

**Ordinance no. \_\_\_\_\_**

Now be it and it is hereby ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Cartersville, that the CITY OF CARTERSVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 21. SOLID WASTE, ARTICLE II. MUNICIPAL COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE. SEC 21-26. GARBAGE CONTAINERS GENERALLY, SEC. 21-34. BILLING. SUBSECTIONS (a) AND (e) AND SEC. 21-35 COMMERCIAL AND MULTI-DWELLING UNITS (HAVING MORE THAN SIX UNITS) COLLECTION CHARGES are hereby deleted in their entirety and replaced as follows:

1.

Sec. 21-26 Garbage containers generally.

- (a) The following practices and procedures shall be followed in order to facilitate the collection of garbage:
  - (1) Containers purchased by the resident prior to July 1, 2022, will remain the property of the resident.
  - (2) Every new customer after July 1, 2022, shall be provided one standardized container; unauthorized containers will not be serviced. Additional containers may be obtained from the city for an additional fee. The containers are not to be used for any other purpose.
  - (3) Each city issued container has an imprinted serial number that is assigned to a specific address (not resident). If the resident moves, the container must remain at the assigned address.
  - (4) The customer is responsible for keeping their assigned container secure and in good condition. If the container is stolen or vandalized, the customer must provide a valid police report before the container will be replaced. If a container must be replaced due to negligence, the customer shall be required to pay for a replacement container.
  
- (b) Special exceptions to the requirements of subsection (a) may be made:
  - (1) For the physically handicapped and elderly individuals on a case-by-case basis. They shall use standardized containers, and they will be assessed the normal collection rate for the back door service provided.
  - (2) Those desiring backyard pickup shall use city standardized containers and shall be charged a fee of twenty-four dollars (\$24.00\*) per month for this service if approved by the public works director.
  - (3) If a multifamily dwelling complex has between six (6) to thirty (30) units, the public works director may authorize at his sole discretion, the use of standardized wheel carts in said complex, provided that there is adequate access to and within said complex.

- (c) Every individual who has opted out of using the city's garbage service as of August 27, 1998, may continue to do so. However, in the event said individual desires to use the city's solid waste collection services at a later date, they may do so, but upon exercising that right, said individual forfeits the right to opt out forevermore.

2.

Sec. 21-34. Billing

- (a) (a) Each residential household will be billed a monthly charge of twenty-two dollars **(\$22.00\*)** minimum for garbage collection; said fee includes the cost of collection, curbside recycling, and recycling yard waste. A Landfill Fee will be included in all bills based on the estimated landfill tipping fees per curbie per month. This fee may be adjusted to cover the increase in landfill disposal costs.

The monthly fee shall be twenty dollars **(\$20.00\*)** for a residential household with a homestead exemption for elderly if the proper form has been filed. Furthermore, there shall be an additional fee of eleven dollars and fifty cents **(\$11.50\*)** per month per additional cart per residence. A chart listing out the residential and senior monthly rates is also listed below:

Residential Monthly Rates

1 Curbie	\$22.00*
2 Curbies	\$33.50*
3 Curbies	\$45.00*

Senior Residential Monthly Rates – (Homestead Exemption for Elderly)

1 Curbie	\$20.00*
2 Curbies	\$31.50*
3 Curbies	\$43.00*

\*These fees do not include the Landfill Fee based on the estimated tipping fee that is charged by the landfill that is being utilized at the time of service.

- (b) Said fee may be adjusted automatically by the department to cover the increase in landfill disposal costs.
- (c) All bills for garbage service shall be sent to customers on the billing date for utilities. These bills are due and payable at the city clerk's office on the specified date on the bills. After that date, service may be ceased until all amounts due are paid.
- (d) A penalty of ten (10) percent shall be added to all bills for garbage service where bills are not paid on the due date as specified on the bill. If a customer is in arrears for a previous month or months, payment shall first be applied to previous bills.
- (e) A fee of fifteen dollars **(\$15.00)** per sticker shall be charged to the customers and stickers may only be purchased in person at city hall or by mail order from the city clerk's office for

the collection of the waste material referred to in section 21-33(f) of this chapter. Two (2) stickers (thirty dollars (\$30.00)) are required for all appliances with refrigerant.

3.

Sec. 21-35. Commercial and multi-dwelling units (having more than six units) collection charges.

(a) Multi-dwelling units having more than six (6) units will be required to have a container and will be charged the following rates:

Container Size	Dumps Per Week	Monthly Rate
2 Yard	1	\$108.00
	2	\$151.00
	3	\$183.00
4 Yard	1	\$134.00
	2	\$210.00
	3	\$265.00
	4	\$336.00
	5	\$407.00
	6	\$531.00
6 Yard	1	\$161.00
	2	\$254.00
	3	\$316.00
	4	\$388.00
	5	\$460.00
	6	\$638.00
8 Yard	1	\$192.00
	2	\$297.00
	3	\$386.00
	4	\$475.00
	5	\$565.00
	6	\$719.00

Extra dumps for dumpsters/containers \$150.00

(b) The collection charges for commercial curbies are as follows:

Commercial Curbies	Once Per Week Pickup	Twice Per Week Pickup
1 Curbie	\$35.00*	\$52.00*
2 Curbies	\$43.00*	\$64.50*
3 Curbies	\$51.00*	\$75.50*
4 Curbies	\$58.00*	\$85.50*
5 Curbies	\$67.00*	\$97.00*

- (c) Said fee may be adjusted automatically by the department to cover the increase in landfill disposal costs.
- (d) All bills for garbage service shall be sent to customers on the billing date for utilities. These bills are due and payable at the city clerk's office on the specified date on the bills. After that date, service may be ceased until all amounts due are paid.
- (e) A penalty of ten (10) percent shall be added to all bills for garbage service where bills are not paid on the due date as specified on the bill. If a customer is in arrears for a previous month or months, payment shall first be applied to previous bills.

4.

It is the intention of the city council, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances, City of Cartersville, Georgia, and the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish such intention and any ordinance or part thereof not amended shall remain in effect and be unchanged.

5.

This rate increase will be effective as of May 1, 2023.

**BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED.**

FIRST READING: \_\_\_\_\_  
SECOND READING: \_\_\_\_\_

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MATTHEW J. SANTINI, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
JULIA DRAKE, CITY CLERK