

City of Salem

In the year two thousand six

An Ordinance to amend an Ordinance pertaining to solid waste management

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Salem, as follows:

Section I. Chapter 36 Solid Waste Management shall be amended by adding the following new Sections:

“Sec. 36 - 5 Residential curbside solid waste and recycling collection

The City shall provide weekly municipal curbside solid waste and recycling collection to all owner-occupied residential units and non-owner occupied rental units serviced by the municipal collection contract at the time this Ordinance is adopted.

The City Engineer shall make such rules, consistent with the city’s solid waste and recycling collection contracts, as are necessary to provide for the efficient and safe administration of solid waste and recycling under this article. Such rules shall include the types of items collected and the limits placed on the quantity of items collected.

Sec. 36 – 6 Collection fee for certain residences

- (a) The owner of any non-owner occupied residential unit receiving curbside collection pursuant to Section 36-5 shall be charged a monthly fee of \$20.00 per unit for the collection of solid waste. The monthly fee collected from any one property shall not exceed \$100.00.
- (b) Solid waste fees for non-owner occupied residential dwellings shall not be collected when the owner or occupant thereof presents a current contract for private rubbish collection for the premises. Such contract must be valid and remain in force for the entire term of the contract. Such contract must include: the term, address, number of units, and contract price. In the event that the contract is terminated, the property owner shall notify the City in writing within five (5) business days.
- (c) Fees not collected shall be subject to all collection remedies as provided for real estate collection, including interest and demand fees. Any fee not paid thirty (30) days from the date of mailing of each bill may be liened to the property in the

following fiscal years' real estate bill. Such liens shall remain valid to the extent allowed by law.

- (d) Property owners shall be entitled to obtain a waiver of trash fees on a per-month basis for residential dwelling units that are vacant for an entire month. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to complete an affidavit as to the vacancy of the unit and submit same to the city engineering department. The city shall not issue a waiver of trash fees for any month that precedes the date the property owners affidavit is submitted to the engineering department. Individuals who make one (1) or more false representations regarding the vacancy status of a residential dwelling unit shall be fined twice the amount of the single unit fee for each such false representation.

Sec. 36-7 Commercial curbside solid waste and recycling collection

As of the effective date of this ordinance, the city shall continue to provide solid waste and recycling collection to existing small businesses currently utilizing municipal collection. New small businesses, after the effective date of this ordinance, shall qualify for municipal collection if they occupy a location from which the city formerly collected solid waste and recycling.

Sec. 36-8 Collection fee for certain commercial establishments

Any commercial establishment which utilizes municipal collection of solid waste and recycling shall be charged a monthly fee of \$30 per month.”

Section II. This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by City Charter.