

# Memorandum



**Date:** 07/09/2025

**To:** Eric Silva, AICP, Assistant Director  
Regulatory and Economic Resources Department

**From:** Aneisha Daniel, PhD, Director  
Department of Solid Waste Management

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**Subject:** 8445 Galloway, LLC RTZ – (Z2025000111)

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The Department of Solid Waste Management's review of the above-referenced item is provided below. Additional comments will be provided as needed. **The DSWM has no objections to the proposed application.**

**Application:** The applicant, 8445 Galloway, LLC, is requesting a special exception for a general development plan with the purpose of redeveloping the Property with a mixed-use building approximately 51,893 square feet in size and six (6) stories in height (the "Project"). The Project will consist of approximately 50,809 square feet of residential space and 1,084 square feet of commercial space. As the Property is located in the Rapid Transit Zone ("RTZ"), SMART Corridor Subzone (Kendall Corridor), jurisdiction over land development-related requests is retained by the County pursuant to Chapter 33C of the County Code.

**Size:** The subject property is approximately 40,075 square feet in size.

**Location:** The property is located at 8445 SW 94 Street, in Miami, FL.

## **Analysis:**

### 1. Solid Waste Disposal

The Miami-Dade County Solid Waste Management System consists of both County facilities and private facilities under contract as follows: three Class I landfills (two owned by Waste Management Inc., of Florida), a Class III landfill, and three regional transfer facilities. The Department of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) does not assess or adjust estimated capacity requirements based on the impacts of individual developments. Instead, the Department maintains sufficient disposal capacity to accommodate five years of waste flows committed to the system through long-term interlocal agreements or contracts with municipalities, private waste haulers, and anticipated non-committed waste flows. The latest Concurrency Status Determination issued on September 20, 2024, which is valid through September 30, 2025, shows sufficient disposal system capacity to exceed the County's adopted level of service (five years of capacity). This determination, which is on file with the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department, is contingent upon the continued ability of the County to obtain and renew disposal facility operating permits from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, as needed. There is no solid waste disposal facility within 2.5 miles, transfer facility within 1.5 miles, or collection facility within ¼ mile of the subject property.

## 2. Garbage and Trash Collection Services

Should the request be approved and built as proposed, the resulting development would meet the definition of a combination “commercial establishment” / “multi-family establishment”, as described in Chapter 15 of the Code of Miami-Dade County. Per the Code, the following is required of this type of development located in areas under the County’s jurisdiction:

"Every commercial and multi-family residential establishment shall utilize the solid waste collection services of either the proper governmental agency able to provide such services, or that of a licensed solid waste hauler authorized to perform such services by the Director of the Department." The landlord or property owner is required to arrange for waste and recycling collection services for multi-family and commercial establishments located outside the DSWM service area. They would most typically work with either a municipal hauler (if applicable) or a permitted private hauler to provide both waste and recycling in one contract.

## 3. Recycling

### Commercial Establishments

**Section 15-2.3a** of the Code requires commercial establishments “to provide for a recycling program, which shall be serviced by a permitted hauler or the appropriate governmental agency”. The recycling program for commercial establishments must include a minimum of three (3) materials chosen from the following:

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| 1) High-grade office paper       | 6) Steel (cans, scrap)                         |
| 2) Mixed paper                   | 7) Other metals/scrap production materials     |
| 3) Corrugated cardboard          | 8) Plastics (PETE, HDPE-natural, HDPE-colored) |
| 4) Glass (flint, emerald, amber) | 9) Textiles                                    |
| 5) Aluminum (cans, scrap)        | 10) Wood                                       |

**Section 15-2.3b** of the Code states that the failure of a commercial establishment to provide a recycling program or a modified recycling program pursuant to Section 15-2.4 of the Code shall constitute a violation of this section for which the property owner and the owner(s) and operator(s) of the commercial establishment shall be jointly and severally liable. Requests for approval of modified recycling programs must be made directly to the Department. The application regarding modified recycling programs for commercial properties may be found on the website at <https://www.miamidade.gov/solidwaste/business-recycling.asp>

Applicants are required to incorporate adequate space and facilities in their building plans to accommodate the required recycling program (i.e., somewhere for residents / tenants to store their recycling carts or bins, or in the case of centralized waste collection with dumpster containers, a permanent space for recycling carts or larger receptacles).

### Multi-family Establishments

Regarding multi-family units, **Section 15-2.2(a)** of the Code requires “every multi-family residential establishment shall provide for a recycling program which shall be serviced by a permitted hauler or the appropriate governmental agency and shall include, at a minimum, the five (5) materials listed in Section 15-2.2 below.”

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| 1) Newspaper                     | 4) Steel cans                                  |
| 2) Glass (flint, emerald, amber) | 5) Plastics (PETE, HDPE-natural, HDPE-colored) |
| 3) Aluminum cans                 |                                                |

**Section 15-2.2(b)** of the Code states the failure of a multi-family residential establishment to provide a recycling program or a modified recycling program pursuant to Section 15-2.4 hereof shall constitute a violation of this section for which the property owner(s) shall be liable, provided, however, that in the case of a condominium or cooperative apartment having a condominium association or cooperative apartment association, said association, rather than individual unit owners, shall be liable for any such violation.

Applicants are required to incorporate adequate space and facilities in their building plans to accommodate the required recycling program (i.e., somewhere for residents / tenants to store their recycling carts or bins, or in the case of centralized waste collection with dumpster containers, a permanent space for recycling carts or larger receptacles).

**Sec. 15-4(2)(a)** Before building permits may be issued for construction of commercial establishments, multi-family residential establishments, and residential units located in the unincorporated area, building plans for storage and collection of recyclable materials must be approved by the Director as to location, accessibility, number or adequacy. (b) For properties in incorporated areas, municipalities are requested to require that building plans for commercial establishments, multi-family residential establishments, and residential units be prepared so as to include sufficient space for storage and collection of recyclable materials, but not to prohibit curbside collection of recyclable materials where otherwise permitted in residential districts.

Requests for approval of modified recycling programs must be made directly to the Department. The application regarding modified recycling programs may be found on the website at <http://www.miamidade.gov/solidwaste/business-recycling.asp>.

#### 4. Recycling and Waste Storage/Setout Requirements

**Section 15-4** of the Code requires that plans for storage and collection of recyclables and solid waste be adequate before a building permit may be issued. Site plans must address location, accessibility, number and adequacy of recycling and solid waste collection and storage facilities.

#### 5. Site Circulation Requirements

It is required that development plans associated with this project incorporate at least one of the following traffic circulation criteria to minimize the reversing of waste vehicles and hence, provide for the safe circulation of service vehicles:

- a. Cul-de-sac with a minimum 49-foot turning radius (no "dead-ends")
- b. "T" shaped turnaround 60 feet long by 10 feet wide
- c. Paved throughway of adequate width (minimum 15 feet)

In addition, any and all alleyways designed with utilities, including waste collection, provided at the rear of the property should be planned in accordance with standard street specifications with sufficient width and turning radii to permit large vehicle access. There should be no "dead-end" alleyways developed. A sufficient waste set-out zone should be preserved between the edge of the pavement and any possible obstructions (such as parked cars, fencing, etc.) that would interrupt or preclude waste collection. Developments requiring that solid waste haulers use private roads in order to service properties within the community shall hold the haulers, including the Department, harmless for any and all road damage occurring as a consequence of normal use of these roads. Failure to maintain any private roads used to provide solid waste collection services in adequate condition may, with provision of advance notice, result in the removal of waste collection services provided by the DSWM.