

Solid Waste Rate Study

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Presentation

City Commission

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Background

- City's Solid Waste Division - enterprise fully supported by its rates without General Fund support
- 2022 - Rate Study proposed phased rate adjustment; modified and implemented by the City
- Financial factors and assumptions changed (salary/benefits, disposal fees, fleet replacement, other cost inflation factors)
- ILA recycling and disposal system - City considering joining



Collection Services

Residential

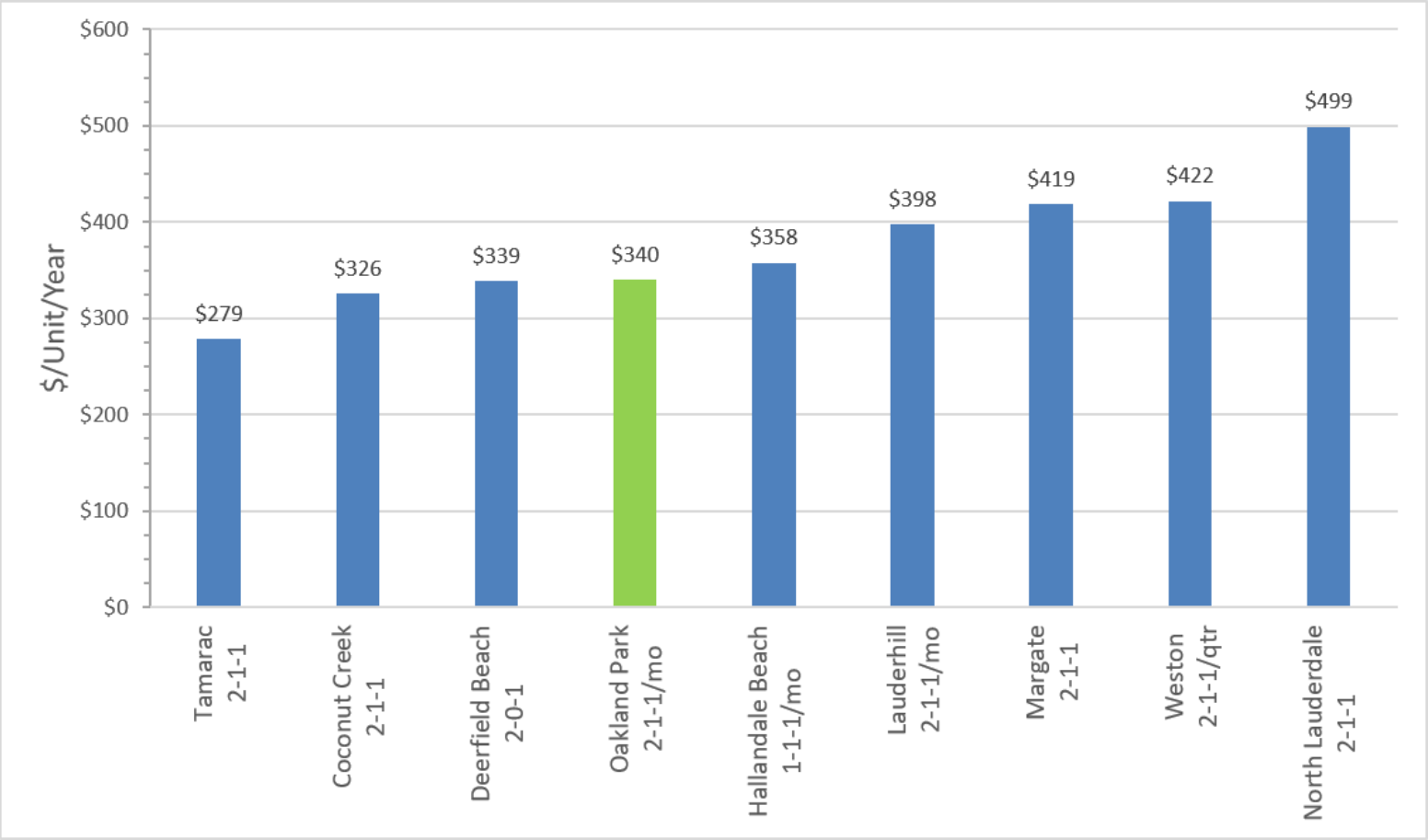
- Garbage 2x/week
 - Automated curbside service in 95-gallon carts
- Recycling 1x/week
 - Automated curbside service in 64-gallon carts
- Bulk waste 1x/month
 - Grapple collection mixed bulk trash and yard waste
- Billed Annually through Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessment

Commercial Dumpster

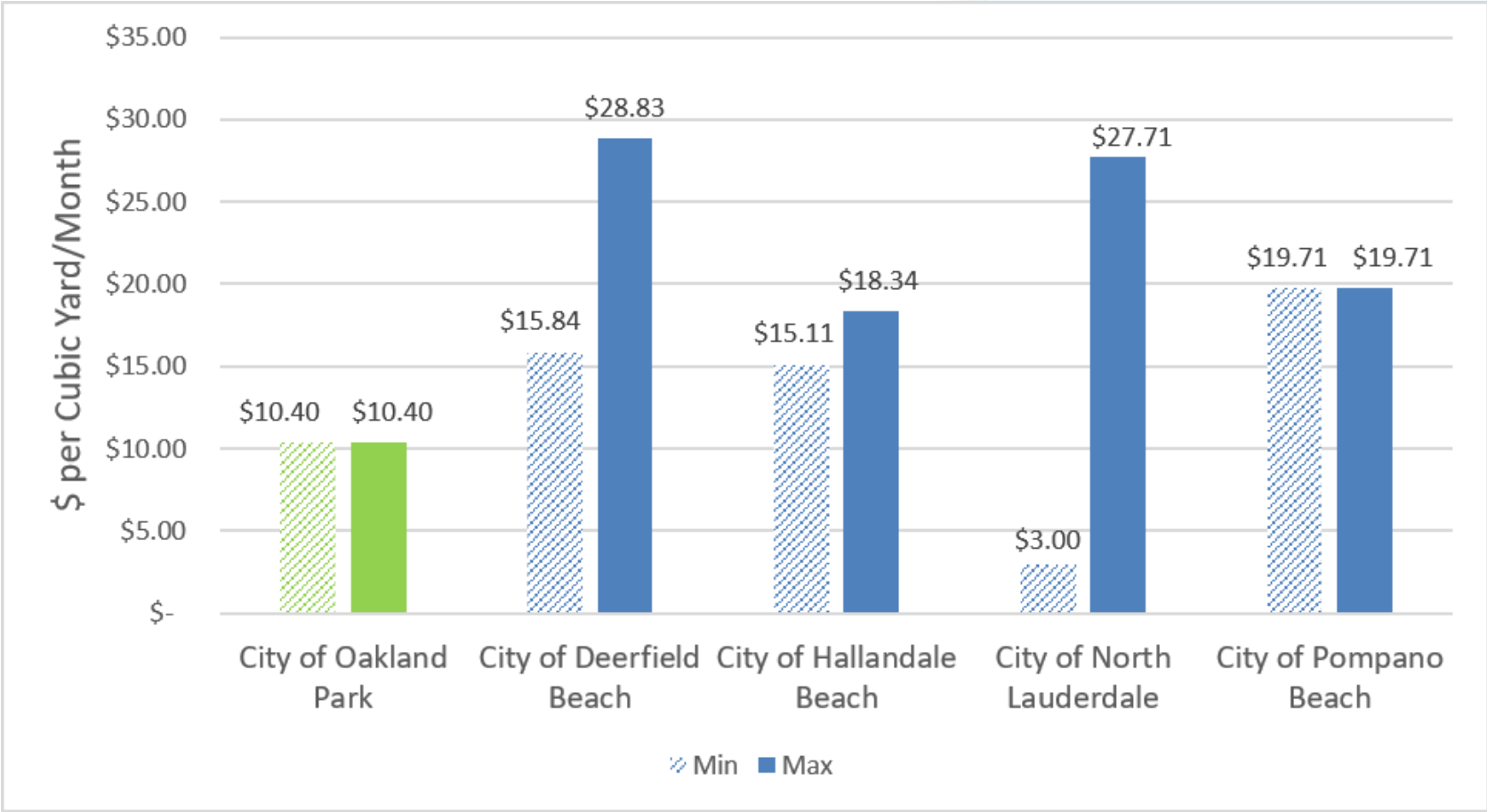
- Garbage 2-5x/week in 2–8-yard dumpsters
- Recycling in roll carts
- Billed Monthly through Utility Bills



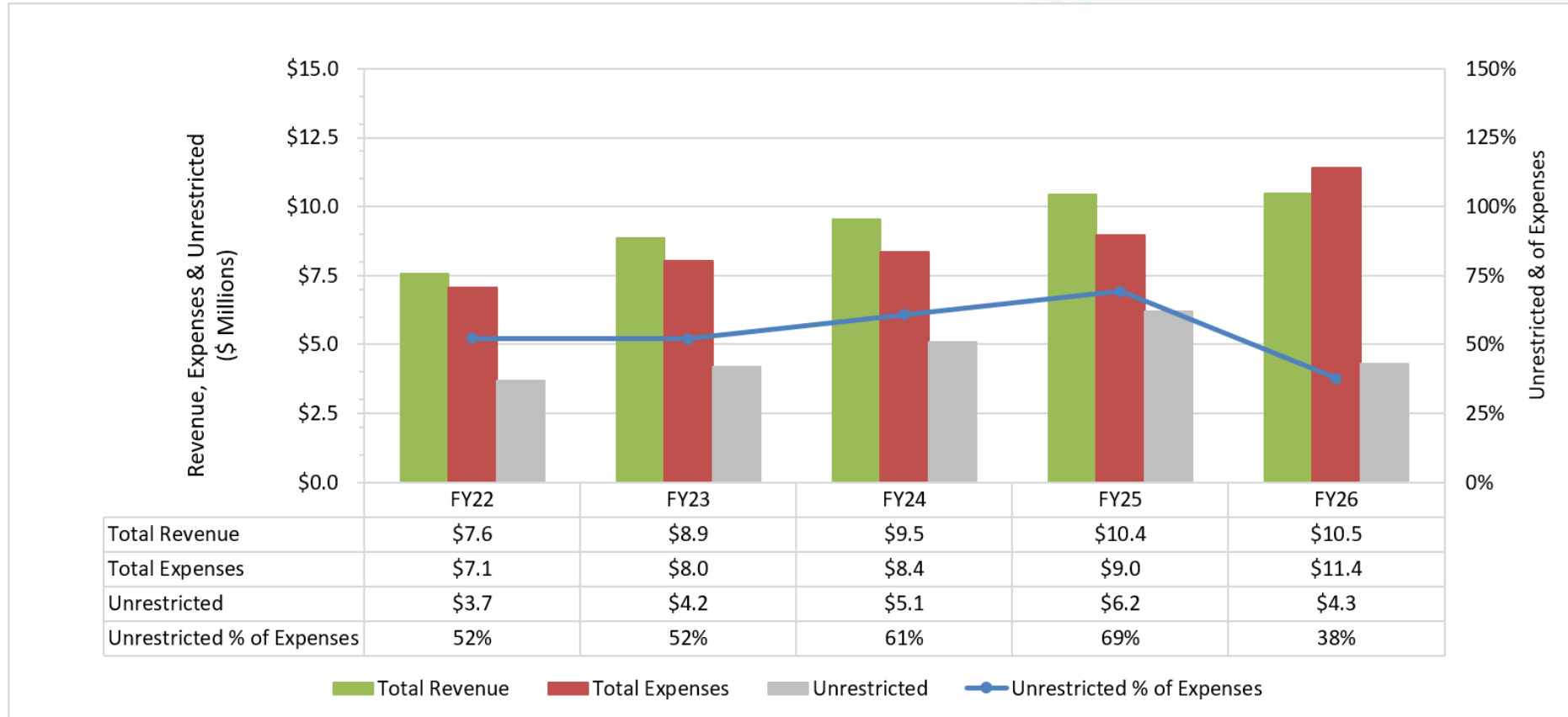
2026 Residential Rate Comparison



2026 Dumpster Service Rate Comparison

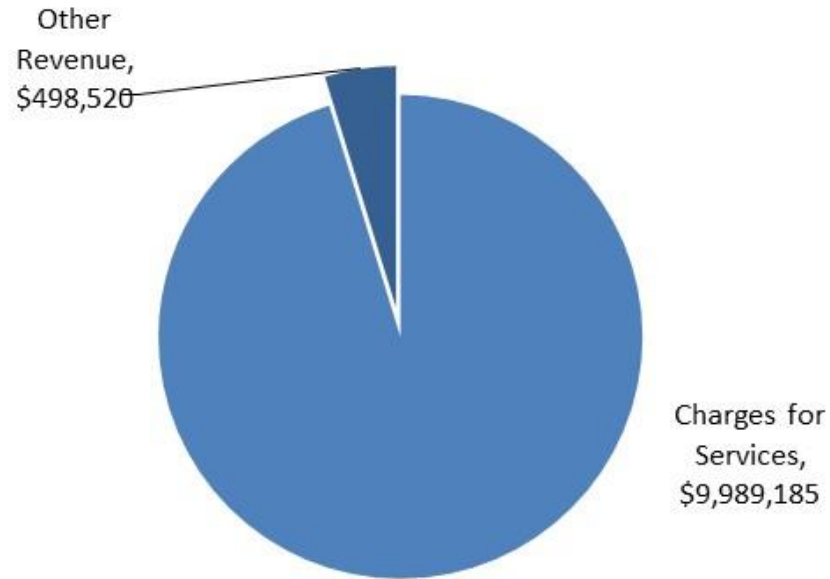


Financial Performance History

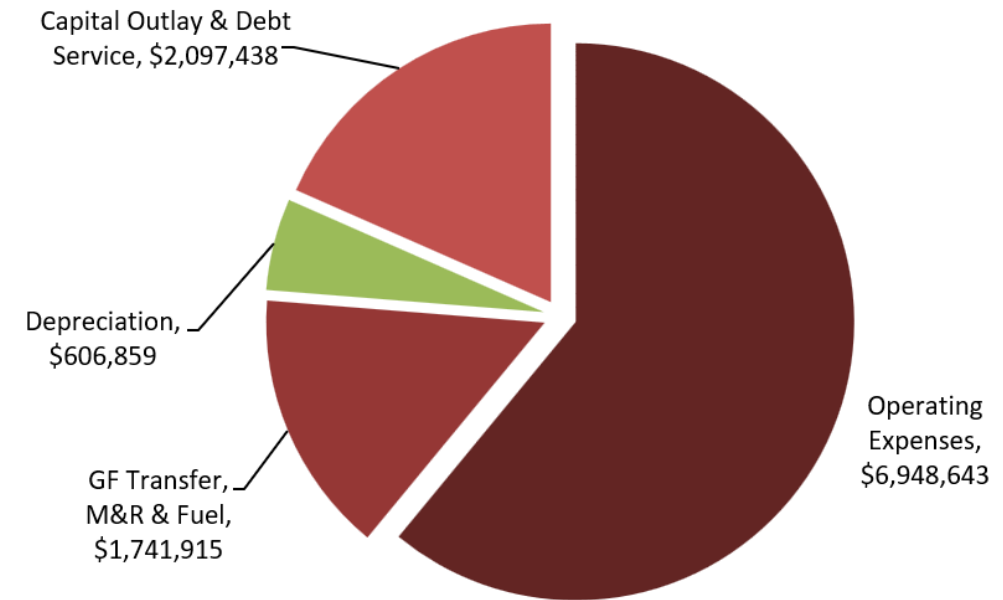


Financial Performance History

Revenue (FY26 Projected)



Expenses (FY26 Projected)



Key Financial Drivers & Rate Study Approach

1. Operating cost increases outpacing CPI
2. Fleet replacement cost
3. Potential ILA operational and financial impacts
4. City fiscal policy regarding reserves
5. Balance consideration of customer rate impact with prudent fiscal planning



Financial Projections: Key Parameters

- **General Assumptions**

- Residential Customer Growth (1.4%)
- Commercial Customer Growth (1.2%)
- General CPI (3.0%)
- Salary and Benefits (7.5%)
- Transfer and Disposal (5.0%)

- **No Operational Changes**

- **Fleet Replacement**

- 5 to 7-year front-line fleet age
- Total approximately \$5 million in next 5 years

- **Unable to project potential ILA impacts**

- Focus on current conditions for rate modeling
- Consider adjusting parameters after decision is made and costs' impacts can be estimated

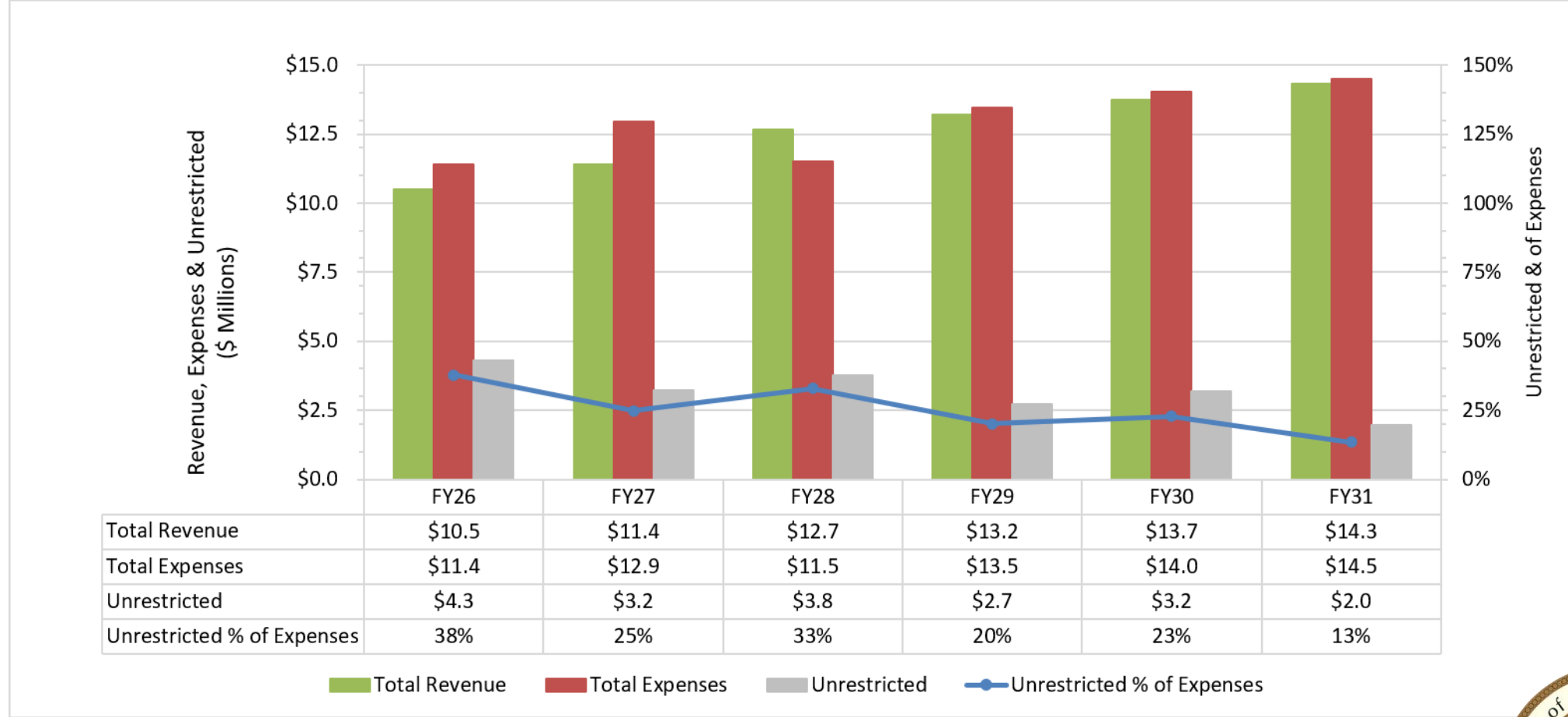


Proposed Rate Increases

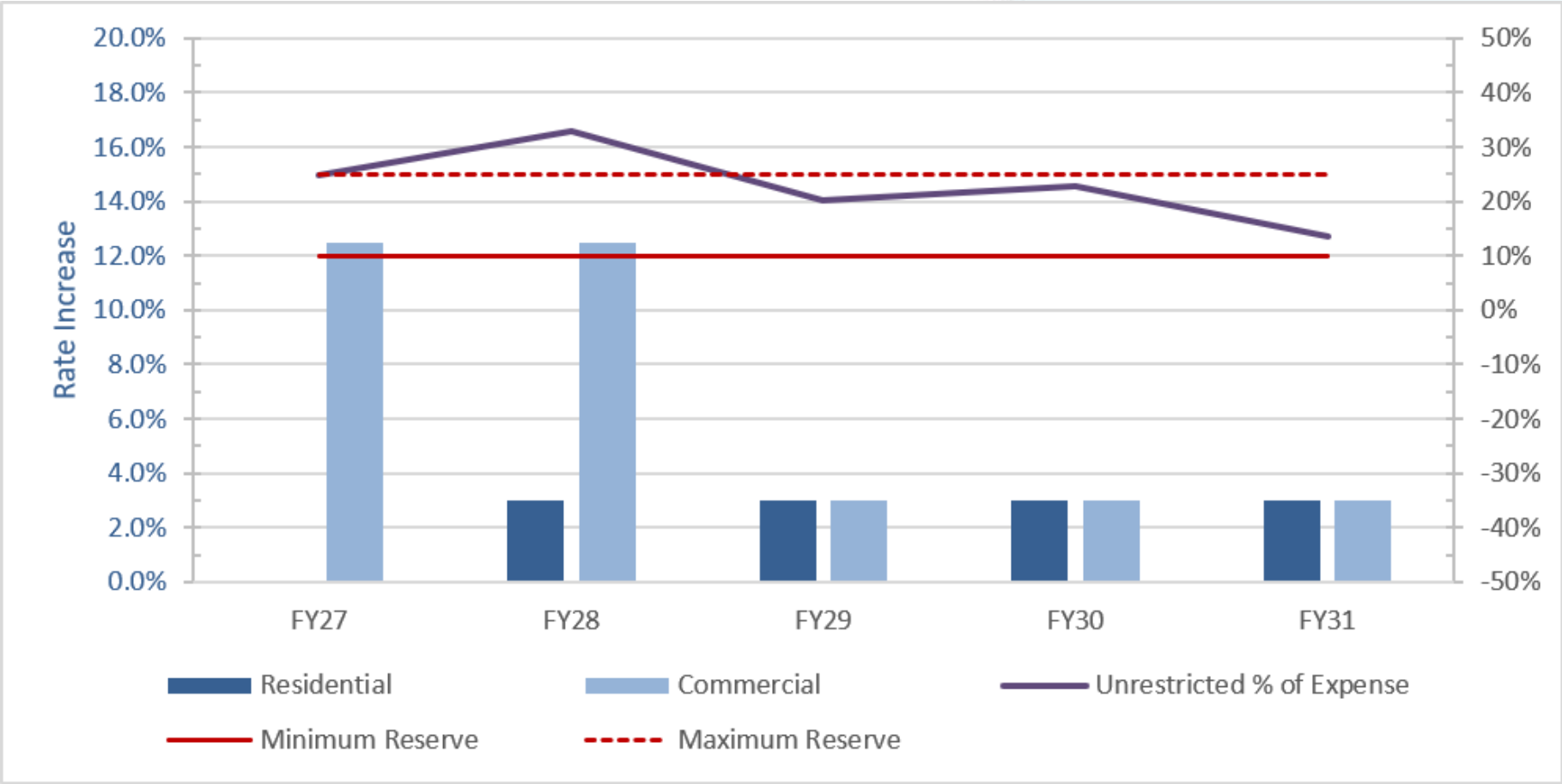
	Services	Fleet Acquisition	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Residential	Current	Purchase	0%	CPI	CPI	CPI	CPI
Commercial			12.5%	12.5%	CPI	CPI	CPI



Fund Performance - Proposed Rate Increases



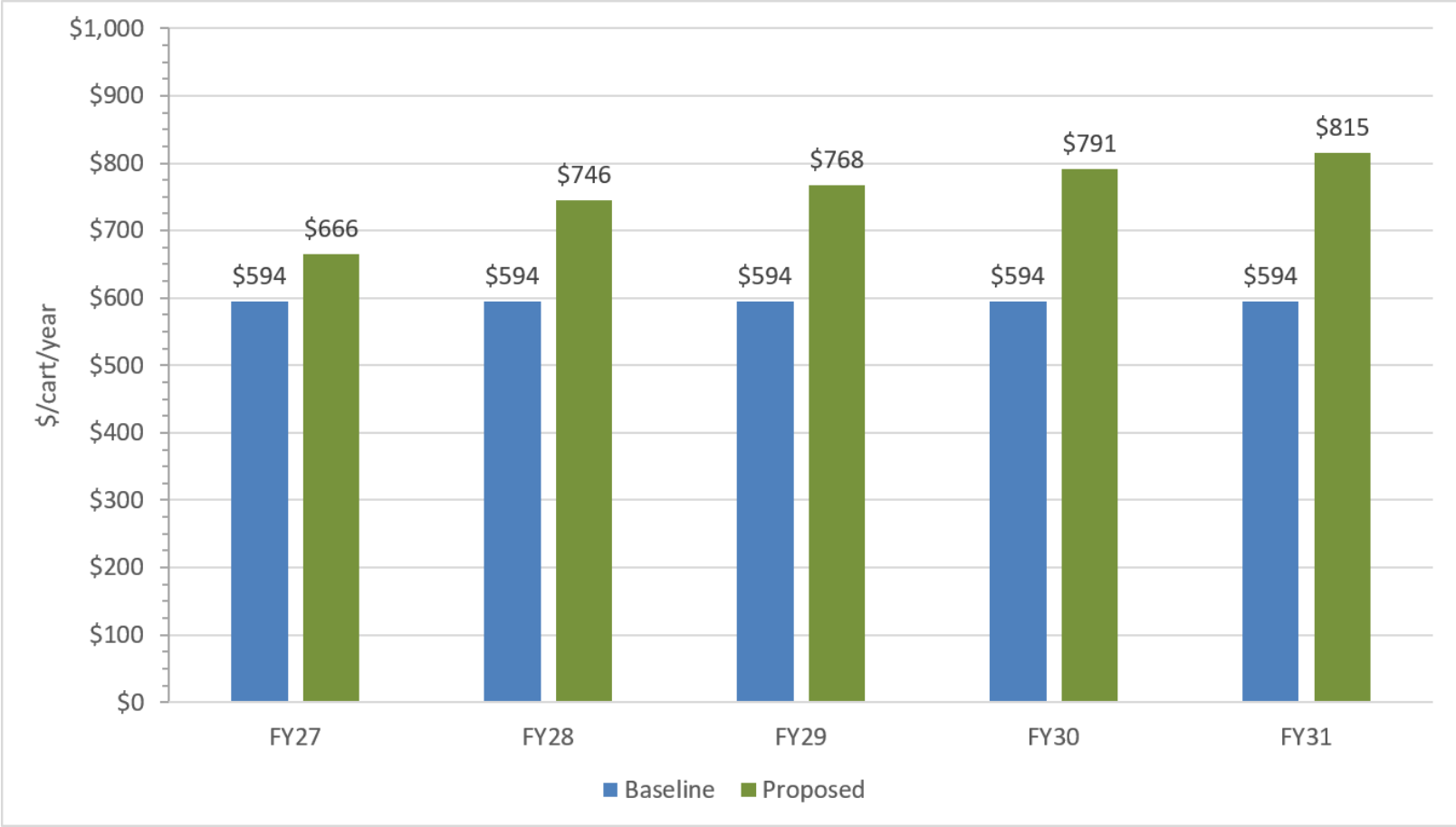
Unrestricted vs. Reserve Targets – Proposed Rate Increases



Residential Cart – Proposed Rate Increases



Commercial Cart – Proposed Rate Increases



Commercial Dumpsters – Proposed Rate Increases

Example based on 8-yard dumpster serviced 2x/week



Summary

- Compiled historical and current operational and financial data
- Projected future financial performance of the Enterprise Fund
- Fund will be rapidly depleted in the next few years without rate increases
- Guided by the rate modeling approach, assessed possible rate increases to maintain Unrestricted reserves.
- Proposed rate increases will meet projected fleet replacement and operating costs; meet unrestricted reserve targets.
- Joining the ILA - lower recycling and disposal tip potentially takes effect late FY28 or FY29; financials could change significantly; rates should be revisited in another year's time.



