

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTION 58-66. OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA TO AMEND THE SOLID WASTE DUMPING FEE OR TIPPING FEE, TIRE WASTE DISPOSAL FEE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS TIPPING FEE FOR KEY WEST RESIDENTS, COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND LICENSED BUSINESSES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, all self-hauled materials accepted at the City's transfer station are charged a tipping fee to cover operational, transportation, processing and disposal of the waste on mainland Florida. Examples of self-haul activity include residential and commercial dumping of landscape material, bulk household goods, appliances and debris from small construction and remodeling activities; and

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2026, the City Haul Out contract was approved with increases in hauling and processing of single stream recyclables and waste tires. Restructuring and increasing tipping fees on specific waste types is necessary to cover operating costs while right sizing rates to limit the impact on rate payers; and

WHEREAS, the initial recycling rate was set well below the cost of services to allow businesses to adjust to the additional

monthly cost and the City time to evaluate actual costs to determine a fair and equitable tipping rate for recyclables. Solid Waste Fund reserves were reduced to cover the additional cost of services; and

WHEREAS, the City finds it necessary to amend Sec. 58-66.- *Dumping fee, tire disposal fee and recyclable materials fee for Key West residents, commercial establishments and licensed businesses*, Chapter 58., Article III. of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Key west, Florida to adjust the dumping or tipping fees charged for municipal solid waste (MSW) (garbage, bulk household items), small volumes of construction and demolition (C&D) debris, single stream recyclables, and waste tires based on increased operational, hauling and disposal fees negotiated under Resolution 25-245 and Resolution 26-022; and

WHEREAS, it is in the City's best interest to modify the tipping fee structure and rates to adequately cover increased costs and the right size fees due to the negotiated contracts with an effective date of January 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager's Office recommends the Mayor and City Commission approve the Revised Tipping Fee Schedule for the remainder of Fiscal Yer 2026/2027 as per the table above;

WHEREAS, amendments to Section 58-66. of the City's Code of Ordinances will promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and visitors of the City of Key West, Florida;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That Section 58-66. *Dumping fee, tire disposal fee and recyclable materials fee for Key West residents, commercial establishments and licensed businesses.* of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Key West, Florida is hereby amended to read as follows**:

“Sec.58-66. Dumping fee, tire disposal fee and recyclable materials fee for Key West residents, commercial establishments and licensed businesses.

- (a) Each Key West resident, commercial establishment and/or licensed business shall pay a solid waste dumping or tipping fee of ~~\$182.34~~ \$191.46 per ton based on a conversion rate of 163 pounds per cubic yard for non-compaction containers.
- (b) Each Key West resident, commercial establishment and/or licensed business shall pay a tire waste disposal fee of ~~\$516.92~~ \$541.22 per ton.
- (c) Each Key West resident, commercial establishment and/or licensed business shall pay a Recyclable Materials Tipping Fee of ~~\$80~~ \$110 per ton.

**At first reading, added language is underlined; deleted language is ~~struck through~~. At second reading, added language is double-underlined and deleted language is ~~double-struck through~~.

Section 2: That all Ordinances, or parts thereof, of the City of Key West, Florida in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby superseded to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the presiding officer and the Clerk of the Commission.

Read and passed on first reading by the City Commission
at a meeting held this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Read and passed on final reading by the City Commission
at a meeting held this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Authenticated by the Presiding Officer and Clerk of the
Commission on the _____ day of _____, 2026.

Filed with the Clerk on _____, 2026.

Mayor Danise Henriquez	_____
Vice Mayor Donald "Donie" Lee	_____
Commissioner Lissette Carey	_____
Commissioner Aaron Castillo	_____
Commissioner Monica Haskell	_____
Commissioner Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Greg Veliz	_____

DANISE HENRIQUEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KERI O'BRIEN, CLERK