

**CITY COUNCIL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

24-O-1214

**AN ORDINANCE BY CITY UTILITIES COMMITTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE ATLANTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, TO AMEND CODE SECTION 130-84 OF CHAPTER 130 (SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT), ARTICLE III (MUNICIPAL COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SYSTEM), DIVISION 4 (RATES AND CHARGES) OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADJUST THE TAXES, ASSESSMENTS, SERVICE FEES, AND CHARGES FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES SPECIFIED THEREIN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
(PUBLIC HEARING HELD 7/9/24)**

WHEREAS, it is the stated policy of the City of Atlanta (the “City”) to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, it is determined to be necessary for the protection of public health, welfare, and convenience of the City to fix and collect solid waste service taxes, assessments, service fees, and charges billed upon the property owners within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, after extensive review of a Solid Waste Services Revenue Sufficiency and Cost of Service Report prepared for the City of Atlanta, concluded that to remain financially sustainable, an adjustment to the solid waste service fees and charges of 3.5 percent (3.5%) in FY2025, an additional 2 percent (2.0%) in FY2026, and an additional 2 percent (2.0%) in FY2027 is necessary; and

WHEREAS, projected solid waste service revenues at current solid waste service fees and charges will not be sufficient to meet the financial requirements of solid waste service collection; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore necessary for the City to implement adjustments in the solid waste service fees and charges billed by the Department of Public Works in order to maintain strong infrastructure, to meet the demands of the City’s service area, and to remain financially sustainable; and

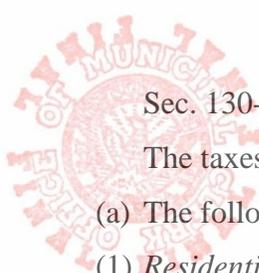
WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works recommends amending Section 130-84 of Chapter 130 (Solid Waste Management), Article III (Municipal Collection and Disposal System), Division 4 (Rates and Charges) of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances so as to adjust the solid waste service fees, and charges billed for solid waste services to be applied for the time period beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, effective and consistent ordinances and standards are necessary to ensure the proper management of solid waste within the city.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS, as follows:

SECTION 1: That Section 130-84 of Chapter 130 (Solid Waste Management), Article III (Municipal Collection and Disposal System), Division 4 (Rates and Charges) of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances shall be amended so as to adjust the solid waste service fees, and charges billed for solid waste services to include a 3.5 percent (3.5%) adjustment to be applied for the time period beginning July 1, 2024; an additional 2 percent (2.0%) adjustment to be applied for the time period beginning July 1, 2025; and an additional 2 percent (2.0%) adjustment to be applied for the time period beginning July 1, 2026.

SECTION 2: That Section 130-84 be amended for FY2025 such that it shall read as follows (with permanent amendments in bold font and permanent deletions in strikeout font):



Sec. 130-84. - Taxes, assessments, service fees and charges.

The taxes, assessments, service fees and charges set forth below are adopted:

(a) The following solid waste collection and disposal charges:

(1) *Residential*: ~~\$409.45~~423.78 per year for each residential dwelling where the garbage is collected in containers by the city; a senior citizen discount is applied to this amount based on data from the Fulton County Board of Assessors and DeKalb County Tax Commissioner, as applicable, in accordance with Section 130-77(b)(3).

(2) *All other properties*: ~~\$9,085.20~~9,403.18 per year per dumpster where the garbage is collected by the city two times a week; ~~\$22,713.01~~23,507.97 per year per dumpster where the garbage is collected by the city five times a week.

(3) *Residential backyard removal service fee*: ~~\$1,053.92~~1,090.81 per year.

(b) The following solid waste recycling fee:

(1) *Residential recycling fee*: ~~\$120.18~~124.39 per year.

(2) *Residential backyard recycling removal service fee*: ~~\$309.20~~320.02 per year.

(c) The following street based sanitary services and common good sanitary services provided by the city, including Street Sweeping, ROW Mowing, Trash Receptacles Pickup, SWEET, Keep Atlanta Beautiful, Community Cleanup, Illegal Dumping, Dead Animal Disposal, Lot Clearing, and Illegal Sign Removal, will be funded from the City general fund.

(d) The following service fees and charges for private landfill site and transfer station operations:

Minimum; private landfill site and transfer station operations: \$1.10 per ton and each fraction of a ton payable to the city by all private landfill site operations and transfer station operations and transfer station operation located within the city for refuse disposed, collected, handled, processed or reclaimed within the jurisdiction of the city. Fees must correspond with tonnage handled and will be payable quarterly and prior to issuance of annual permits.

(e) The following service fees and charges for special situations:

(1) *Special collection*: Any property either requesting or requiring special collection equipment or methods where normal curbside collection or backyard collection of solid waste or recyclables is not feasible, shall be subject to an additional fee of \$200.00 annually.

(2) *Excess bagged garbage, excess yard trimmings and/or overfilled bins*: \$12.00 per bag/occurrence.

(3) *Bulky waste*: ~~\$325.00~~336.38 per address for a one truck capacity load for all calls exceeding 12 calls per year.

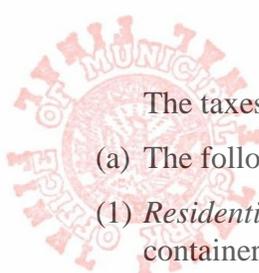
(f) The following solid waste services shall be assessed through permit fees established by the city from time to time:

Fortification and Special Event Cleanup.

(g) All exempt property sanitary service expenses and all customer discounts and Section 130-77(b)(3) discount will be funded from the city general fund.

SECTION 3: That Section 130-84 be amended for FY2026 such that it shall read as follows (with permanent amendments in bold font and permanent deletions in strikethrough font):

Sec. 130-84. - Taxes, assessments, service fees and charges.



The taxes, assessments, service fees and charges set forth below are adopted:

(a) The following solid waste collection and disposal charges:

(1) *Residential*: ~~\$423.78~~432.26 per year for each residential dwelling where the garbage is collected in containers by the city; a senior citizen discount is applied to this amount based on data from the Fulton County Board of Assessors and DeKalb County Tax Commissioner, as applicable, in accordance with Section 130-77(b)(3).

(2) *All other properties*: ~~\$9,403.18~~9,591.25 per year per dumpster where the garbage is collected by the city two times a week; ~~\$23,507.97~~23,978.12 per year per dumpster where the garbage is collected by the city five times a week.

(3) *Residential backyard removal service fee*: ~~\$1,090.81~~1,112.62 per year.

(b) The following solid waste recycling fee:

(1) *Residential recycling fee*: ~~\$124.39~~ 126.87 per year.

(2) *Residential backyard recycling removal service fee*: ~~\$320.02~~326.42 per year.

(c) The following street based sanitary services and common good sanitary services provided by the city, including Street Sweeping, ROW Mowing, Trash Receptacles Pickup, SWEET, Keep Atlanta Beautiful, Community Cleanup, Illegal Dumping, Dead Animal Disposal, Lot Clearing, and Illegal Sign Removal, will be funded from the City general fund.

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(e) The following service fees and charges for special situations:

(1) *Special collection*: Any property either requesting or requiring special collection equipment or methods where normal curbside collection or backyard collection of solid waste or recyclables is not feasible, shall be subject to an additional fee of \$200.00 annually.

(2) *Excess bagged garbage, excess yard trimmings and/or overfilled bins*: \$12.00 per bag/occurrence.

(3) *Bulky waste*: ~~\$336.38~~343.10 per address for a one truck capacity load for all calls exceeding 12 calls per year.

(f) The following solid waste services shall be assessed through permit fees established by the city from time to time:

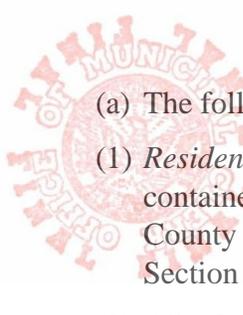
Fortification and Special Event Cleanup.

(g) All exempt property sanitary service expenses and all customer discounts and Section 130-77(b)(3) discount will be funded from the city general fund.

SECTION 4: That Section 130-84 be amended for FY2027 such that it shall read as follows (with permanent amendments in bold font and permanent deletions in strikeout font):

Sec. 130-84. - Taxes, assessments, service fees and charges.

The taxes, assessments, service fees and charges set forth below are adopted:



(a) The following solid waste collection and disposal charges:

(1) *Residential*: ~~\$432.26~~440.90 per year for each residential dwelling where the garbage is collected in containers by the city; a senior citizen discount is applied to this amount based on data from the Fulton County Board of Assessors and DeKalb County Tax Commissioner, as applicable, in accordance with Section 130-77(b)(3).

(2) *All other properties*: ~~\$9,591.25~~9,783.07 per year per dumpster where the garbage is collected by the city two times a week; ~~\$23,978.12~~24,457.69 per year per dumpster where the garbage is collected by the city five times a week.

(3) *Residential backyard removal service fee*: ~~\$1,112.62~~1,134.88 per year.

(b) The following solid waste recycling fee:

(1) *Residential recycling fee*: ~~\$126.87~~129.41 per year.

(2) *Residential backyard recycling removal service fee*: ~~\$326.42~~332.95 per year.

(c) The following street based sanitary services and common good sanitary services provided by the city, including Street Sweeping, ROW Mowing, Trash Receptacles Pickup, SWEET, Keep Atlanta Beautiful, Community Cleanup, Illegal Dumping, Dead Animal Disposal, Lot Clearing, and Illegal Sign Removal, will be funded from the City general fund.

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(1) *Special collection*: Any property either requesting or requiring special collection equipment or methods where normal curbside collection or backyard collection of solid waste or recyclables is not feasible, shall be subject to an additional fee of \$200.00 annually.

(2) *Excess bagged garbage, excess yard trimmings and/or overfilled bins*: \$12.00 per bag/occurrence.

(3) *Bulky waste*: ~~\$343.10~~349.96 per address for a one truck capacity load for all calls exceeding 12 calls per year.

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(g) All exempt property sanitary service expenses and all customer discounts and Section 130-77(b)(3) discount will be funded from the city general fund.

SECTION 5: That the amendments in Section 2 shall become effective immediately.

SECTION 6: That the amendments in Section 3 shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

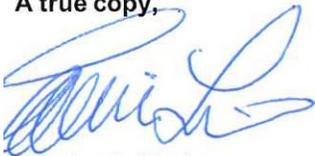


SECTION 7: That the amendments in Section 4 shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 8: Should any ordinance or part thereof be found in conflict with this ordinance or the provisions thereof, then those sections contained herein shall be deemed controlling.

SECTION 9: That the Municipal Clerk is instructed to retain all legislative history references in the codified version of Chapter 130, not deleting any such references, but amending them to include this ordinance.

A true copy,



Corrine A. Lindo

Municipal Clerk

**ADOPTED by the Atlanta City Council
APPROVED by Mayor Andre Dickens**

**AUG 05, 2024
AUG 06, 2024**