



TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Department of Solid Waste
3095 114th Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33716

January 30, 2026

Barry A. Burton, County Administrator
Pinellas County
315 Court Street, 6th Floor
Clearwater, FL 33756

RE: Solid Waste Technical Management Committee's Disposal Rate Recommendation

Dear Mr. Burton,

A Solid Waste Technical Management Committee (TMC) meeting was held at the Solid Waste Department on Wednesday, January 28, 2026. Per County Ordinance 106, the TMC performed an annual review of the third-party rate study, conducted by Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. As recommended by the Raftelis and staff, the TMC voted 8-2 in favor to continue with last year's recommendation and Board approval to increase the solid waste tipping fee by 8.0% year-over-year for each of the next 3-years, beginning October 1, 2025. The current tipping fee is \$58.86 per ton. As a result of this year's recommendation, the tipping fee would be increased as follows:

FY27	From \$58.86 to \$63.57 per ton
FY28	From \$63.57 to \$68.65 per ton

The rate study included projections of anticipated costs and revenues through FY57. This rate study also included all currently known information related to the Solid Waste Master Plan, the brokering of power on the open market, the new FCC Environmental processing rate at the Waste-To-Energy Facility, and a detailed 10-year capital improvement plan.

With this recommendation, the TMC recognizes the importance of staying the course to expend Solid Waste Fund reserves to bridge the revenue shortfall, while increasing disposal rates until the fund becomes self-sufficient.

Those voting against the motion were (2) representatives from the City of St. Petersburg and the City of Largo. Representatives for the City of Tarpon Springs, City of Pinellas Park, and Group 'C' Cities/Towns were absent. The TMC will continue its prescribed practice of reviewing rates each year and providing future annual rate recommendations to you and the Board of County Commissioners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Willie Joseph".

Willie Joseph, Chair
Technical Management Committee