



St. James Parish

Solid Waste Division

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Financial Trend Analysis

SJP Solid Waste Division Funding

Parish Quarter Cent Sales Tax

The Solid Waste Division in St. James Parish is funded by a one quarter cent sales tax in the unincorporated area of the parish that generates approximately 1.4 million dollars per year.

Previous Critical Challenges & Shortfalls

(Under Contracted Solid Waste Services)

- Poor contract performance for waste bin transport.
- Landfill closures especially on weekends due to full bins.
- Poor Solid Waste disaster response from contractors.
- No work order requests for tree limb service.
- Contracted waste tire disposal. SJP lacked certifications.
- High cost of waste tire disposal.
- Lack of equipment for waterway debris removal.
- Contracted scrap metal recycling.
- Contractors retaining revenue for recycling.

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Previous Critical Challenges & Shortfalls

(Under Contracted Solid Waste Services)

- Solid Waste supervisors were being erroneously coded to the Road & Bridge fund.
- Purchases of solid waste equipment was being erroneously coded to the Road & Bridge or Drainage funds.
- Solid waste fuel and maintenance was being erroneously coded to the Road & Bridge or Drainage funds.
- Litter abatement teams did not exist to address the severe litter problem parish wide.
- Funding does not exist for nuisance abatement (tall grass complaints, blighted property, debris etc.)



Funding Proposals

- The next slide illustrates the previous and current funding structure of the Solid Waste Division.
- In the year 2020 and prior most solid waste expenses were being erroneously charged to funds not involved with solid waste disposal.
- In 2021 the Operations Department corrected the error and began coding solid waste expenditures as directed by the public when they voted in the sales tax.



Parish Supplemented Garbage Collection Costs	2020	2023	Projected
Sales Tax	\$1,789,392	\$1,415,113	\$1,413,400
Garbage Fees @ \$5.30	\$365,000	\$365,000	\$365,000
Total Revenue	\$2,254,392	\$1,780,113	\$1,778,400
Expenses	\$1,813,727	\$2,892,090	\$2,415,415
Revenue O/U Expenses	\$340,665	-\$1,111,977	-\$637,015

Remarks: Sales tax is actual with residents paying \$5.30 of \$21.57 garbage collection fees.
 Sales tax is down from over two million dollars prior to 2020.

2020: In 2020 only landfill services and one supervisor was being billed to solid waste. All other functions such as tree limb pickup, roll-off service, waste tire, and scrap metal recycling were being billed to the road and bridge fund. Litter abatement teams did not exist.

2023: Full solid waste division with the increased cost of garbage collection and all services, equipment, and personnel correctly charged to the solid waste fund.

Projected: Solid waste with litter abatement reduced to half staff and tree limb service discontinued.

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Funding Proposals

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- In the year 2020 and prior most solid waste expenses were being erroneously charged to funds not involved with solid waste disposal.
- In 2021 the Operations Department corrected the error and began coding solid waste expenditures as directed by the public when they voted for the sales tax.
- This proposal will not cover solid waste equipment replacement costs or provide for the initial payments for hurricane debris removal.

Residents Paying Garbage Collection Costs	Proposal #1	Proposal #2	Proposal #3
Sales Tax	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000
Garbage Fees @ \$21.57	\$1,452,651	\$1,452,651	\$1,452,651
Total Revenue	\$2,852,651	\$2,852,651	\$2,852,651
Expenses	\$2,087,590	\$2,692,090	\$2,415,514
Revenue O/U Expenses	\$765,061	\$160,561	\$437,137

Remarks: Sales tax is fixed at 1.4 million with residents paying 100% of the garbage collection fees @ \$21.57.

Remarks: At \$160,000 per year, equipment cannot be replaced at its life cycle, nor cover hurricane debris removal.

Proposal 1: Only landfill services and one supervisor being billed to solid waste. All other functions such as tree limb pickup and litter abatement would be discontinued. Waste tire disposal and scrap metal recycling would be contracted.

Proposal 2: Full solid waste division with all services, equipment, and personnel charged correctly to the solid waste fund.

Proposal 3: Solid waste with litter abatement reduced to half staff and tree limb service discontinued.

Funding Proposals

- The next slide illustrates the Solid Waste Division funding structure with the residents' paying fees for garbage collection and a \$3.43 solid waste fee.
- This funding structure would cover the costs of a complete solid waste division, equipment replacement costs, and the costs associated with hurricane debris removal.

Residents Paying Garbage & Solid Waste Fee	Proposal #1 (Landfill Only)	Proposal #2 (Full Solid Waste Division)	Proposal #3 (No Litter or Tree Limb)
Sales Tax	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000
Garbage Fees @ \$25.00	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000
Total Revenue	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000
Expenses	\$2,087,590	\$2,692,090	\$2,415,514
Revenue O/U Expenses	\$1,12,410	\$507,910	\$784,486

Remarks: Sales tax is fixed at 1.4 million with residents paying 100% of WM fees plus a solid waste fee.

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Proposal #2: Full solid waste division with all services, equipment, and personnel charged correctly to solid waste fund.

Proposal #3: Solid waste with litter abatement reduced to half staff and tree limb service discontinued.

St. James Parish Property Taxes

Government Agency	Total Taxes	Percentage of Total
Misc. (Levees, Special Recreation, Road Lighting)	\$4,452,725	6.00%
Assessment District	\$1,544,648	2.08%
Law Enforcement	\$14,325,652	19.31%
Schools	\$30,640,183	41.29%
St. James Hospital	\$3,232,837	4.36%
St. James Parish Government	\$20,005,313	26.96%
Total	\$74,201,358	100%

Remarks: Police Jury, Library, Courthouse Maintenance, E911, Drainage, Social Services, Fire Departments, and Juvenile Services are GO bonds and cannot be used towards utilities or solid waste.

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Solid Waste Budget 049

Audited Projection

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Revenue	2,230,772	2,708,595	2,766,991	2,467,382	4,136,921	2,366,467	2,260,018	1,933,000	1,933,000	1,933,000
Expenses	(2,215,834)	(2,032,046)	(1,884,641)	(2,479,918)	(4,291,700)	(3,352,078)	(3,051,455)	(2,870,900)	(2,920,900)	(2,970,900)
Rev O/U	14,938	676,549	882,350	(12,536)	(154,779)	(985,611)	(791,437)	(937,900)	(987,900)	(1,037,900)
Fund Bal	3,492,132	4,168,681	5,051,031	5,038,495	4,883,716	3,898,105	3,106,668	2,168,768	1,180,868	142,968

Remarks: Projection without changes in fee @ \$5.30.

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Expenses	(2,215,834)	(2,032,046)	(1,884,641)	(2,479,918)	(4,291,700)	(3,352,078)	(3,051,455)	(2,870,900)	(2,920,900)	(2,970,900)
Rev O/U	14,938	676,549	882,350	(12,536)	(154,779)	(985,611)	(791,437)	(450,139)	168,008	118,008
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Remarks: Projection with increasing fee to \$21.57.

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Expenses	(2,215,834)	(2,032,046)	(1,884,641)	(2,479,918)	(4,291,700)	(3,352,078)	(3,051,455)	(2,599,695)	(2,378,490)	(2,428,490)
Rev O/U	14,938	676,549	882,350	(12,536)	(154,779)	(985,611)	(791,437)	(666,695)	(445,490)	(495,490)
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Remarks: Projection without fee change and discontinuing litter abatement and tree limb service.

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What would a resident
get for \$25 per month
plus, the $\frac{1}{4}$ cent sales tax?

SJP Solid
Waste
Division

Twice per week garbage
collection service.



Sales tax and fees will
cover all other expenses.

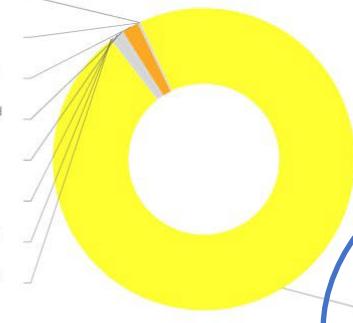
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Assigned
463

Closed
25,396

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Click on [Make a New Request](#) or call (225) 562-2500 during business hours for assistance.
Office hours: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday thru Thursday, or 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Fridays.

In Progress
0.16%
Planning
0.12%
Assigned
1.76%
Completed
0.33%
Rejected
0.84%
On Hold
0.33%
Submitted
0.02%
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0.02%

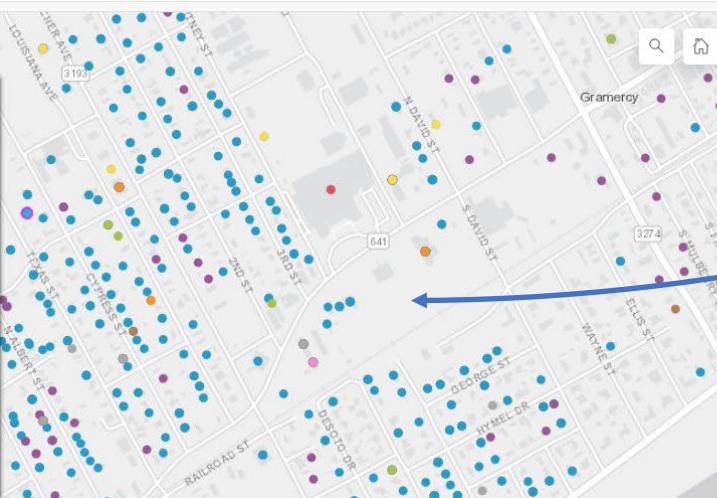


One resident in Lutcher has 13 tree limb pick up services without contributing any funding towards solid waste. An agreement must be negotiated with the Town of Lutcher



Work Orders: 2024-3640

Zoom to Pan
Status: Assigned
District: District 2
Zip: 70071
Date Created: 5/17/2024
Address Label: 2447 Cypress St
Request Number: 146,593
Work Order Number: 2024-3640
Service Category: Tree Limb Pick Up
Vegetation Control
Derrick Woodrow
Make a new request
Make a new request



Assigned
523

Closed
25,610

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E, Garmin, GeoTech
Districts
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Tree Limb Pick Up
Change Meter
New Water Service
Tree Trimming
Complaints - Utility
Abandoned Vehicles



Prior to work order system tree limb service was the largest resident complaint to the parish council.

Tree limb pickup is the most requested service offered by St. James Parish.

What's the Standard?

- A standard must be set for tree limb service.
- This service helps residents after a thunderstorm, during spring cleaning, or pruning of trees.
- Residents are hiring contractors to remove entire trees from their yards then placing a work order for the parish to remove the debris.
- This service was designed to help residents, not to be a component of a contractors quote for work. A standard must be set.

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What's the Standard?



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Grapple Tree Service



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Roll-Off Service



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Landfill Equipment



Must be maintained and replaced as necessary.

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Waterway Debris Removal



**Very few parishes own this equipment
and can perform this service.**

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Scrap Metal Recycling



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Waste Tire Disposal



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Nuisance Abatement Funding

Ultimately, the parish is reimbursed through tax sales once per year.



Currently, there is not a funding source to initially pay for this service.

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Household
Hazardous
Waste
Disposal

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

RECYCLING + DISPOSAL EVENT



**This is a program that the Solid Waste
division wants to perform annually.**

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Summary

What would residents get for \$25 per month?

- Twice per week garbage collection.
- Two landfill sites seven days per week, one east bank, one west.
- Roll-off bin service keeping landfill sites open on weekends.
- Enhanced hurricane and disaster response for debris removal.
- In-house grapple truck service for tree limb pick up.
- Parish wide litter abatement teams.
- Waterway debris removal and canal maintenance.
- In-house waste tire disposal.
- In-house scrap metal recycling.
- Possible funding for nuisance abatement.
- Household Hazardous Waste Disposal.



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