

**Item Title:** Appropriate Sales Revenue and Solid Waste Operating Fund Fund Balance for the Hauling of Scrap Metal Recycling

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners appropriates \$70,768 in scrap metal sales revenue and \$329,232 of Solid Waste Operating Fund fund balance for the hauling of scrap metal recycling.**

**Item Summary:**

**Purpose:** In accordance with the North Carolina Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, the Board of Commissioners must approve all amendments that increase the budget.

**Background:** Wake County currently collects and transports scrap metal from Convenience Centers to a processing facility for recycling. Historically, these services were provided under a single revenue-only contract, with the cost of hauling deducted from the value of the scrap metal. Following a recent legal settlement, the County is now procuring hauling services separately from scrap metal processing. Under this new structure, scrap metal processing will continue to generate revenue, while hauling will be treated as a direct expense. This shift introduces a new, unanticipated expense that was not included in the FY2026 budget planning process. This Board action appropriates the funds needed to haul scrap metal this fiscal year. Staff will incorporate this cost into future Solid Waste operating budgets.

**Strategic Plan:** This action supports standard County operations.

**Fiscal Impact:** The FY2026 expenditures related to scrap metal hauling are estimated to be \$400,000. Appropriate \$70,768 in scrap metal sales revenue and \$329,232 from Solid Waste Operating Fund fund balance for the hauling of scrap metal recycling. This use of fund balance will not cause the fund to drop below the Solid Waste Operating Fund Policy of a 3-month reserve.

**Additional Information:**

None.

**Attachments:**

1. Budget Memo – FY 2026 – Solid Waste Management Fund