



Department Source: City Utilities - Solid Waste

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: March 21, 2016

Re: Amending Chapter 22 of the City Code

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance amending Chapter 22 of the City Code.

Discussion

The City of Columbia is in the process of implementing new software for the utility billing system. As part of this process, staff has been reviewing ordinances that impact utility billing. Staff has determined that there are a number of changes that should be made prior to the implementation of the new utility billing system. Currently, the new system is anticipated to go-live on May 2, 2016. The proposed amendments to Chapter 22 are to simplify future changes; clarify processes; correct changes that should have been made during prior changes; and, to maintain equity of charges for similar functions.

The following are each proposed section change with a brief discussion of the purpose and reason of the change.

Sec. 22-156. – Proposes several additional definitions related to recycling and solid waste.

Sec. 22-157.(b) – Specifies that requirement for services applies to residential customers. This is the current practice, but it was not clearly defined in the ordinance.

Sec. 22-160.(b)(3) – This change clarifies that apartment complex owners or managers requesting permanent recycling containers will be billed to the owner or manager at the applicable commercial recycling rate. We currently have no customers receiving permanent recycling service.

Sec. 22-160.(g) – This change requires compactors for complexes serving 200 or more bedrooms.

Sec. 22-161.(a)(1,2,4) – This adds the option of recycling to commercial service.

Sec. 22-161.(a)(5) – This change clarifies that material shall be collected at a point outside of a building unless approved by the Director. This is the current practice. The proposed amendment adds it to the ordinance.

Sec. 22-161.(a)(6) – This change clarifies that recycling material shall be separated the same as residential recyclables; mixed Fibers in one receptacle and containers in another receptacle. This is the current practice. The proposed amendment adds it to the ordinance.

Sec. 22-161.(a)(7) – This change clarifies that food waste compost shall be separated from all non-compostable materials.

Sec. 22-161.(b)(1)(a) – This change removes the sentence about establishing the average collection time for hand pick up services.



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Sec. 22-161.(b)(2) – This change clarifies that the front and rear load rate tables are for refuse. The proposal adds rate tables for the 4 types of recycling services offered (clean old corrugated cardboard, mixed fiber material, clean aluminum, metal or plastic containers and food waste compost). Recycling rates were previously established by the director. The commercial recycling rates will be reduced, as they have been calculated as a percentage of the front loading refuse rate. Previously, they were calculated as a percentage of the rear loading refuse rate. The revenue impact will be minimal, as commercial recycling is a voluntary service.

Sec. 22-161.(b)(3) – This change adds the front loading compactor box rate of \$20.39/cubic yard capacity and removes the section that the director sets this rate. This is the current practice. The proposed amendment adds it to the ordinance.

Sec.22-161.(b)(4) - This adds the option of recycling to commercial service.

Sec. 22-161.(e) – This change clarifies that the section refers to roll-off and compactor refuse containers.

Sec. 22-161.(f)(1-4) – This adds a new section for Recycling roll-off and compacting container rates.

Sec. 22-162 – The proposed addition to this section requires owners of mobile home parks or apartment complexes not served by a City metered service to pay the fee for refuse collection. This change should reduce the amount of delinquent accounts. Staff will contact the applicable owners prior to billing.

Sec. 22-163.(c & d) – This makes items received at the material recovery facility a separate section. Removes the statement about the director establishing the rates and adds the rates for items received at the material recovery facility.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: No significant impact

Long-Term Impact: No significant impact

Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

Vision Impacts:

Primary Impact: Primary, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Primary, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Primary, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Legislative History



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Date	Action
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

Staff recommends passage of the ordinance.