

**AN ORDINANCE**

**NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An ordinance amending Article VII of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code to revise the method of billing and collection for solid waste fees for commercial purposes; to substitute the term Public Works for Public Services through the Article; and for other purposes.

**THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1.**

Columbus Code Section 13-169 is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with a new Section 13-169 to read as follows:

“Sec. 13-169. - Charges for service—Businesses, industries, and other nonresidential institutions.

For the service of collection and disposal of garbage, trash, and other solid wastes, businesses, industries, and all nonresidential institutions in the city requiring such services shall be charged as follows:

- (1) A minimum of \$20 monthly for up to two 32-gallon containers, and \$10 monthly for each additional 32-gallon container at the curbside or on city right-of-way. Collection will be done along with regular waste collection schedules.
- (2) A minimum rate of \$26.67 monthly for up to two 32-gallon containers, and \$15 monthly for each additional 32-gallon container, off city right-of-way or on private property. Collection will be done along with regular waste collection schedules.
- (3) Effective July 1, 2012, a rate of \$1.50 for each 32-gallon bag sticker to be used in the area designated as the Uptown Business District for six pickups per week (Monday through Saturday) at the curbside or on city right-of-way. Fees shall be adjusted annually for a period of two years, in accordance with the table shown below:

July 1, 2012	July 1, 2013	July 1, 2014 and after
\$1.50 per bag	\$1.75 per bag	\$2.00 per bag

- (4) Off right-of-way/veterinary collection service: \$105.00 per month for two collections per week. Special pick up of biological waste upon request- \$50.00 for each additional pickup.

- (5) The rates set forth in this Code Section shall be effective as of August 1, 2020, assessed on all monthly water and sewer bills issued on or after that date, and shown as a separate and distinct item on each bill, to be paid in full by the due date as shown on said bill.
- (6) All collection and disposal schedules may be rescheduled for holidays authorized by the Council of Columbus, Georgia.

All charges above the minimum rates as determined by the director of the department of public works shall be reasonable and shall be determined by the type and amount of refuse, the type of containers serviced, and time required to provide service. The fee rates shall not exceed an amount proportional to the minimum charges provided in this section. A direct service charge will be made at the If a business, industry, or nonresidential institution is being served by a private solid waste collection company, or intends to be serviced as such, it will be the responsibility of said business, industry and nonresidential institution to report this in writing to the director of the department of public works.”

## SECTION 2.

Section 13-171 of the Columbus Code is deleted in its entirety and replaced with a new Section 13-171 to read as follows:

“Sec. 13-171. - Billing and payments for solid waste collection and disposal services provided by city.

- (a) All business, commercial, industrial and nonresidential institutional accounts electing to utilize city solid waste collection services pursuant to section 13-169, shall contact public works with request to add services, at the rates set forth in section 13-169, depending on container size.
- (b) Billing and/or collecting for the tipping fees for Commercial Account Customers shall be provided by the departments of finance and public works.”

## SECTION 3.

All references to the Department of Public Services throughout Article VII of Chapter 13 of the Columbus Code are hereby stricken and replaced with the term the Department of Public Works.

## SECTION 4.

This Ordinance shall become effective on August 1, 2020.

SECTION 5.

All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2020; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said council held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmation vote of \_\_\_\_ members of Council.

Councilor Allen	voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes	voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb	voting	_____.
Councilor Davis	voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett	voting	_____.
Councilor House	voting	_____.
Councilor Huff	voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas	voting	_____.
Councilor Thompson	voting	_____.
Councilor Woodson	voting	_____.

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Sandra T. Davis  
Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III  
Mayor