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Mayor Hudson,

I reach out today to inform you of exceptional work done by a Solid Waste Supervisor, Marlon Pryce and a wonderfully skilled employee by the name of Robert who operates a vegetation hauler. Both of these individuals exhibited a cheerful "can do attitude" and exuded pride in the work they do while wholeheartedly believing in the "customer service" philosophy that the City of Fort Pierce is known for. Neither of these individuals could do their work with the skill, ability and knowledge they had if it wasn't for good management, so in that regard, I also wish to recognize and commend Solid Waste Operations Manager Tysha Williams.

As a bit of background, I own the single family residence located at 1508 Seaway Drive. Over the past six years I have been working to beautify the home/property. This has added considerable value to the property and the neighborhood, to the point that today, my neighbor to the west (Joe Foglia/Inet Palms) is selling six townhomes to the tune of \$1,800,000 to \$2,400,000 each. (Thank you for the favorable zoning that allowed that!)

Today the property has been transformed with a circular brick paver driveway, decorative planter, the addition of more than 30 tall coconut palms (six were replaced this past week), and 10 fishtail palms. I have added a pool, rebuilt a seawall and spent a sizable sum on landscaping. Annual property taxes now exceed \$20,000 and I take pride in doing my part to support our community!

Unfortunately the vegetation I added produces a considerable amount of waste. It is not uncommon to pick up 4-6 palm fronds a day and more when the wind blows. Small debris is placed in the black vegetation container for recycling on Thursdays

(it is almost always filled with coconuts and other debris) and daily I place vegetation on the eastern ten feet of property which I own. This area for vegetation debris is used by me and I have given my two neighbors to the east permission to stack their vegetation on my property too. Our believe is having one pile makes for easier cleanup by the city, and it helps to beautify our neighborhood when all of the trash is neatly piled in one place as opposed to being stacked in small quantities along the sidewalk in front of our homes.

This has worked well for all of us since I purchased the property in 2013. The vegetation debris was removed weekly and without problem. Unfortunately (and selfishly for us), we learned today that a new driver is not comfortable operating the vegetation grapple arm in proximity to the decorative wall, the hedge to the east (which helps to obscure the mess from westbound drivers on A-1-A) and my mailbox (located immediately adjacent to a speed limit sign. The vegetation pile had stacked up over a three week period and Supervisor Price came to my home to speak about his concerns. Kudos to the new driver in voicing his concerns to his supervisors and kudos to Supervisor Pryce to working to get them resolved!

In the spirit of working together, Supervisor Pryce and I have agreed that for the time being, until the new driver is trained and feels comfortable operating the grapple in proximity to the wall, sign, mailbox and hedge, I am to stack the debris on the sidewalk and notify Supervisor Pryce so he can have it removed the following day. While this is an inconvenience and a potential safety concern to all citizens who enjoy the sidewalk, and to me and my neighbors who prefer the six year status quo, we will cheerfully abide by the city's wishes. While placing debris on the sidewalk is what other citizens may do, we have all taken a bit more pride in being tidy and not "junking up" the community we all love.

Fortunately, this is temporary and I look forward to working with Marlon Pryce, Tysha Williams and others to keep Seaway Drive beautiful and worthy of additional multimillion dollar investments in the area. Thank you for doing your part too and please extend my thanks and appreciation to the other members of the City Commission and all the city employees (like Randy, Marlon and Tysha) who work hard to make Fort Pierce great!

Warm regards,

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