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Council Bill No. B 233-20

AN ORDINANCE

amending Chapter 22 of the City Code as it relates to residential curbside refuse and recycling collection; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri, is hereby amended as follows:

Material to be deleted in ~~strikeout~~; material to be added underlined.

Sec. 22-159. Residential refuse customers.

(a) Rates. The following rates shall apply for the removal of refuse:

(1) Curbside pickup. Residential service shall consist of the removal of refuse by weekly curbside pickup at single family, duplex and apartment buildings containing a maximum of four (4) living units unless otherwise approved by the director, in bags or disposable containers or in centralized containers set for grouped residential units as approved by the director, once weekly. The ~~fees-fee~~ for such service shall be as follows:

Residences, per month, per residential unit ~~(single family, duplex, apartment up to four (4) units)~~ ~~\$16.52~~ 17.37

(2) Centralized container pickup. Residential service shall consist of the removal of refuse by weekly centralized container pickup for apartment or grouped residential structures containing more than four (4) living units, unless otherwise approved by the director. The fee for removal of refuse deposited in a centralized container shall be as follows:

Grouped residential units having centralized collection containers, per unit, per month \$15.72

(3) Vacant residence. A residence that ~~Residences, per month, per residential unit when property is vacant and~~ the owner has requested discontinuance of

a metered service shall be charged ~~.....Fifty fifty~~ percent (50%) of the per month, per residential unit rate applicable for the unit.

~~Grouped residential units having centralized collection containers, per unit, per month~~ 15.72

(b) *Refuse bags.* Four (4) refuse bag vouchers per year will be provided to each residential unit paying the monthly rate for curbside pickup. Each voucher may be redeemed for twenty-six (26) refuse bags. Additional bags will be made available for purchase by the customer at a cost and location to be determined by the director. Beginning on February 1, 2021, refuse bags used for curbside pickup are required to display the city logo or other unique identifier established by the director. Residential customers shall be provided refuse bags by the city at the rate of twenty five (25) bags every six (6) months. Additional refuse bags will be made available for sale to the customer at a cost and location to be determined by the director.

(c) *Customer responsibility.* It shall be the duty of every customer to place the daily accumulation of refuse in refuse bags which are securely sealed, closed or other disposable container for pickup, and it shall be the duty of every ~~Every~~ person placing garbage in any such bag or container, to shall eliminate, to the greatest extent possible, as far as possible, all water and liquid from such garbage before placing the refuse in the bag same in such bag or container. Bags may only contain refuse generated from the residential location at which the bags are placed for collection. No commercial waste or off-site construction debris may be deposited at a residential location for collection.

(d) *Location of refuse or yard waste for pickup.* ~~All items material to be removed by the city, or its authorized collector,~~ shall be placed in an easily accessible location at the back of the curb, edge of the roadway or immediately adjacent to an alley, as the case may be. Material for disposal shall not be located within a building or structure. If more than one bag is necessary to hold the refuse accumulated at a customer's premises, or if more than one bag is used for the refuse from any one building, all bags shall be placed at the same location on the premises.

(e) *Unlawful to deposit other than refuse in bags for pickup.* It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit ~~in a container or bag from which refuse is to be removed by the city or its authorized collector,~~ any material other than refuse as defined in this article into a bag for removal of refuse. If any container or bag contains material other than refuse, the city or its authorized collector shall not be obliged to remove the contents of such container or bag.

(f) *Roll carts prohibited.* Except as otherwise provided herein for centralized containers set for grouped residential units, the purchase of roll carts for residential refuse collection is hereby prohibited. There shall be no requirement for the use of residential roll carts for residential refuse collection from customers within the city. No roll carts shall be purchased or required for residential customers.

(g) *No automated refuse collection vehicles for roll carts.* The purchase of new (or modification of existing) refuse collection vehicles designed or made for automated residential roll cart pick-up for residential refuse customers within the city is hereby prohibited.

(h) *Unlawful to place refuse at curb, when:*

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership or corporation to place or allow any refuse, grass clippings, leaves or brush, to remain at the curb or edge of the roadway, or in any other open and unscreened area accessible to animals, on any day other than the scheduled day of collection of refuse for that location. The "day of collection" is hereby defined to be the period from 4:00 p.m. of the day preceding collection until 6:00 p.m. the day of collection.

(2) The person or persons in whose name the refuse account is maintained and the owners of record of the property on which the refuse, garbage, or grass clippings, leaves or brush, is placed or allowed to remain shall be prima facie responsible for its placement and maintenance in violation hereof.

(3) Violation of this subsection shall constitute a class "C" misdemeanor pursuant to the provisions of chapter 16, article II of this Code.

(i) *Dimensions and weight.* All material for collection must be in a city provided refuse bag, ~~disposable containers, or securely bound bundles not greater than four (4) feet in length, two (2) feet in diameter, and shall not exceed fifty (50) pounds total weight per bag each.~~

(j) *Collection and pickup.* Residential refuse pickup shall be made once weekly according to a schedule on file with the director. The director may vary the schedule and will post notice of any such variance because of weather conditions or other conditions which make the normal collection schedule impractical. When a holiday is observed on the normal day of collection, the collection will be made the following day or as approved and publicly announced by the director.

(k) *Special pickup-Bulky item collection.* Collection of bulky items will be provided for residential customers receiving curbside collection. Bulky items are normal household items that are too large to be placed in the city provided refuse bags. Materials resulting from the erection, destruction or remodeling of a building, felled trees, large automobile parts, hazardous materials, etc., and items which generally cannot be handled by two (2) individuals do not qualify as bulky items. Collection of bulky items will be required to be scheduled a minimum of one (1) week in advance of collection. Collection will be provided based on first available schedule. The request for collection must identify the number and type of items requested to be collected. Items for bulky item ~~A special pickup for residential customers will be provided on a continuous basis at no additional charge. This service is intended for disposal of quantities or items which are too large for regular pickup. All~~

~~material for special collection shall be placed no earlier than twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the scheduled pickup date in a visible and easily accessible location not to extend more than fifteen (15) feet from the back of curb, edge of roadway or immediately adjacent to an alley, as the case may be. Each residential customer with curbside collection will be provided the collection of one (1) bulky item each year at no additional cost. Materials resulting from the erection, destruction or major remodeling of a building, felled trees, large automobile parts, hazardous materials, etc., and items which cannot be handled by the special collection crew will not be picked up. Material meeting the special pickup criteria but placed for collection by owners of commercial businesses or rental property will be collected based on the commercial hand pickup service charge, provided previous arrangements are made.~~

The charge for each additional scheduled bulky item collection will be as follows:

First item per scheduled bulky item collection: \$21.50

Each additional item per scheduled bulky item collection: \$5.00

(l) *Suspension of ~~bundle tree limb and yard waste~~ requirements.* In the event of a storm which causes widespread tree damage, the requirement to place bundle brush and tree trimmings into refuse bags for collection may be suspended by the director.

(m) *House collection for physically disabled or handicapped:*

(1) Any owner, occupant, tenant or lessee of a residential unit who, due to a physical disability or handicap, is unable to carry refuse to the curblin may receive house collection at the same service rate as curbside collection. A request for this service must be submitted in writing to the director. This request must include certification by a licensed health care provider of the applicant's physical disability or handicap.

(2) Refuse to be collected from the house must be in bags and shall be located in plain view in an accessible location at ground level or on an open platform not more than four (4) feet above the ground level and so placed that ~~it~~ they may be reached from the ground by the collector. Bags shall not be located within a building or structure. Collection will be made from only one location on the premises.

(n) *Major appliance pickup.* The director shall establish a date and time for pickup of major appliances at curbside upon the payment of a fee of ~~twenty-two~~ twenty-nine dollars and ~~seventy-five cents~~ (~~\$22.75-29.00~~) for appliances equipped for use of refrigerants, per appliance and ~~fifteen~~ twenty-one dollars and ~~nineteen-fifty~~ cents (~~\$15.19~~ 21.50) for appliances not requiring refrigerants, per appliance and receipt of a permit for each appliance to be picked up by the person desiring the pickup. The permit shall be nonrefundable and nontransferable. Upon the applicant's request, the permit fee may be charged to the applicant's utility account.

(o) Special pickup of unlawfully placed material. ~~It shall be unlawful for any material to be~~ The city may remove refuse that is untimely placed or allowed to remain at the curb or edge of the roadway in violation of subsection (h) of this section article. The city may remove yard waste that is improperly deposited at curbside for pickup in violation of section 22-158(b)(3). ~~The fee for material-removal of unlawfully placed material-service under this subsection shall be as follows:~~

Special pickup fee of unlawfully placed material ~~\$50.00-72.13 plus \$55.00 per ton plus \$1.15 per collection minute with a minimum of five (5) minutes~~

The person(s) whose refuse or yard waste is being disposed of, the person(s) who unlawfully placed the refuse or yard waste, the occupant(s) of the property where a special pickup occurs and the owner(s) of the property, if different, shall be jointly and severally liable for payment of the special pickup fee of unlawfully placed material. Normally, special pickup fees of unlawfully placed material shall be billed initially to the city utility customer for the location where the special pickup was made.

Sec. 22-159.1. Residential recycling program.

(a) Recycling pickup. ~~As part of its basic service to residential customers, as set out in section 22-159, the city will also provide, by August 1, 1998, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable, weekly pickup of recyclable material. The schedule for pickup shall be on file with the director. The director may vary the schedule and will post notice of any such variance because of weather conditions or other conditions which make the normal collection schedule impractical. When a holiday is observed on the normal day of collection, the collection will be made the following day or as approved and publicly announced by the director. Any variances from the schedule shall be made in accordance with section 22-159(j).~~

(b) Recycling bags. ~~Three (3) blue bag vouchers per year will be provided to each residential unit paying the monthly rate for curbside pickup. Each voucher may be redeemed for eighteen (18) recycling bags. Additional recycling bags will be made available for purchase by the customer at a cost and location to be determined by the director. Beginning on February 1, 2021, recycling bags used for curbside pickup are required to display the City logo or other unique identifier established by the director.~~

(c) Duties of customer. ~~It shall be the duty of the customer to place recyclable items in a securely sealed recycling bag-bags identified for that purpose at the curb as provided for residential pickup (section 22-159(d)) or in designated bulk storage recycling containers. All recyclable items shall be separated and packaged according to rules promulgated by the director. It shall be unlawful for any customer to utilize a recycling bag for the disposal of non-recyclable items.~~

~~(c) Three (3) blue bag vouchers will be provided per year. Each voucher may be redeemed for eighteen (18) bags. Commingled recycling bags will be provided to all customers not receiving centralized pickup and having access to curbside recycling. Additional bags will be made available for sale to the customer at a cost and location to be determined by the director.~~


(d) *No roll carts.* Except as otherwise provided herein for centralized containers set for grouped residential units, the purchase of roll carts for residential recycling collection is hereby prohibited. There shall be no requirement for the use of residential roll carts for residential recycling collection from customers within the city. No roll carts shall be purchased or required for residential recycling customers.

(e) *No automated refuse collection vehicles for roll carts.* The purchase of new (or modification of existing) refuse collection vehicles designed or made for automated residential roll cart pick-up for residential recycling customers within the city is hereby prohibited.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this 21st day of September, 2020.

ATTEST:




City Clerk



Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Counselor