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Ms. Christa Alou, Village Manager
Village of El Portal
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Dear Madam Manager,

Contracts for recycling service provision for the Miami Dade County Curbside Recycling Program ended March 30, 2023. All contractors agreed to extend their contracts while proposals for new service were advertised. We are awaiting responses. In the meantime, the current hauling companies and the materials processing contractor agreed to continue to provide service under a contract extension approved by the Board of County Commissioners on March 7, 2023. The prices to provide these services are higher than what we were charged initially. The original prices (which began in 2008) did not keep up with inflation as the increases have been capped at 3% since the start of the program. In addition, there has never been a charge to the County or the municipalities for the processing of materials collected in the recycling program.

The recycling industry has changed significantly since the start of our program in 2008. New monthly charges for service including processing will begin with the May 2023 invoice and remain through the end of the fiscal year (September 2023). The invoices that will be sent at the end of May for recycling collection and processing services will reflect the following price per household:

- For every-other-week, automated collection service, the new cost is \$3.54 per household per month.
- For Processing: \$1.97 per household
- The total charge per household per month for automated collection and processing service is \$5.51.

Thank you for being a part of our residential recycling program. It has been an honor to provide this service, and we look forward to the opportunity to continue providing this service to your residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Fernandez".

Michael Fernandez
Director

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