

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: August 14, 2019

TO: Mayor and Town Council

VIA: Kirk W. Blouin, Town Manager

FROM: H. Paul Brazil, P. E., Director of Public Works

RE: Vegetative Special Collection Fees
Resolution No. 69-2019

DATE: August 13, 2019

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Town staff recommends that Resolution No. 69-2019 be considered for adoption to facilitate the collection and disposal of ficus hedge material from private properties.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Town staff has prepared a Resolution to include a fee for special collection of vegetative material. Specific assumptions and conditions relative to this service are provided below:

- Fee basis – The minimum fee would be \$700 and include the first 100 linear foot (LF) of ficus hedge collected and disposed of (based on a 3-hour minimum). Additional hourly rates beyond that initial fee would be charged at a rate of \$300/hour, if required.
- Schedule – The special collection of ficus material would only occur on Saturdays during the summer growing season (May to October). Depending upon location, the seasonal 3-day set-out schedule restriction would be waived for any special collection scheduled and approved by Public Works.
- Governing Ordinances – The existing ordinances allow for a special collection charge (Section 102-46 and Section 102-102), and the use of the Master Fee Schedule to establish or revise fees as needed.
- Workload Considerations – Due to crew and equipment constraints, the special collection of vegetation as noted above would be subject to advanced scheduling and approval by the Public Works Department on a first-come first-served and “space available” basis.

It should be noted that this special collection fee is only for the collection and disposal of the vegetative debris, and that the removal of the ficus hedge would be the responsibility of the property owner. Town staff recommends that the Town Council adopt Resolution No. 69-2019 to allow for special collection of vegetative material subject to the conditions outlined above, and to charge the fees identified for this service.

FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the Town.

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW

This resolution is in a format previously approved by the Town Attorney.

Attachment

cc: Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager
Jane LaClainche, Finance Director
Eric Brown, P.E., Assistant Director of Public Works
Chester Purves, Services Division Manager