

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORLANDO, FLORIDA, RELATING TO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT; AMENDING CHAPTER 28, ARTICLE II, ENTITLED SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL, TO REVISE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL FEES AND RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PREMISES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER’S ERRORS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 28 of the Orlando City Code provides for the regulation and collection of solid waste and recovered materials in the City of Orlando (“City”), including the establishment of rates, fees and charges to be paid for collection and disposal of solid waste and recovered materials.; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has an obligation to adequately plan and provide efficient, environmentally acceptable solid waste management.; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has completed a comprehensive Solid Waste Rate Study (“Rate Study”).; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rate Study concluded the operating costs for the City’s solid waste management system have increased by fifty-six percent (56%) since fiscal year 2015, and the current residential and commercial solid waste rates are not keeping up with inflation.; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has determined it is necessary to revise residential and commercial solid waste collection and disposal fees and rates.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Orlando City Council hereby finds and declares that this ordinance is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORLANDO, FLORIDA:**

**SECTION 1. CHAPTER 28, ARTICLE II, AMENDED.** Chapter 28, Article II, Solid Waste Management, entitled Solid Waste Collection and Disposal, is hereby amended as follows:

**ARTICLE II. - SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL**

**Sec. 28.07. - Residential Premises.**

(1) *Schedule of Fees.*

(a) *Single Family Dwelling Unit.* Any single family dwelling unit with kitchen facilities: ~~Fifteen and 85/100 dollars (\$15.85)~~ Twenty-Six and 73/100 dollars (\$26.73) per month shall be charged for residential curbside solid waste collection.

(b) *Multi-Family with Two or More Bedrooms.* Any multi-family dwelling consisting of two or more bedrooms and which is individually billed and located on multi-family residential premises: ~~Fourteen and 71/100 dollars (\$14.71)~~ Twenty-five

52 and 18/100 dollars (\$25.18) per month shall be charged for residential City-  
53 furnished solid waste container collection service.

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55 (c) *Multi-Family Efficiency or One Bedroom.* Any multi-family dwelling consisting of  
56 an efficiency or one bedroom unit that is individually billed and located on multi-  
57 family residential premises: ~~Twelve and 45/100 dollars (\$12.45)~~ Twenty-One  
58 and 2/100 dollars (\$21.02) per month shall be charged for residential City-  
59 furnished solid waste container collection service. Efficiency or one bedroom  
60 units must be qualified through a certification procedure established by the Solid  
61 Waste Division. Rate will become effective upon completion of this requirement  
62 with no retroactive credits allowed.

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64 (d) *Rooming House.* Rooming houses shall be charged the applicable minimum  
65 charge commercial rate for solid waste service.

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67 (e) *Residential Multi-Unit Not Individually Billed.* Residential multi-unit dwellings not  
68 billed individually shall be billed as a commercial premises and charged the  
69 applicable minimum charge commercial rate for solid waste service.

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71 (f) *Disabled Person Collection Service.* Residential premises where all adult  
72 residents qualify for disabled person collection shall be charged the rate for a  
73 single family dwelling unit.

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75 (g) *Solid Waste Deposits.* The City of Orlando through the Orlando Utilities  
76 Commission shall collect on all new residential customers a cash deposit to  
77 guarantee the payment of solid waste bills. Such deposit shall be at least Fifty  
78 Dollars (\$50.00) for solid waste service and shall be handled in accordance with  
79 the Administrative Policy of the Orlando Utilities Commission.

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81 (h) The fees established in (a) – (f) above shall be automatically increased by twelve  
82 percent (12%) on October 1, 2027 and by five percent (5%) on October 1 of  
83 each year thereafter beginning on October 1, 2028.

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86 **Sec. 28.08. - Commercial Premises.**

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88 (1) *Schedule of Fees.*

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90 (a) *Non-City Containers.* A minimum fee of ~~Twenty-Five and 58/100 Dollars~~  
91 ~~(\$25.58)~~ Thirty-Nine and 69/100 dollars (\$39.69) per month shall be charged  
92 for commercial solid waste collection service without the use of City-  
93 furnished commercial containers. Any and all non-City furnished commercial  
94 containers are subject to the review and approval of the Solid Waste Division  
95 Manager prior to use and the Solid Waste Division Manager shall determine  
96 whether such service can be provided without the use of City-furnished  
97 commercial containers.

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99 (b) *City-Furnished Containers.* A fee of ~~Five and 88/100 Dollars (\$5.88)~~ Nine  
100 and 12/100 dollars (\$9.12) per cubic yard shall be charged for commercial  
101 solid waste collection service using City-furnished commercial containers;  
102 provided, however, that each commercial premise shall pay a minimum fee

of ~~Twenty-Five and 58/100 Dollars (\$25.58)~~ Thirty-Nine and 69/100 dollars (\$39.69) per month.

- (i) Commercial recycling collection service using City-furnished commercial recycling containers shall be charged a fee set by the Solid Waste Division Manager that is less than the fee charged for solid waste collection, and which shall be based on both operational costs and the current processing rate for recycled materials.
- (c) *Compacted Solid Waste.* Where the collection of compacted solid waste is approved by the Solid Waste Division Manager, the fee shall be ~~Twelve and 37/100 Dollars (\$12.37)~~ Nineteen and 22/100 dollars (\$19.22) per cubic yard.
- (d) The fees established in (a) – (c) above shall be automatically increased by five percent (5%) on October 1 of each year beginning on October 1, 2027.

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**Sec. 28.09. - General Provisions.**

The following provisions of this section shall apply to the collection of residential and commercial solid waste and recovered materials within the City of Orlando:

(1) *Fees.*

- (a) *Payment of Fees.* The ~~charges~~ fees established by Sections 28.07(1) and 28.08(1) of this Code shall be billed and collected in such a manner as the City Council shall from time to time arrange and determine.
- (b) *Adjustment of Fees.* The Fees shall be automatically adjusted as set forth ~~charges established~~ in Sections 28.07(1) and 28.08(1) of this Code unless City Council affirmatively acts not to impose the scheduled increase in any given year. This increase shall not apply to the Solid Waste deposit set forth in Section 28.07(1)(g).
- (c) *Delinquent Accounts.* All accounts shall be delinquent if not paid as provided in the invoice reflecting the charges for the service rendered. All delinquent accounts may result in the termination of collection service without notice. If a delinquent account is not paid within thirty (30) days, the Solid Waste Division Manager shall terminate all solid waste or recovered material collection for the account, unless otherwise directed by the Public Works Director.
- (d) *Waiver of Fees.* The Solid Waste Division Manager shall have the authority to waive the solid waste or recovered material collection fee(s) provided for in sections 28.07(1) and 28.08(1) should an investigation reveal that a commercial or residential premise does not generate any solid waste or recovered material, and thereby does not require solid waste or recovered material collection service by the City or any of its franchisees, licensees contract representatives, or other legally authorized person. If at any time

during a billing period, it becomes necessary for the City to provide solid waste or recovered material collection service to a commercial or residential premise, the particular premise shall be billed as though it had utilized the solid waste or recovered material collection service for the whole billing period. This subsection shall not be construed to allow any person to violate any provisions of this or any other chapter of the City Code.

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**SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.** If any clause or provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other clauses, provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

**SECTION 3. CODIFICATION.** The City Clerk and the City Attorney shall cause the Code of the City of Orlando, Florida, to be amended as provided by this ordinance and may renumber, re-letter, and rearrange the codified parts of this ordinance if necessary to facilitate the finding of the law.

**SECTION 4. SCRIVENER’S ERROR.** The City Attorney may correct scrivener’s errors found in this ordinance by filing a corrected copy of this ordinance with the City Clerk.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance takes effect on October 1, 2026.

**DONE, THE FIRST READING,** by the City Council of the City of Orlando, Florida, at a regular meeting, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

**DONE, THE PUBLIC NOTICE,** in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Orlando, Florida, by the city clerk of the City of Orlando, Florida, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

**DONE, THE SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING, AND ENACTED ON FINAL PASSAGE,** by an affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum present of the City Council of the City of Orlando, Florida, at a regular meeting, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ORLANDO,  
FLORIDA:

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217 THIS ORDINANCE DRAFTED BY AND  
218 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY  
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220 CITY OF ORLANDO, FLORIDA:

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