



Environmental and Parks Resolution 2026-02

Resolution on the County proposal for a Unified Sanitation District

Whereas, Fairfax County residents have experienced numerous issues and complaints with trash removal, pick-up and pricing that has resulted in consideration of alternatives to the present model.

Whereas, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has proposed unifying trash collection across the county.

Whereas, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors had scheduled a vote to consider the Unified Sanitation District that was tabled while they sought more citizen input about the process.

Whereas, the latest "Open Forum" for HOAs about the proposed unified sanitation collection system was held virtually on February 6, 2026 with over a hundred participants listening to the staff make an initial presentation and then opened the meeting to citizen input and commentary.

Whereas, the above noted meeting on February 6 did not have one HOA or CA speak in favor of the County's proposed approach to unifying sanitation collection

Whereas, there has been no cost estimate or cost-benefit analysis provided by Fairfax County for the proposed new services, to include staffing needed for billing, which would be performed by the County on an already strained budget, support for private companies during the turnover process; nor has there been any presentation regarding the needed appropriate county ordinances allowing for homeowner debris and lawn recycling structures or setbacks.

Whereas, there is no guarantee that the County proposal will improve trash services since the County will assign the company to provide those services by HOA/CA.

Whereas, trash service cost increases usually reflect the "tipping floor costs" from the Reworld (formerly Covanta) waste to energy facility charges, there is no County guarantee of cost containment or reduction for this proposed process.

And, finally, this proposed Unified Sanitation Collection process can have a negative effect on small, privately operated businesses in Fairfax County.

Therefore, be it resolved that the South County Federation, representing numerous HOAs and Citizen Associations in the South County region, opposes this proposal in its current form.

Be it further resolved that the proposal not be returned to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors until and unless the above stated issues are fully explored and communicated to the citizenry in a timely manner to allow increased community input and transparency.



President

4/14/2026
Date