impact of natural disasters before reimbursement from state or federal agencies; and,

WHEREAS, City staff has recommended an initial target reserve balance of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) for the City of Sarasota Natural Disaster Collection Reserve Account authorized by Resolution 26R-3372, with the initial target balance to be achieved by seven consecutive "set asides" over seven fiscal years in the amount of \$714,286 each (\$5 million divided by 7 equals \$714,286.); and,

WHEREAS, the sum of \$714,286 represents approximately 4.6% of the solid waste program's annual operational costs; and,

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Account Base as of November 2025 consisted of 16,398 accounts (including single family, multi-family and commercial accounts); and,

WHEREAS, when the targeted annual set aside of \$714,286 is divided by 16,398 (the total number of accounts) the resulting quotient is \$43.559, rounded up to \$43.56 which is the amount representing the annual total in extra charges that solid waste customers would have to pay in order to fund the Reserve Account as recommended. This equates to a monthly increase of \$3.63. (\$43.56 divided by 12 equals \$3.63.); and,

WHEREAS, in order to increase solid waste collection charges, the City Commission must adopt an ordinance and hold a public hearing; and,

WHEREAS, authorization to create the Natural Disaster Collection Reserve Account was given by Resolution 26R-3372; however the City Commission also desires to establish the reserve account by the provision in this ordinance that creates a new section 13-7 to be codified in Chapter 13 of the City Code which is titled "Emergencies"; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that memorializing the creation and purpose of the reserve account in the City Code together with information regarding the manner in which the account will be funded, the restrictions on its use, the target balance and the requirement to periodically re-evaluate the target balance, would be beneficial because it will make this information more accessible to the general public than if it could only be found in an uncodified Resolution; and,

WHEREAS, the last time solid waste collection fees were increased was by the adoption of Ordinance 23-5497 on September 5, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, Ordinance 23-5497 amended Section 16-27 of the City Code providing for three successive annual increases in the amount of solid waste collection fees. The first annual increase was effective from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024; the second from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025; and the current fee structure became effective on October 1, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that there is no further need to codify information regarding the solid waste collection fees that were previously in effect for the two year period from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025 and that this information regarding the collection fees that are no longer in effect can be deleted from Section 16-27; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that the modifications to the solid waste collection fees set forth in this Ordinance, the establishment of the restricted Natural Disaster Collection Reserve Account; and the amendments to Section 16-27 to delete the obsolete collection fees no longer in effect, are all in furtherance of the public health, safety and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SARASOTA, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The Sarasota City Code, Chapter 16, Recycling and Solid Waste; Article II, Collection and Disposal of Recyclable Materials and Solid Waste; Division 2, Mandatory Solid Waste Collection; Section 16-27, Fees for Removal of Solid Waste by City--Amounts, etc., is hereby amended so as to add thereto a new subsection 16-27(q) entitled Surcharge to fund Natural Disaster Collection Reserve Account which shall provide as stated below in the context of the entire Section 16-27. Section 16-27 is hereby further amended to delete references to fees and charges that were in effect from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2025, but are no longer in effect having been replaced by current fees and charges which became effective on October 1, 2025. [Additions to existing text are shown in underline. Deletions from existing text are shown by ~~strike through~~.]

**“Sec. 16-27. - Fees for removal of solid waste by city—Amounts, etc.**

- a. *Residential users.* Residential users with wheeled containers placed at the curb in front of the premises, or at an accessible alley line, on collection day. Optional back door service to those residents declining to place containers at the curb in front of the premises, or an accessible alley line.

Each residential user designated by the city manager to receive container service, shall be supplied one (1) container per dwelling unit by the city. When the city manager determines that more than one (1) container is required, additional containers, up to a maximum of three (3), shall be required from the division of solid waste management for a fee of twenty-three dollars and sixty cents (\$23.60) per month for each additional container from 10/1/2023 to 9/30/2024, twenty-six dollars and forty-three cents (\$26.43) per month for each additional container from 10/1/2024 to 9/30/2025 and twenty-seven dollars and forty-nine cents (\$27.49) per month for each additional container starting 10/1/2025.

Charges for container service, whether occupied or not, are as follows:

<b>Residential Users Solid Waste/Recycling/Yard Waste</b>
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<b>One (1) Collection Weekly</b>			
Number of Containers	<del>Curbside 10/1/2023 to 9/30/2024</del>	<del>Curbside 10/1/2024 to 9/30/2025</del>	<u>Curbside Effective 10/1/2025</u>
1	<del>\$28.97</del>	<del>\$32.45</del>	\$35.05
Number of Containers	<del>Back Door 10/1/2023 to 9/30/2024</del>	<del>Back Door 10/1/2024 to 9/30/2025</del>	Back Door 10/1/2025
1	<del>\$101.53</del>	<del>\$113.71</del>	\$118.26

- (b) *Multifamily dwellings.* For those multifamily dwellings using other than wheeled containers, the charges per month shall be the same as the commercial user fees set forth in subsections (e), (f), (g) and (h) herein plus a recycling fee of three dollars and sixty-one cents (\$3.61) per dwelling unit, whether occupied or not from 10/1/2023 to 9/30/2024, four dollars and four cents (\$4.04) per dwelling unit, whether occupied or not from 10/1/2024 to 9/30/2025 and four dollars and twenty cents (\$4.20) per dwelling unit, whether occupied or not starting 10/1/2025. Number, size, type and location of containers, and frequency of collection, to be as determined by the city manager.
- (c) *Service for certified handicapped.* Upon presenting a statement to the division of solid waste management, signed by a medical doctor, licensed in this state, attesting to a handicap that precludes an owner/occupant of a single-family dwelling from using a wheeled container, and upon the presentation of an affidavit, to the division, sworn to by the owner/occupant of a single-family dwelling certifying that no non-handicapped person occupies the dwelling, the handicapped owner/occupant of a single-family dwelling shall use privately owned thirty-two-gallon garbage type containers placed in an accessible location on the premises, and receive back door service from the division of solid waste management; provided, however, that back door service shall be terminated upon a finding, by the division, that the dwelling is occupied by a nonhandicapped person even though the owner or additional occupant of the dwelling is handicapped. Charges per month:

Number of Containers	<del>One (1) Collection Weekly 10/1/2023 to 9/30/2024</del>	<del>One (1) Collection Weekly 10/1/2024 to 9/30/2025</del>	<u>One (1) Collection Weekly Effective 10/1/2025</u>
1	<del>\$28.97</del>	<del>\$32.45</del>	\$33.75

2	<del>\$28.97</del>	<del>\$32.45</del>	\$33.75
3	<del>\$28.97</del>	<del>\$32.45</del>	\$33.75
4	<del>\$47.22</del>	<del>\$52.89</del>	\$55.01
5	<del>\$61.93</del>	<del>\$69.36</del>	\$72.13
6	<del>\$76.65</del>	<del>\$85.85</del>	\$89.28

(d) Commercial users with wheeled containers no greater than ninety-six (96) gallons. Charges per month:

Number of Containers	Two (2) Collections Weekly <del>10/1/2023 to</del>	Two (2) Collections Weekly <del>10/1/2024 to</del>	Two (2) Collections Weekly Effective 10/1/2025
1	<del>\$38.27</del>	<del>\$42.86</del>	\$44.57
2	<del>\$76.55</del>	<del>\$85.74</del>	\$89.17
3	<del>\$119.29</del>	<del>\$133.60</del>	\$138.94
4	<del>\$157.57</del>	<del>\$176.48</del>	\$183.54
5	<del>\$195.83</del>	<del>\$219.33</del>	\$228.10
6	<del>\$238.58</del>	<del>\$267.21</del>	\$277.90
7	<del>\$276.85</del>	<del>\$310.07</del>	\$322.47
8	<del>\$315.13</del>	<del>\$352.95</del>	\$367.07
9	<del>\$357.87</del>	<del>\$400.81</del>	\$416.84
10	<del>\$396.15</del>	<del>\$443.69</del>	\$461.44
11	<del>\$434.42</del>	<del>\$486.55</del>	\$506.01
12	<del>\$477.17</del>	<del>\$534.43</del>	\$555.81
13	<del>\$515.44</del>	<del>\$577.29</del>	\$600.38
14	<del>\$553.72</del>	<del>\$620.17</del>	\$644.98
15	<del>\$596.45</del>	<del>\$668.02</del>	\$694.74
16	<del>\$634.72</del>	<del>\$710.89</del>	\$739.33
17	<del>\$673.00</del>	<del>\$753.76</del>	\$783.91
18	<del>\$715.74</del>	<del>\$801.63</del>	\$833.70
19	<del>\$754.02</del>	<del>\$844.50</del>	\$878.28
20	<del>\$792.29</del>	<del>\$887.36</del>	\$922.85

(e) Commercial users with city-owned leased bulk containers. Charges per month:

<b>10/1/2023 to 9/30/2024</b>						
<b>Size</b>	<b>Collections per Week</b>					
<b>(cubic yards)</b>	<b>One</b>	<b>Two</b>	<b>Three</b>	<b>Four</b>	<b>Five</b>	<b>Six</b>
1	\$123.83	\$247.65	\$371.48	\$495.31	\$619.13	\$742.95
2	\$137.13	\$246.83	\$355.44	\$467.75	\$579.96	\$690.16
3	\$152.33	\$277.23	\$415.84	\$554.47	\$693.08	\$831.70
4	\$198.02	\$364.35	\$569.26	\$751.41	\$931.75	\$1,099.47
6	\$256.47	\$477.04	\$691.70	\$912.81	\$1,141.01	\$1,369.20
8	\$320.59	\$609.13	\$889.33	\$1,173.91	\$1,443.92	\$1,718.26

<b>10/1/2024 to 9/30/2025</b>						
<b>Size</b>	<b>Collections per Week</b>					
<b>(cubic yards)</b>	<b>One</b>	<b>Two</b>	<b>Three</b>	<b>Four</b>	<b>Five</b>	<b>Six</b>
1	\$138.69	\$277.37	\$416.06	\$554.75	\$693.43	\$832.10
2	\$153.59	\$276.45	\$398.09	\$523.88	\$649.56	\$772.98
3	\$170.61	\$310.50	\$465.74	\$621.01	\$776.25	\$931.50
4	\$221.78	\$408.07	\$637.57	\$841.58	\$1,043.56	\$1,231.41
6	\$287.25	\$534.28	\$774.70	\$1,022.35	\$1,277.93	\$1,533.50
8	\$359.06	\$682.23	\$996.05	\$1,314.78	\$1,617.19	\$1,924.45

<b>Effective 10/1/2025</b>						
<b>Size</b>	<b>Collections per Week</b>					
<b>(cubic yards)</b>	<b>One</b>	<b>Two</b>	<b>Three</b>	<b>Four</b>	<b>Five</b>	<b>Six</b>
1	\$144.24	\$288.46	\$432.70	\$576.94	\$721.17	\$865.38

2	\$159.73	\$287.51	\$414.01	\$544.84	\$675.54	\$803.90
3	\$177.43	\$322.92	\$484.37	\$645.85	\$807.30	\$968.76
4	\$230.65	\$424.39	\$663.07	\$875.24	\$1,085.30	\$1,280.67
6	\$298.74	\$555.65	\$805.69	\$1,063.24	\$1,329.05	\$1,594.84
8	\$373.42	\$709.52	\$1,035.89	\$1,367.37	\$1,681.88	\$2,001.43

(f) Commercial users with privately owned bulk containers. Charges per month according to collections per week:

10/1/2023 to 9/30/2024						
Size-	Collections per Week-					
(cubic yards)-	One-	Two-	Three-	Four-	Five-	Six-
1-	\$108.04	\$231.75	\$355.45	\$479.29	\$607.16	\$728.74
2-	\$119.43	\$256.56	\$393.70	\$530.59	\$667.71	\$804.84
2.75-	\$128.44	\$276.75	\$425.51	\$573.80	\$722.44	\$870.97
3-	\$131.32	\$281.84	\$435.96	\$588.28	\$740.71	\$892.84
3.5-	\$138.32	\$299.06	\$459.83	\$620.81	\$781.80	\$942.68
4-	\$145.68	\$315.21	\$486.76	\$661.41	\$853.41	\$1,058.67
5-	\$170.97	\$369.82	\$568.56	\$734.55	\$966.09	\$1,164.68
6-	\$196.49	\$424.56	\$653.11	\$880.72	\$1,108.76	\$1,463.47
8-	\$243.63	\$520.14	\$797.23	\$1,073.51	\$1,350.51	\$1,627.13

10/1/2024 to 9/30/2025						
Size-	Collections per Week-					
(cubic yards)-	One-	Two-	Three-	Four-	Five-	Six-
1-	\$121.00	\$259.56	\$398.10	\$536.80	\$680.02	\$816.19
2-	\$133.76	\$287.35	\$440.94	\$594.26	\$747.84	\$901.42
2.75-	\$143.85	\$309.96	\$476.57	\$642.66	\$809.13	\$975.49
3-	\$147.08	\$315.66	\$488.28	\$658.87	\$829.60	\$999.98
3.5-	\$154.92	\$334.95	\$515.01	\$695.31	\$875.62	\$1,055.80
4-	\$163.16	\$353.04	\$545.17	\$740.78	\$955.82	\$1,185.71
5-	\$191.49	\$414.20	\$636.79	\$822.70	\$1,082.02	\$1,304.44
6-	\$220.07	\$475.51	\$731.48	\$986.41	\$1,241.81	\$1,639.09
8-	\$272.87	\$582.56	\$892.90	\$1,202.33	\$1,512.57	\$1,822.39

<b>Effective 10/1/2025</b>						
<b>Size</b>	<b>Collections per Week</b>					
<b>(cubic yards)</b>	<b>One</b>	<b>Two</b>	<b>Three</b>	<b>Four</b>	<b>Five</b>	<b>Six</b>
1	\$125.84	\$269.94	\$414.02	\$558.27	\$707.22	\$848.83
2	\$139.11	\$298.85	\$458.58	\$618.03	\$777.75	\$937.48
2.75	\$149.60	\$322.36	\$495.63	\$668.37	\$841.50	\$1,014.51
3	\$152.96	\$328.29	\$507.81	\$685.22	\$862.78	\$1,039.98
3.5	\$161.12	\$348.35	\$535.61	\$723.12	\$910.64	\$1,098.03
4	\$169.69	\$367.16	\$566.98	\$770.41	\$994.05	\$1,233.14
5	\$199.15	\$430.77	\$662.26	\$855.61	\$1,125.30	\$1,356.62
6	\$228.87	\$494.53	\$760.74	\$1,025.87	\$1,291.48	\$1,704.65
8	\$283.78	\$605.86	\$928.62	\$1,250.42	\$1,573.07	\$1,895.29

(g) Commercial users with city-owned stationary packers. Charges per month according to collections per week:

<b><del>10/1/2023 to 9/30/2024</del></b>						
<b><del>Size</del></b>	<b><del>Collections per Week</del></b>					
<b><del>(cubic yards)</del></b>	<b><del>One</del></b>	<b><del>Two</del></b>	<b><del>Three</del></b>	<b><del>Four</del></b>	<b><del>Five</del></b>	<b><del>Six</del></b>
<del>8</del>	<del>\$1,327.62</del>	<del>\$2,063.10</del>	<del>\$2,796.20</del>	<del>\$3,533.04</del>	<del>\$4,268.53</del>	<del>\$5,004.11</del>

<b><del>10/1/2024 to 9/30/2025</del></b>						
<b><del>Size</del></b>	<b><del>Collections per Week</del></b>					
<b><del>(cubic yards)</del></b>	<b><del>One</del></b>	<b><del>Two</del></b>	<b><del>Three</del></b>	<b><del>Four</del></b>	<b><del>Five</del></b>	<b><del>Six</del></b>
<del>8</del>	<del>\$1,486.93</del>	<del>\$2,310.67</del>	<del>\$3,131.74</del>	<del>\$3,957.01</del>	<del>\$4,780.75</del>	<del>\$5,604.60</del>

<b>Effective 10/1/2025</b>						
<b>Size</b>	<b>Collections per Week</b>					

(cubic yards)	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
8	\$1,546.41	\$2,403.10	\$3,257.01	\$4,115.29	\$4,971.98	\$5,828.78

(h) Commercial users with privately owned stationary packers. Charges per month according to collections per week:

<b>10/1/2023 to 9/30/2024</b>						
<b>Size-</b>	<b>Collections per Week-</b>					
<b>(cubic yards)</b>	<b>One-</b>	<b>Two-</b>	<b>Three-</b>	<b>Four-</b>	<b>Five-</b>	<b>Six-</b>
1-	\$311.91	\$626.98	\$938.89	\$1,254.68	\$1,565.77	\$1,880.97
2-	\$387.39	\$774.81	\$1,162.21	\$1,549.59	\$1,939.98	\$2,327.37
3-	\$462.91	\$925.83	\$1,388.73	\$1,851.62	\$2,314.55	\$2,777.45
4-	\$479.29	\$958.58	\$1,441.10	\$1,920.27	\$2,399.54	\$2,875.77
5-	\$538.42	\$1,076.84	\$1,615.25	\$2,153.68	\$2,692.10	\$3,230.51
6-	\$594.22	\$1,188.44	\$1,782.66	\$2,425.21	\$2,971.11	\$3,565.32
8-	\$735.27	\$1,470.51	\$2,205.81	\$2,941.06	\$3,676.33	\$4,411.58

<b>10/1/2024 to 9/30/2025</b>						
<b>Size-</b>	<b>Collections per Week-</b>					
<b>(cubic yards)</b>	<b>One-</b>	<b>Two-</b>	<b>Three-</b>	<b>Four-</b>	<b>Five-</b>	<b>Six-</b>
1-	\$349.34	\$702.22	\$1,051.56	\$1,405.24	\$1,753.66	\$2,106.69
2-	\$433.88	\$867.79	\$1,301.68	\$1,735.54	\$2,172.78	\$2,606.65
3-	\$518.46	\$1,036.93	\$1,555.38	\$2,073.81	\$2,592.30	\$3,110.74
4-	\$536.80	\$1,073.61	\$1,614.03	\$2,150.70	\$2,687.48	\$3,220.87
5-	\$603.03	\$1,206.06	\$1,809.08	\$2,412.12	\$3,015.15	\$3,618.17
6-	\$665.53	\$1,331.05	\$1,996.58	\$2,716.24	\$3,327.64	\$3,993.16
8-	\$823.50	\$1,646.97	\$2,470.51	\$3,293.99	\$4,117.49	\$4,940.97

<b>Effective 10/1/2025</b>						
<b>Size</b>	<b>Collections per Week</b>					

(cubic yards)	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
1	\$363.31	\$730.31	\$1,093.62	\$1,461.45	\$1,823.81	\$2,190.96
2	\$451.24	\$902.50	\$1,353.75	\$1,804.96	\$2,259.69	\$2,710.92
3	\$539.20	\$1078.41	\$1,617.60	\$2,156.76	\$2,695.99	\$3,235.17
4	\$558.27	\$1,116.55	\$1,678.59	\$2,236.73	\$2,794.98	\$3,349.70
5	\$627.15	\$1,254.30	\$1,881.44	\$2,508.60	\$3,135.76	\$3,762.90
6	\$692.15	\$1,384.29	\$2,076.44	\$2,824.89	\$3,460.75	\$4,152.89
8	\$856.44	\$1,712.85	\$2,569.33	\$3,425.75	\$4,282.19	\$5,138.61

- i. Additional nonscheduled pickup provided commercial users according to size of leased or privately owned bulk containers:

Size (cubic yard)	<del>Each 10/1/2023 to 9/30/2024</del>	<del>Each 10/1/2024 to 9/30/2025</del>	Each <u>Effective</u> 10/1/2025
1	<del>\$108.04</del>	<del>\$121.00</del>	\$125.84
2	<del>\$120.63</del>	<del>\$135.11</del>	\$140.51
2.75	<del>\$128.44</del>	<del>\$143.85</del>	\$149.60
3	<del>\$131.32</del>	<del>\$147.08</del>	\$152.96
3.50	<del>\$138.20</del>	<del>\$154.78</del>	\$160.97
4	<del>\$145.68</del>	<del>\$163.16</del>	\$169.69
5	<del>\$170.97</del>	<del>\$191.49</del>	\$199.15
6	<del>\$196.49</del>	<del>\$220.07</del>	\$228.87
8	<del>\$243.63</del>	<del>\$272.87</del>	\$283.78

- (j) Additional nonscheduled pickup charge for commercial users with stationary packers:

Size (cubic yard)	<del>Each 10/1/2023 to 9/30/2024</del>	<del>Each 10/1/2024 to 9/30/2025</del>	Each <u>Effective</u> 10/1/2025
6	<del>\$594.19</del>	<del>\$665.49</del>	\$692.11

8	<del>\$735.31</del>	<del>\$823.55</del>	\$856.49
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(k) Charges for the additional quantities placed in the container by user at the time of regularly scheduled commercial pickup.

Size (cubic yard)	<del>Each 10/1/2023 to 9/30/2024</del>	<del>Each 10/1/2024 to 9/30/2025</del>	Each Effective 10/1/2025
1	<del>\$74.19</del>	<del>\$83.09</del>	\$86.41
2	<del>\$85.73</del>	<del>\$96.02</del>	\$99.86
2.75	<del>\$94.64</del>	<del>\$106.00</del>	\$110.24
3	<del>\$97.72</del>	<del>\$109.45</del>	\$113.83
3.50	<del>\$104.58</del>	<del>\$117.13</del>	\$121.82
4	\$111.84	\$125.26	\$130.27
5	\$137.13	\$153.59	\$159.73
6	\$163.02	\$182.58	\$189.88
8	\$209.91	\$235.10	\$244.50

(l) *Charges for temporary use of city-owned bulk container.* Upon request, the city manager shall cause a container or containers to be placed for a temporary period, not to exceed two (2) consecutive weeks, for the following charges: Placement and removal charge per container shall be sixty-eight dollars and twenty-four cents (\$68.24). In addition, a charge for pickup service shall be paid by the user requesting the service based upon the following schedule:

<del>10/1/2023 to 9/30/2024</del>						
<del>Size</del>	<del>Collections per Week</del>					
<del>(cubic yards)</del>	<del>One</del>	<del>Two</del>	<del>Three</del>	<del>Four</del>	<del>Five</del>	<del>Six</del>
<del>1</del>	<del>\$108.04</del>	<del>\$231.75</del>	<del>\$355.45</del>	<del>\$479.29</del>	<del>\$607.16</del>	<del>\$728.74</del>
<del>2</del>	<del>\$119.43</del>	<del>\$256.56</del>	<del>\$393.70</del>	<del>\$530.59</del>	<del>\$667.71</del>	<del>\$804.84</del>
<del>2.75</del>	<del>\$128.44</del>	<del>\$276.75</del>	<del>\$425.51</del>	<del>\$573.80</del>	<del>\$722.44</del>	<del>\$870.97</del>
<del>3</del>	<del>\$131.32</del>	<del>\$281.84</del>	<del>\$435.96</del>	<del>\$588.28</del>	<del>\$740.71</del>	<del>\$892.84</del>
<del>3.5</del>	<del>\$138.32</del>	<del>\$299.06</del>	<del>\$459.83</del>	<del>\$620.81</del>	<del>\$781.80</del>	<del>\$942.68</del>
<del>4</del>	<del>\$145.68</del>	<del>\$315.21</del>	<del>\$486.76</del>	<del>\$661.41</del>	<del>\$853.41</del>	<del>\$1,058.67</del>
<del>5</del>	<del>\$170.97</del>	<del>\$369.82</del>	<del>\$568.56</del>	<del>\$734.55</del>	<del>\$966.09</del>	<del>\$1,164.68</del>

6	<del>\$196.49</del>	<del>\$306.56</del>	<del>\$653.11</del>	<del>\$880.72</del>	<del>\$1,108.76</del>	<del>\$1,337.09</del>
8	<del>\$243.63</del>	<del>\$520.14</del>	<del>\$797.23</del>	<del>\$1,073.51</del>	<del>\$1,350.51</del>	<del>\$1,627.13</del>

<b>10/1/2024 to 9/30/2025</b>						
<b>Size</b>	<b>Collections per Week</b>					
<b>(cubic yards)</b>	<b>One</b>	<b>Two</b>	<b>Three</b>	<b>Four</b>	<b>Five</b>	<b>Six</b>
1	<del>\$121.00</del>	<del>\$259.56</del>	<del>\$398.10</del>	<del>\$536.80</del>	<del>\$680.02</del>	<del>\$816.19</del>
2	<del>\$133.76</del>	<del>\$287.35</del>	<del>\$440.94</del>	<del>\$594.26</del>	<del>\$747.84</del>	<del>\$901.42</del>
2.75	<del>\$143.85</del>	<del>\$309.96</del>	<del>\$476.57</del>	<del>\$642.66</del>	<del>\$809.13</del>	<del>\$975.49</del>
3	<del>\$147.08</del>	<del>\$315.66</del>	<del>\$488.28</del>	<del>\$658.87</del>	<del>\$829.60</del>	<del>\$999.98</del>
3.5	<del>\$154.92</del>	<del>\$334.95</del>	<del>\$515.01</del>	<del>\$695.31</del>	<del>\$875.62</del>	<del>\$1,055.80</del>
4	<del>\$163.16</del>	<del>\$353.04</del>	<del>\$545.17</del>	<del>\$740.78</del>	<del>\$955.82</del>	<del>\$1,185.71</del>
5	<del>\$191.49</del>	<del>\$414.20</del>	<del>\$636.79</del>	<del>\$822.70</del>	<del>\$1,082.02</del>	<del>\$1,304.44</del>
6	<del>\$220.07</del>	<del>\$343.35</del>	<del>\$731.48</del>	<del>\$986.41</del>	<del>\$1,241.81</del>	<del>\$1,497.54</del>
8	<del>\$272.87</del>	<del>\$582.56</del>	<del>\$892.90</del>	<del>\$1,202.33</del>	<del>\$1,512.57</del>	<del>\$1,822.39</del>

<b>Effective 10/1/2025</b>						
<b>Size</b>	<b>Collections per Week</b>					
<b>(cubic yards)</b>	<b>One</b>	<b>Two</b>	<b>Three</b>	<b>Four</b>	<b>Five</b>	<b>Six</b>
1	\$125.84	\$269.94	\$414.02	\$558.27	\$707.22	\$848.83
2	\$139.11	\$298.85	\$458.58	\$618.03	\$777.75	\$937.48
2.75	\$149.60	\$322.36	\$495.63	\$668.37	\$841.50	\$1,014.51
3	\$152.96	\$328.29	\$507.81	\$685.22	\$862.78	\$1,039.98
3.5	\$161.12	\$348.35	\$535.61	\$723.12	\$910.64	\$1,098.03
4	\$169.69	\$367.16	\$566.98	\$770.41	\$994.05	\$1,233.14
5	\$199.15	\$430.77	\$662.26	\$855.61	\$1,125.30	\$1,356.62
6	\$228.87	\$357.08	\$760.74	\$1,025.87	\$1,291.48	\$1,557.44
8	\$283.78	\$605.86	\$928.62	\$1,250.42	\$1,573.07	\$1,895.29

(m) *Fee basis; delinquent accounts.* The foregoing charge shall be administered on a monthly basis and the full fee for each month shall be charged for any month in which the service is rendered. Where any account becomes delinquent, the service shall be discontinued and shall not be resumed until payment has been made on all amounts

due. The foregoing charges shall be paid in advance by all customers applying either for new service or for service at a new address. However, this fee shall not be charged if the account was active for less than five (5) days of the billing cycle.

(n) *Rates for unusual conditions.* Where the city manager approves the use of containers other than as described above or when special collections of solid waste are made or where other unusual conditions or hardships prevail, the rates and charges therefore shall be determined by the city manager based upon the quantities of solid waste collected, frequency of collection and methods employed.

(o) *Rates for special collection service.* Fees are charged for special collection services for special waste, yard waste or yard trash, improperly prepared materials, co-mingled materials, or other bulky trash associated with housekeeping, but excluding construction and demolition debris. The rates are based upon the following:

(1) For an occupied single-family dwelling, no fee shall be charged so long as the special waste, yard waste or yard trash, recyclable materials or solid waste to be collected are not co-mingled and have been properly prepared in accordance with [section 16-29](#);

(2) For a vacant single-family dwelling, a special collection fee shall be charged at the rate set forth below;

(3) For a commercial user, special collection service, when a dumpster is required because the use of the customary ninety-six (96) gallon container or recyclable materials container is not possible, a special collection fee shall be charged at the rate set forth below;

(4) For a commercial user or residential user, special collection is required because construction and demolition debris, special waste, solid waste, or recyclable materials, or any combination thereof, have been co-mingled or not properly prepared in compliance with [section 16-29](#), regardless of quantity, a special collection fee shall be charged at the rate set forth below and in addition, the actual cost to separate the construction and demolition debris or yard waste from the remaining matters shall be charged to the user.

(5) For those situations set forth in subsection (2), (3) or (4) hereof, or for improperly prepared or co-mingled material, the user may contract with a commercial hauler for removal, or may contact the division of solid waste management to arrange a pick up at the rates then in effect.

The fees charged for special collection services provided to single-family dwelling shall be billed at the rate of forty-four dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$44.88) per cubic yard with a minimum of thirty-three dollars and nineteen cents (\$33.19) per collection from 10/1/2023 to 9/30/2024, fifty dollars and twenty-seven cents (\$50.27) per cubic yard with a minimum of thirty-seven dollars and seventeen cents (\$37.17) per collection from

10/1/2024 to 9/30/2025 and fifty-two dollars and twenty-eight cents (\$52.28) per cubic yard with a minimum of thirty-eight dollars and sixty-six cents (\$38.66) per collection starting 10/1/2025.

The billing for all special collection services for commercial users shall be pursuant to the following table:

(cubic yards)	<del>10/1/2023- to- 9/30/2024</del>		<del>10/1/2024- to- 9/30/2025</del>		<u>Effective 10/1/2025</u>	
	<del>One (1)- Time per Week</del>	<del>Two (2)- Times per week</del>	<del>One (1)- Time per Week</del>	<del>Two (2)- Times per week</del>	One (1) Time per Week	Two (2) Times per week
2	<del>\$73.25</del>	<del>\$123.84</del>	<del>\$82.04</del>	<del>\$138.70</del>	\$85.32	\$144.25
4	<del>\$98.35</del>	<del>\$176.75</del>	<del>\$110.15</del>	<del>\$197.96</del>	\$114.56	\$205.88
6	<del>\$136.04</del>	<del>\$245.42</del>	<del>\$152.36</del>	<del>\$274.87</del>	\$158.45	\$285.86
8	<del>\$149.13</del>	<del>\$267.62</del>	<del>\$167.03</del>	<del>\$299.74</del>	\$173.71	\$311.73

(p) *Temporary discontinuance of service/service available standby fee.* The owner of a single-family dwelling may request that the division of solid waste management temporarily discontinue collection service in the event that the dwelling will not be occupied for a period of time in excess of eight (8) consecutive collections. In such case, the residential user shall be charged a service available standby fee or minimum service charge of seventeen dollars and sixty-five cents (\$17.65) per month from 10/1/2023 to 9/30/2024, nineteen dollars and seventy-six cents (\$19.76) per month from 10/1/2024 to 9/30/2025 and twenty dollars and fifty-five cents (\$20.55) per month starting 10/1/2025, during the period of time when collections are temporarily discontinued, in lieu of the fee that would be charged for normal weekly collection service; however, the standby fee or minimum service charge shall be assessed for no more than six (6) consecutive months.

(q) Surcharge to fund Natural Disaster Collection Reserve Account. Every account in each of the account categories set out in subsections 16-27(a) through (h) shall be subject to a uniform single flat fee monthly surcharge in the amount of Three Dollars and Sixty-Three Cents (\$3.63) which shall be in addition to the monthly amount due pursuant to the applicable subsections above. This amount shall be separately indicated on the monthly billing for solid waste collection. The revenues derived from the surcharge shall be utilized to fund the Natural Disaster Collection Reserve Account created by Section 13-7 of this Code.

Section 2. The Sarasota City Code, Chapter 13, Emergencies, is hereby amended so as to add thereto a new subsection 13-7 to be entitled Natural Disaster Collection Reserve Account which shall provide as follows: [Additions to existing text are shown in underline. Deletions from existing text are shown by ~~strike through~~.]

**"Section 13-7 Natural Disaster Collection Reserve Account**

(a) Creation and Purpose. There is hereby created a restricted Natural Disaster Collection Reserve Account which shall be maintained as a separate account within the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund. (hereinafter the "Reserve Account.") The purpose of the Reserve Account is to strengthen operational resilience, to protect the Solid Waste operating reserve account, and to reduce reliance on the General Fund following major natural disaster events by providing a dedicated funding mechanism for debris collection, removal, reduction, monitoring and disposal costs. The use of monies in the Reserve Account shall be restricted to paying the costs of debris collection, removal, reduction, monitoring, and disposal activities arising from a natural disaster event that caused a local, state, or federal declaration of emergency or a determination of necessity by the City Manager.

(b) Target Balance. The initial target balance of the Reserve Account shall be Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) The initial target balance is intended to provide sufficient liquidity to support response and cash-flow needs for debris removal after a natural disaster, such as, but not necessarily limited to, a hurricane, other major storm event, a flood or an occurrence of "red tide" or harmful algal bloom (HAB). Cash-flow needs include costs that might be incurred by the City prior to reimbursement from state or federal agencies. The initial target balance is based on historical debris removal expenditures incurred by the City and on projected cost pressures.

(c) Periodic Evaluation of Target Balance. To ensure that the target balance of the Reserve Account remains appropriate over time, the City Manager (or designee) shall evaluate the adequacy of the target balance at least once every three (3) fiscal years and shall subsequently provide a written summary of findings. The evaluation should consider at a minimum:

- (1) The most recent five-year storm debris spending experience and cost trends
- (2) Changes in contractor pricing, hauling distances, disposal capacity; and other major cost drivers
- (3) The Solid Waste Fund operating budget and reserve posture
- (4) Changes in reimbursement timing, eligibility, and cost-share expectations.

(d) Funding and Replenishment of Reserve Account. The Reserve Account shall be funded by: (1) a uniform single flat fee monthly surcharge on all solid waste fee collections as provided in Section 16-27(q) of this Code; (2) transfers of year-end Solid Waste Fund surpluses, when available; and (3) federal or state reimbursements to the City for expenses eligible to be paid from the Reserve Account to the extent permitted by law or by applicable grant agreements.

Following any draw, the Reserve Account shall be replenished to its current target level within five (5) fiscal years using the funding mechanisms set forth above.

(e) *Access to and Use of Funds.* Funds in the Reserve Account may be accessed only (1) upon a local, state, or federal declaration of a state of emergency resulting from a natural disaster or (2) upon a written determination of necessity by the City Manager based on a finding that the presence of debris presents a threat to public health, safety, or welfare or that it impedes access to properties by fire and emergency rescue vehicles, by service vehicles (e.g. garbage collection, postal and other deliveries), by law enforcement; or by vehicles engaged in public transport. In either event specified above, if the Reserve Account is accessed, the City Manager shall be authorized to (1) activate contracts providing for pre-event or post-event debris monitoring, reduction, removal and disposal activities and to (2) issue task orders and emergency purchase orders relating to such activities consistent with applicable procurement requirements. The City Manager shall provide a report to the City Commission within thirty (30) days after Reserve Account funds have been accessed and utilized. The report shall summarize actions taken using the Reserve Account funds and initial or projected financial impacts.

(f) *Funding Hierarchy.* Following a local, state or federal declaration of a state of emergency resulting from a natural disaster, the sources of funds listed in this subsection shall be used to pay costs associated with debris collection, removal, reduction, monitoring and disposal in the following order of priority: (1) federal and state reimbursements (primary funding sources); (2) the Reserve Account created by subsection 13-7(a); and (3) budgeted debris line items within the Solid Waste operating budget. (These funds should be used for the non-reimbursable local share or for routine debris removal and disposal not tied to a declaration of a state of emergency.)

Section 3. Should any section, sentence, clause, part or provision of this Ordinance be declared invalid or unenforceable, by a court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole, or any part hereof other than the part declared to be invalid.

Section 4. Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon second reading, however collection of the monthly charge established by new Section 16-27(q) shall commence by no later than October 1, 2026.

PASSED on first reading by title only, after posting for public viewing at City Hall for at least three (3) days prior to first reading, as authorized by Article IV, Section 2, Charter of the City of Sarasota, Florida this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

PASSED on second reading and finally adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026



## Business Impact Estimate

# Business Impact Estimate



*Pursuant to Section 166.041(4), Florida Statutes, this Business Impact Estimate is prepared and included in the agenda packet for the proposed ordinance and will be posted on the City of Sarasota's website at the time notice of the ordinance is published.*

*As enacted through Chapter 2023-309, Laws of Florida (SB 170), effective October 1, 2023, local governments are required to prepare a Business Impact Estimate prior to the adoption of certain ordinances, subject to statutory exemptions. The requirement is intended to provide transparency regarding the potential economic impacts of proposed local regulations and to afford additional procedural rights in the event of legal challenge.*

*Effective October 1, 2024, Chapter 2024-158, Laws of Florida (SB 1628), further amends Section 166.041(4), Florida Statutes, eliminating the exemption previously applicable to ordinances adopting comprehensive plan amendments or land development regulations initiated by a municipality or county.*

## Proposed Ordinance – Title / Reference

### **ORDINANCE NO. 26-5596**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SARASOTA, FLORIDA AMENDING THE SARASOTA CITY CODE, CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE II, COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AND SOLID WASTE; DIVISION 2, MANDATORY SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, SECTION 16-27, FEES FOR REMOVAL OF SOLID WASTE BY CITY-AMOUNTS, ETC., TO INCREASE THE RATES SET FORTH THEREIN BY ADDING A UNIFORM SURCHARGE OF \$3.63 PER ACCOUNT TO BE USED TO FUND THE CITY OF SARASOTA NATURAL DISASTER COLLECTION RESERVE ACCOUNT; AND TO DELETE PROVISIONS SETTING THE RATES THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY IN EFFECT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023/24 AND 2024/25, AMENDING THE SARASOTA CITY CODE, CHAPTER 13 EMERGENCIES, TO ADD THERETO A NEW SECTION 13-7 TO BE ENTITLED "NATURAL DISASTER COLLECTION RESERVE ACCOUNT" IN ORDER TO CODIFY RESOLUTION 26R-3372; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THE PARTS HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR READING BY TITLE ONLY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

#### 1. Summary of the Proposed Ordinance (must include a statement of the public purpose, such as service the public health, safety, morals, and welfare).

The proposed ordinance amends Chapter 16 of the City Code, governing solid waste collection and disposal, to establish a uniform surcharge and create a restricted Natural Disaster Collection Reserve Account within the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund. The ordinance also codifies the reserve account within Chapter 13, "Emergencies," and removes outdated fee provisions previously in effect.

The public purpose of the ordinance is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare by ensuring the City has dedicated financial resources to support timely debris removal following natural disaster events. The establishment of the reserve account enhances the

City's emergency response capacity, promotes continuity of essential services, and reduces reliance on the General Fund during disaster recovery periods. It also provides financial resilience by bridging the timing gap between disaster response expenditures and reimbursement from state and federal agencies.

2. An estimate of the direct economic impact of the proposed ordinance on private, for-profit businesses in the City of Sarasota if any:

a. An estimate of direct compliance costs that businesses may reasonably incur;

There are no new compliance obligations imposed on businesses. The ordinance does not require permitting, reporting, operational changes, or administrative action by businesses.

The only direct cost is a uniform surcharge of \$3.63 per month per solid waste account.

b. Any new charge or fee imposed by the proposed ordinance or for which businesses will be financially responsible; and

The ordinance establishes a \$3.63 monthly surcharge per solid waste account, applicable to all customer categories, including commercial, multifamily, and other non-residential accounts. No differential impact by business type or size.

The ordinance applies broadly to all solid waste customers, including businesses. The impact per account is low, predictable, and uniform.

c. An estimate of the City of Sarasota regulatory costs, including estimated revenues from any new charges or fees to cover such costs.

Implementation will be handled within the City's existing utility billing and administrative systems and administrative costs to the City are expected to be minimal and absorbed within existing billing operations.

Approximately 16,398 solid waste accounts are expected to be impacted, including commercial and multifamily accounts, the surcharge is estimated to generate approximately \$714,286 annually

These revenues will be deposited exclusively into the restricted Natural Disaster Collection Reserve Account and will not be used for general operations.

3. Good faith estimate of the number of businesses likely to be impacted by the proposed Ordinance

The ordinance applies broadly to all solid waste customers within the City's service area. This includes commercial businesses, multifamily developments, and other non-residential account holders.

All impacted businesses, approximately 1,727, will experience the same uniform charge of \$3.63 per month per account. No business sector is disproportionately affected

#### 4. Additional information the governing body deems useful (if any):

The ordinance establishes a plan to build a \$5 million reserve target over approximately seven fiscal years, with an annual set-aside representing about 4.6% of the Solid Waste program's operating costs. This reserve will provide immediate liquidity for debris removal following natural disasters, helping to reduce delays tied to FEMA and state reimbursement processes. The structure aligns with reserve practices used by other Florida local governments, and strengthening disaster response funding capacity is expected to support faster community recovery, indirectly benefiting the business community by helping restore normal economic activity more quickly.

Notice Of Public Hearing



**CITY OF SARASOTA  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the **CITY COMMISSION** of the City of Sarasota, Florida will meet on **Monday, May 18, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** in the Commission Chambers, City Hall, 1565 First Street, Sarasota, Florida. **Starting at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, the Commission will open the scheduled Public Hearings in the order they appear on the agenda.** The Commission will recess for lunch at approximately 12:00 p.m. The following Ordinance will be considered at the above scheduled meeting:

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Said proposed Ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Auditor and Clerk at City Hall. If you wish to obtain a copy, please call (941) 263-6222 between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. If required, the Business Impact Estimate as required by Florida Statutes 166.041(4)(a) can be found on the city's Online Public Notice Bulletin Board at [www.sarasotafl.gov/government/city-auditor-and-clerk/meeting-notice-board](http://www.sarasotafl.gov/government/city-auditor-and-clerk/meeting-notice-board).

Interested persons are welcome to attend and may register to speak in respect to the above-proposed ordinance. Individuals who prefer to participate remotely in the City Commission meeting may obtain instructions to participate via zoom by emailing [clerk@sarasotafl.gov](mailto:clerk@sarasotafl.gov) with your request no later than the **deadline of 5:00 pm on Friday, May 15, 2026**. Individuals may provide written comments for agenda items which allow citizens input up until 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting by utilizing the eComments link next to the published agenda on the [Upcoming Events](#) webpage accessible through the City of Sarasota website by clicking on "Meetings/Agendas/Video from the main page.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in such public hearing should contact the City of Sarasota ADA Coordinator at (941) 263-6269 at least two (2) business days prior to the date of the public hearing as to the nature of the aid and/or service desired. Reasonable auxiliary aids and services will be made available to qualified disabled individuals to the extent that no undue financial or administrative burden results. For the benefit of individuals utilizing hearing aids with a T-coil, the City Commission Chambers and SRQ Media Studio are outfitted with a Hearing Induction Loop for enhanced hearing assistance.

CITY OF SARASOTA

By: Shayla Griggs  
City Auditor and Clerk

Legal Date: May 8, 2026