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VILLAGE OFFICIAL SUSPENDED

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A **North Bay Village commissioner** facing charges of bribery and corruption by threat of a public servant was suspended from office Wednesday by Gov. Jeb Bush.

David Murray Fleischer was elected to the City Commission to represent **North Bay Village's** Treasure Island district in November. In June, he had placed a large bulk trash pile - about three times the size of an acceptable amount - outside his home at 1700 S. Treasure Dr. - for pickup. When the crew told him they'd have to charge him an extra fee, Fleischer is accused of telling them he would vote against their union contract at an upcoming meeting.

According to the **Miami**-Dade County state attorney's office, Fleischer told the workers he was a city **commissioner** - and ``ultimately their boss."

Because Fleischer, 68, is facing two felony charges, the governor suspended him from public office. Fleischer is prohibited from performing any official act, duty or function of the office or receiving any pay or privileges associated with it.

North Bay Village Mayor Alan Dorne said the commission and the city manager would likely meet to discuss whether they would organize a selection committee to find a replacement until Fleischer's seat is up for election in November 2004.

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