



# City of Jacksonville, Florida

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January 27, 2020

The Honorable Scott Wilson  
City Council President and Members of the City Council  
117 West Duval Street, Suite 425  
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

**RE: Application for Non-Residential Solid Waste Collection and Transportation Franchise Application from Freedom Waste Management**

Dear President Wilson and Members of City Council:

In accordance with Jacksonville Municipal Code, Sections 380.605 transmitted herewith is an application for a Non-Residential Solid Waste Collection and Transportation Franchise application from Freedom Waste Management.

The Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Division has coordinated a review of the information submitted by the applicant, inspection of its facility and Jacksonville office location in addition to conducting telephone interviews with the applicant to discuss its existing and proposed operations and maintenance plan for expansion into Duval County and their business plan and marketing strategies to accomplish this expansion. The application was submitted with the appropriate fee of \$1,500.

**Experience and Potential Significant Amount of Duval County Business –Freedom Waste Management** is a startup business. The applicant is a native, business owner with strong family ties in the city of Jacksonville. Based upon skills and work ethic the applicant is certain the professional relationships built over the years with top management in Jacksonville will garner business. Freedom Waste is enthused about opening a business in Jacksonville with its ever growing job market and population.

### **Financial Resources**

The applicant certifies that it has the financial resources to perform its duties and obligations as a franchise. The applicant is starting a new business. The owner has submitted proof of liquid assets of \$100,000. The applicant's certificate of insurance has been reviewed by Risk Management staff and meets the specified insurance requirements.

### **Disposal Methods, Quantities, and Facilities**

The applicant proposes to landfill all Class I franchised waste it collects at the City's Trail Ridge Landfill and estimates it will collect approximately 150 tons per month or 1,800 tons per year of solid waste.

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The applicant's corporate headquarters are located at 7050 NE 220<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Williston, FL 32696 with a local office at 7263 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL 32216 where their Duval County records can be examined.

**Evidence of Safety and Reliability and Sanitation**

The applicant will begin operations with three solid waste trucks and a safety manual that will guide daily operations. The applicant has provided a summary of sanitation inspections and practices to be completed on a regular basis. In addition, the applicant will hold weekly safety meeting to review safety rules and guidelines.

**Background Information**

The applicant has certified that it has not been adjudicated in default on any government contracts or bids and that there are no unsatisfied final money judgments against it. Limited background checks have been completed by JSO's Interagency Special Investigator who found no records of public entity crimes, felony and/or misdemeanor charges.

Based upon the information received and reviewed, the Department recommends that the Council grant a franchise transfer for a Non-Residential Solid Waste Collection and Transportation Franchise to United Site Services, LLC based upon the following conditions:

1. execution of a franchise agreement as specified in Section 380.605(a) (6)
2. submission of a payment bond, as specified in Section 380.608(f)
3. execution of an indemnification agreement, as specified in Section 380.608(h)

If there are any questions regarding this matter please contact Will Williams at 904-255-7512.

Sincerely,

John Pappas, P.E.  
Director of Public Works