

**PETERSBURG BOROUGH  
ORDINANCE #2025-10**

**AN ORDINANCE ADDING “SECTION N - MARINE PASSENGER SHIP REFUSE” TO SECTION  
14.12.140, *RATES OF REFUSE COLLECTION*, OF CHAPTER 14.12 OF THE MUNICIPAL  
CODE (SANITATION).**

**Whereas**, the sanitation department provides essential refuse management services to Marine Passenger Ships, necessitating a fee to ensure these services are adequately funded.

**Therefore**, the Petersburg Borough Ordains, Chapter 14.12 of the Petersburg Municipal Code, entitled Sanitation, is hereby amended as follows:

**Section 1. Classification:** This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall be codified in the Petersburg Municipal Code.

**Section 2. Purpose:** The purpose of this ordinance is to add “Section N Marine Passenger Ship Refuse” to Section 14.12.140.

**Section 3. Substantive Provisions:** The following provisions of Chapter 14.12 of the Petersburg Borough Municipal Code are hereby amended as set out in new “Section N Marine Passenger Ship Refuse” to PMC 14.12.140 (the proposed new language is in red).

**14.12.140 Rates for refuse collection.**

- A. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, each residential unit within Service Area 1 shall maintain and be charged for at least the minimum level of service. Single-family residential and duplex units requiring more than the minimum level shall be charged accordingly.
- B. Commercial and industrial users including hotels, motels, bed and breakfast units and apartment buildings with three or more units shall be charged for the level of service requested.
- C. The monthly rates for refuse collection by the borough or its designated or authorized agent shall be:

7/01/18—2% Increase

| Pick-ups<br>Per Week | 32 gal<br>Recycling<br>Incentive<br>Rate | 32 gal  | 64 gal  | 96 gal   | 288 gal  | 384 gal  | 480 gal    | 540 gal    |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|------------|------------|
| 1                    | \$30.51                                  | \$36.61 | \$54.18 | \$63.57  | \$184.20 | \$244.52 | \$304.84   | \$342.54   |
| 2                    |                                          |         | \$83.68 | \$123.89 | \$365.16 | \$485.79 | \$606.43   | \$681.83   |
| 3                    |                                          |         |         | \$184.20 | \$546.11 | \$727.06 | \$908.01   | \$1,021.11 |
| 4                    |                                          |         |         |          | \$727.06 | \$968.33 | \$1,209.60 | \$1,360.39 |
| 5                    |                                          |         |         |          |          |          | \$1,511.19 | \$1,699.68 |
| 6                    |                                          |         |         |          |          |          |            | \$2,076.66 |

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| 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$2,378.25 |
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07/01/2022—3% Increase

| Pick-ups<br>Per Week | 32 gal<br>Recycling<br>Incentive<br>Rate | 32 gal  | 64 gal  | 96 gal   | 288 gal  | 384 gal  | 480 gal    | 540 gal    |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|------------|------------|
| 1                    | \$31.43                                  | \$37.71 | \$55.82 | \$65.48  | \$189.73 | \$251.86 | \$313.99   | \$352.82   |
| 2                    |                                          |         | \$86.19 | \$127.61 | \$376.11 | \$500.36 | \$624.62   | \$702.28   |
| 3                    |                                          |         |         | \$189.73 | \$562.49 | \$748.87 | \$935.25   | \$1,051.74 |
| 4                    |                                          |         |         |          | \$748.87 | \$997.38 | \$1,245.89 | \$1,401.20 |
| 5                    |                                          |         |         |          |          |          | \$1,556.53 | \$1,750.67 |
| 6                    |                                          |         |         |          |          |          |            | \$2,138.96 |
| 7                    |                                          |         |         |          |          |          |            | \$2,449.60 |

07/01/23—3% Increase

| Pick-ups<br>Per Week | 32 gal<br>Recycling<br>Incentive<br>Rate | 32 gal  | 64 gal  | 96 gal   | 288 gal  | 384 gal    | 480 gal    | 540 gal    |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1                    | \$32.37                                  | \$38.84 | \$57.49 | \$67.44  | \$195.42 | \$259.41   | \$323.40   | \$363.40   |
| 2                    |                                          |         | \$88.78 | \$131.43 | \$387.40 | \$515.37   | \$643.36   | \$723.35   |
| 3                    |                                          |         |         | \$195.42 | \$579.37 | \$771.34   | \$963.31   | \$1,083.30 |
| 4                    |                                          |         |         |          | \$771.34 | \$1,027.30 | \$1,283.26 | \$1,443.24 |
| 5                    |                                          |         |         |          |          |            | \$1,603.22 | \$1,803.19 |
| 6                    |                                          |         |         |          |          |            |            | \$2,203.13 |
| 7                    |                                          |         |         |          |          |            |            | \$2,523.09 |

7/01/24—3% Increase

| Pick-ups<br>Per Week | 32 gal<br>Recycling<br>Incentive<br>Rate | 32 gal  | 64 gal  | 96 gal   | 288 gal  | 384 gal    | 480 gal    | 540 gal    |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1                    | \$33.34                                  | \$40.00 | \$59.21 | \$69.46  | \$201.28 | \$267.19   | \$333.11   | \$374.30   |
| 2                    |                                          |         | \$91.44 | \$135.38 | \$399.02 | \$530.84   | \$662.66   | \$745.05   |
| 3                    |                                          |         |         | \$201.28 | \$596.75 | \$794.48   | \$992.21   | \$1,115.79 |
| 4                    |                                          |         |         |          | \$794.48 | \$1,058.12 | \$1,321.76 | \$1,486.53 |
| 5                    |                                          |         |         |          |          |            | \$1,651.32 | \$1,857.29 |

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| 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$2,269.22 |
| 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \$2,598.78 |

7/01/25—3% Increase

| Pick-ups<br>Per Week | 32 gal<br>Recycling<br>Incentive<br>Rate | 32 gal  | 64 gal  | 96 gal   | 288 gal  | 384 gal    | 480 gal    | 540 gal    |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1                    | \$34.34                                  | \$41.20 | \$60.99 | \$71.55  | \$207.32 | \$275.21   | \$343.10   | \$385.53   |
| 2                    |                                          |         | \$94.18 | \$139.44 | \$410.99 | \$546.76   | \$682.54   | \$767.41   |
| 3                    |                                          |         |         | \$207.32 | \$614.65 | \$818.31   | \$1,021.97 | \$1,149.27 |
| 4                    |                                          |         |         |          | \$818.31 | \$1,089.86 | \$1,361.42 | \$1,531.13 |
| 5                    |                                          |         |         |          |          |            | \$1,700.86 | \$1,913.00 |
| 6                    |                                          |         |         |          |          |            |            | \$2,337.30 |
| 7                    |                                          |         |         |          |          |            |            | \$2,676.74 |

7/01/26—3% Increase

| Pick-ups<br>Per Week | 32 gal<br>Recycling<br>Incentive<br>Rate | 32 gal  | 64 gal  | 96 gal   | 288 gal  | 384 gal    | 480 gal    | 540 gal    |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1                    | \$35.37                                  | \$42.44 | \$62.82 | \$73.70  | \$213.54 | \$283.47   | \$353.39   | \$397.10   |
| 2                    |                                          |         | \$97.01 | \$143.62 | \$423.32 | \$563.16   | \$703.02   | \$790.43   |
| 3                    |                                          |         |         | \$213.54 | \$633.09 | \$842.86   | \$1,052.63 | \$1,183.75 |
| 4                    |                                          |         |         |          | \$842.86 | \$1,122.56 | \$1,402.26 | \$1,577.06 |
| 5                    |                                          |         |         |          |          |            | \$1,751.88 | \$1,970.39 |
| 6                    |                                          |         |         |          |          |            |            | \$2,407.42 |
| 7                    |                                          |         |         |          |          |            |            | \$2,757.04 |

- D. Pack-out service. Pack-out service shall be provided for an additional monthly charge of \$10.00 for each 32-gallon equivalent within the customer's service level. No pack-out service shall be provided for containers located more than 50 feet from the street. No pack-out service shall be provided for service levels greater than 96 gallons.
- E. Return call pick-ups. Customer containers and dumpsters must be readily available for pick-up as determined by the borough. Return call pick-ups deemed not to be an oversight or responsibility of the refuse collection personnel will be charged \$15.00 per return call in addition to the regular monthly bill.
- F. Minimum charge. The minimum refuse collection charge shall be the rate for 32 gallons for once per week pick-up.

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- G. Extra refuse. If a customer places an extra carton, box, bag, bale or container out for pick-up by the refuse collection personnel beyond the level of service billed to the customer, that customer shall be charged an extra refuse fee equal to an additional one-quarter of the minimum monthly refuse collection charge for each 32-gallon equivalent, or portion thereof, that is over and above the customer's service level.
- H. Multi-unit commercial and/or residential premises. The landlord/owner may be billed for the service provided to multi-unit commercial and/or residential premises with three or more units where the refuse containers communally serve the units.
- I. Vacation rate. In the event the residence will be vacant for a time period of one month or more, the customer may request a vacation rate of five dollars per month which will discontinue collection pickups during the vacancy of the residence. The customer will provide the utility with a specific date of return at which time regular service and billing will resume. The vacation rate is available for full billing periods only. It shall not be prorated for partial billing periods.
- J. If customers set out refuse beyond their billed level of service more than twice per month, the utility will notify the customer and upgrade the service to the appropriate level.
- K. Irregular service charges. When requests are made by customers for irregular collection service, the fee for such service shall consist of a refuse charge plus a pick-up fee, as follows:
  - (i) For plastic or metal containers (other than roll off containers), the refuse charge shall be as set out in section 14.12.140 for the size of container requested. In no case shall the charge be less than one week's billing. An additional \$55.00 fee will be applied for each pick-up of the requested container if it is between 288 and 540 gallons, inclusive, in size.
  - (ii) For roll off containers, the pick-up fee will be \$85.00, and the refuse charge will be billed at the published per pound rate for baler waste as listed in section 14.12.150.

Metal dumpsters and roll off containers may be picked up by the collector and returned to the sanitation department at the borough's discretion if a customer does not have refuse collected from the container for a period of 30 consecutive days or more. A pickup fee and refuse charge (if refuse is present in the container at the time of pickup), in the amounts set out in paragraph (i) or (ii) above, will apply and be charged to the customer's account.

A container deposit may be required for irregular services as described in this section.

- L. Recycling incentive rate. Beginning with the implementation of a residential commingled curbside recycling program, the service fee for 32-gallon refuse collection shall be increased by 20 percent over codified rates and programmed increases contained in section 14.12.140 C. This increase shall be waived for all customers who enroll in the borough's commingled curbside recycling program. By enrollment in the curbside recycling program, the customer agrees to actively recycle and follow the rules of the program as established by the sanitation utility.
- M. Disposal of vehicles. Vehicles will be accepted for disposal at the landfill under the provisions of this section, and subject to the schedule of fees listed in section 14.12.150, on-site refuse disposal rates.

It is the intent of this section to provide an affordable means for residents of the borough to dispose of used vehicles while also keeping costs reasonable for the sanitation department. It is not the intent of this section to provide processing of used vehicles prior to final disposal. Accordingly, vehicles brought to the landfill for disposal must be processed by the customer prior to disposal, by removal of all fluids, tires/wheels, and any trash contained within the vehicle, unless otherwise permitted by the department. The sanitation department reserves the right to refuse drop off of any vehicle that has not been processed by the customer. If a vehicle is dropped off that has not been fully processed, charges may be either applied to the customer's account, or billed directly to the customer if the customer does not have an account, for labor and equipment time incurred by the sanitation department to process the vehicle for disposal. Abuse of the vehicle disposal policy may lead to suspension of the customer's landfill privileges at the discretion of the public works director.

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The sanitation department shall maintain a comprehensive policy for vehicle disposal and shall update this policy periodically as needed. All persons wishing to dispose of a vehicle will be provided a copy of the vehicle disposal policy and will be required to acknowledge receipt of the policy.

N. Marine Passenger Ship refuse. A flat rate of \$800.00 will apply for each round trip performed by the sanitation department for purposes of collecting and disposing of refuse from Marine Passenger Ships docked in Petersburg. This flat rate will include: scheduling and coordination for the pickup; meeting the vessel at the designated time and place with an appropriate collection truck; and disposal of refuse at the Borough's baling facility. The flat rate applies only to activities conducted during regular business hours. If service results in staff overtime or falls on a holiday, additional charges may apply.

**Section 4. Severability:** If any provision of this ordinance or any application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

**Section 5. Effective Date:** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage.

**Passed and approved by the Petersburg Borough Assembly, Petersburg, Alaska this 16th day of June, 2025.**

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Donna Marsh, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rebecca Regula, Clerk

Adopted:  
Noticed:  
Effective: