



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
ORDINANCE**

MEETING DATE: 01/06/2026

PRESENTER: Patricia D. B. Redfearn, Ph.D., Solid Waste and Recycling Director

TITLE: Second Reading of an Ordinance of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, Amending Chapter 26, Utilities and Services, of the Code Of Ordinances of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas by Amending Article VI, “Garbage Collection and Disposal,” Sections 26-113 Residential Fees, and 26-115 Commercial Fees; Making This Amendment Cumulative; Repealing All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; Providing a Savings Clause, Severability Clause, and a Penalty Clause; and Providing for an Effective Date

PURPOSE OF REQUEST:

Grand Prairie residential solid waste and recycling fees fund a multitude of activities in the community, to include garbage and recycling collection, Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful programs, Household Hazardous Waste Collection program, street sweeping, illegal dumping clean-up crew, brush crews, litter crews, TxDOT R-O-W litter collection contract, and community gardens. A 2022 Cost of Service Analysis identified necessary rate adjustments needed to provide for current and future projects and to replenish reserve balances, over time. This proposed ordinance modification will provide an increase of \$1.25 per household to the monthly solid waste rate.

In addition, there will be an increase in the rates charged by Republic Services. The FY2026 rates for collection, which are outlined in Exhibit A to the ordinance, and represent a 5.25% increase from last year’s rates.

This ordinance is scheduled for second and final reading and approval on January 6, 2026.

BODY

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 26, “UTILITIES AND SERVICES” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS BY THE AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE VI, “GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL,” SECTIONS 26-113 RESIDENTIAL FEES, 26-115 COMMERCIAL FEES, AND 26-119 RATES FOR DISPOSAL; MAKING THIS AMENDMENT CUMULATIVE; REPEALING

ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE, PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City has an interest in protecting public health, safety and welfare of the citizens through proper collection and disposal of solid waste; and

WHEREAS, the City has the authority to regulate residential and commercial solid waste collection rates; and

WHEREAS, Republic Waste Services of Texas, Ltd. d/b/a Republic Services of Grand Prairie has requested an increase in certain fees; and

WHEREAS, increases in residential, commercial, and industrial garbage collection services are reasonable and within the market range.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 26, Article VI, “Garbage Collection and Disposal” Sections 26-113, 26-115, and 26-119, are hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 26-113. Residential Fees.

- (a) The collection and removal of garbage and trash in disposable containers from premises used for residential purposes shall be made two (2) times per week (and collection of recyclables shall be made one (1) time each week). The fair and reasonable charge for such service is hereby determined to be twenty-two dollars and twenty-six cents (\$22.26) per residential unit for each calendar month, and the charges shall accrue for each month or portion thereof during which the service is available and provided to the customer. Eligible for a one-dollar (\$1.00) discount are water account customers aged sixty-five (65) and older with the account in the senior citizen's name and certified by ad valorem tax exemption, and permanently disabled customers eligible for transportation with city services for the disabled with the account in the disabled citizen's name. When a customer has an active water bill account with the city, the charges shall be due and payable simultaneously with charges for water service.

Residential curbside services franchise collection rate.....\$10.26

- (b) Non-senior citizen residents and certified senior and disabled citizens with an active account, who opted out of the recycling program prior to July 31, 2000, shall be charged a fee of twenty dollars and twenty-six cents (\$20.26) per residential unit for each calendar month, and the charges shall accrue for each month or portion thereof during which the service is available and provided to the customer. When a customer has an active water bill account with the city, the charges shall be due and payable simultaneously with charges for water service.
- (c) A person who fails to pay residential solid waste fees shall be subject to the termination of collection service. Additionally, the failure to pay fees shall be an offense subject to the enforcement of provisions contained in section 26-123.

Sec. 26-115. - Commercial fees.

(a) *Charges-Commercial Cart Service.* Commercial cart service is available to small commercial customers whose service address is located on Main Street or Jefferson Street. The fair and reasonable monthly charges for small commercial rolling carts are determined to be as follows:

Number of rolling carts emptied twice per week (maximum 2):

One cart is \$39.06

Two carts \$52.73

(b) *Charges Commercial Bag Service.* Commercial bag service is available to small commercial customers who do not qualify for commercial cart service. Fair and reasonable charges for commercial bag service are hereby determined to be thirty-two dollars and thirty-seven cents (\$32.37) for the first cubic yard or portion thereof and fifteen dollars and thirteen cents (\$15.13) for each additional cubic yard per month.

(c) *Charges-Commercial-type containers.* As an alternative to the collection methods and charges provided in subsection (a) above, commercial, institutional, and industrial customers may dispose of garbage and trash by means of approved commercial-type containers. Additionally, multifamily residential complexes may employ commercial-type containers for garbage and trash collection in the same manner as commercial, institutional, and industrial customers. For the purposes of this section, only, town homes organized as nonprofit homeowner associations and consisting of a minimum of four hundred (400) dwelling units may be considered multifamily residential complexes when such nonprofit status has been verified by the city attorney and the finance director upon submittal by the nonprofit homeowners association of a full financial disclosure statement showing detailed revenues and expenses to demonstrate the nonprofit status of the association. "Townhomes" means two (2) or more adjoining single-family attached dwellings in which there is a separate, real property interest in each dwelling unit and the common areas are owned by the nonprofit homeowner's association or by each dwelling unit owner through an undivided interest in common with all other dwelling unit owners.

(d) All charges for commercial services are monthly unless specified otherwise. The fair and reasonable charges for commercial service are determined to be as follows:

Two (2) cubic yards:

Emptied 1 time per week: \$113.06
Emptied 2 times per week: \$176.17
Emptied 3 times per week: \$243.51
Emptied 4 times per week \$281.85
Emptied 5 times per week \$390.64
Emptied 6 times per week \$505.69
Extra \$ 32.27

Four (4) cubic yards:

Emptied 1 time per week: \$176.17
Emptied 2 times per week: \$265.33
Emptied 3 times per week: \$366.85
Emptied 4 times per week \$470.51
Emptied 5 times per week \$576.27

Emptied 6 times per week \$748.26
Extra \$45.89

Eight (8) cubic yards:

Emptied 1 time per week: \$265.33
Emptied 2 times per week: \$451.93
Emptied 3 times per week: \$563.89
Emptied 4 times per week \$733.95
Emptied 5 times per week \$926.71
Emptied 6 times per week \$1,167.21
Extra \$77.32

Front load packers:

Four (4) cubic yards:

Emptied 1 time per week: \$242.87
Emptied 2 times per week: \$485.73
Emptied 3 times per week: \$726.55
Emptied 4 times per week \$975.65
Emptied 5 times per week \$1,216.48
Emptied 6 times per week \$1,459.34
Extra \$ 53.30

Six (6) cubic yards:

Emptied 1 time per week: \$363.26
Emptied 2 times per week: \$728.69
Emptied 3 times per week: \$1,096.05
Emptied 4 times per week \$1,459.34
Emptied 5 times per week \$1,824.76
Emptied 6 times per week \$2,190.09
Extra \$80.08

Eight (8) cubic yards:

Emptied 1 time per week: \$480.98
Emptied 2 times per week: \$966.21
Emptied 3 times per week: \$1,445.15
Emptied 4 times per week \$1,931.72
Emptied 5 times per week \$2,413.53
Emptied 6 times per week \$2,892.51
Extra \$111.75

Roll-offs:

Twenty (20) cubic yards, roll-off:

Per Pickup \$208.89

Lease charge, per month: \$18.82

Thirty (30) cubic yards, roll-off (open top):
Per pickup \$ 208.89
Lease charge, per month \$ 237.43

Thirty (30) cubic yards-Compactor:
Per pickup \$ 208.89
Lease charge, per month: Variable

Forty (40) cubic yards, roll-off (open top):
Per pickup \$ 208.89
Lease charge, per month \$291.27

Forty-two (42) cubic yards-Compactor:
Per pickup \$208.89
Lease charge, per month: Variable

Additional charges:

Container with casters, per month \$6.24
Container inside fence/container-pickup \$2.08
Additional Yardage Fee \$19.76 per yard for overflowing dumpster
South of I-20 Charge - Front loaders \$20.68 per month.
South of I-20 Roll-off \$21.91 per trip
Placement or Relocation Fee (front loaders): \$90.98
Obstruction Charge – Front-load- Equal to extra dump fee for customer’s container size.
Obstruction Charge - Roll Off: \$96.84

Burned Container Fees:

2 cubic yards: \$90.65
4 cubic yards: \$119.97
8 cubic yards: \$153.01
20 cubic yards: \$213.28
30 cubic yards: \$310.13
40 cubic yards: \$419.73

(e) Obstruction charge. The charge for an extra pickup will be assessed to all commercial accounts that have obstructions in front of containers on the day of pickup that result in return trips, and the same charge shall apply for containers being picked up for past due billings.

(f) Placement charge- Industrial-type containers. There shall be a charge of ninety-six dollars (\$96.00) for the original placement of a container and such charges shall apply if the container must be removed and replaced because of nonpayment of the customer's bill.

(g) Deposit. There shall be a customer deposit for service in the amount of one (1) month's bill for service as determined by the agreement between the customer and collector to provide service pursuant to this chapter.

(h) Landfill fees. Landfill fees for roll-off containers shall be forty-eight dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$48.58) per ton unless modified by a contract with the city.

(i) Refund Policy. Household and commercial customers who have been charged by the City of Grand Prairie for the incorrect collection services rate may be credited for up to six (6) months of overcharges. The credit given will be the difference between the correct monthly rate and the monthly rate charged and paid, multiplied by the number of months involved to a maximum of six (6) months. No credit will be given for overcharges that are more than twelve (12) months old.

SECTION 2. That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 3. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. All the regulations provided in this ordinance are hereby declared to be governmental and for the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Any member of the City Council or any City official or employee charged with the enforcement of this ordinance, acting for the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, in the discharge of his duties, shall not thereby render himself personally liable, and he is hereby relieved from all personal liability for damage that may accrue to person or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of said duties.

SECTION 5. That Chapter 26, "Utilities and Services," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, as amended shall be and remain in full force and effect save and except as amended by this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. That a violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor punishable in accordance with Section 1-8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas.

SECTION 7. That this ordinance shall be effective upon final passage and approval by the Grand Prairie City Council, immediately upon publication.

FIRST READING PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS ON THE 16TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025. SECOND AND FINAL READING PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS ON THIS THE 6TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.