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# SOLID WASTE LICENSING



# Summary

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- The BCC directed Solid Waste to develop a residential solid waste collection license ordinance.
  - Provided desired requirements from a menu of potential requirements

# Who would need a license?

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- Residential (not commercial) garbage collectors
  - for regular garbage collection only
  - not for intermittent activities such as landscaping or bulk pickup hauling
- Mobile home parks and condominiums that collect their own garbage will not be included
- Cities currently collecting in unincorporated areas will follow license requirements, but will be exempt from the license fee

# Option 1

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## Minimum Requirements

- ✓ Provide a local telephone number
- ✓ Offer once per week curbside garbage collection
- ✓ Offer once per week curbside recycling service
- ✓ Maintain a billing account with Pinellas County Solid Waste  
(*account number will be used as the license number*)
- ✓ Provide written service information to customers annually
- ✓ Dispose of all garbage at Pinellas County Solid Waste
- ✓ Provide annual written report to Director, Pinellas County Solid Waste
- ✓ Comply with local codes and ordinances (*noise, litter, etc.*)
- ✓ Comply with federal laws and regulations

# Option 2

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## All Option 1 requirements PLUS:

- ✓ **Maintain an office in Pinellas County**
- ✓ **Collection vehicles with company name and phone number**
- Submit customer service information to Pinellas County Solid Waste for review and approval
- ✓ **Offer yard waste collection**
- ✓ **Offer bulk waste collection**
- ✓ **Ensure that collection vehicles are fully enclosed and watertight**

# Option 3

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## All Option 1 and 2 requirements PLUS:

### ✓ Provide proof of insurance

- Offer bulk waste collection as part of basic collection services
- Respond to customer complaints within 24 hours, and submit to the county a monthly log of complaints and their resolution
- Provide collection containers that are watertight and equipped with close-fitting, self-closing covers (*suitable for protecting the contents from insects, rats and other animals*)

# Option 4

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## All Option 1, 2 and 3 requirements PLUS:

- Provide to the Director of Pinellas County Solid Waste a listing of all vehicles used to collect residential solid waste in unincorporated Pinellas County, including registration numbers
- Allow Pinellas County staff to inspect collection vehicles at any time for compliance with the license requirements including safety, cleanliness, etc.



# Option 5

## All Option 1, 2, 3 and 4 requirements PLUS:

- BCC will set collection rates.
- Rates will be based on reasonable operating and maintenance expenses under license provisions and a profit margin not to exceed 15% of gross revenues. Tipping fees shall be passed through to customers with no profit margin (or determined by BCC).
- *Option 1:* Approve rates for individual haulers  
*Option 2:* Establish a rate structure by performing a study of collection, transport and disposal costs.



# Quick Comparison

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
✓ <b>Local phone</b>	✓ <b>Local office</b>	✓ <b>Proof of insurance</b>	Vehicle list	Rates set by BCC
✓ <b>Once a week garbage and recycling</b>	✓ <b>ID info printed on vehicles</b>	Bulk waste collection for all customers	Vehicle inspection	
✓ <b>Account with Solid Waste</b>	Review of customer info	Monthly complaint log		
✓ <b>Written customer info</b>	✓ <b>Yard waste collection</b>	Container requirements		
✓ <b>Disposal at Solid Waste</b>	✓ <b>Bulk waste collection option</b>			
✓ <b>Annual report</b>	✓ <b>Vehicle requirements</b>			
✓ <b>Comply with codes/laws</b>				

# Estimated Costs

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- Estimated first year cost is \$300 per license

Questions?

