

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, GEORGIA WITH RESPECT TO **COMMERCIAL CURBSIDE COLLECTION FEES**; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 5-2-11 entitled “*Commercial Curbside Collection fees*” of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, is hereby amended by inserting a new subsection (e) and renumbering the subsequent subsections, so that the new section is:

**Sec. 5-2-11. - Commercial curbside collection fees.**

(a) The monthly base fees for commercial curbside collection services for all customers receiving commercial solid waste collection services, within the confines of the Urban Service District as defined by [section 7-301\(a\)](#) of the Charter of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, shall be as follows:

Class A ..... \$26.60

Class B ..... 32.60

Class 1A ..... 82.60

Class 2A ..... 161.60

Class D ..... 40.60

In addition, customers shall be required to purchase from the solid waste department official garbage bags in which to place their garbage for collection. The fee per bag shall be \$1.50 to cover the cost of purchasing the bag and the cost of disposing of the waste in said bag at the landfill.

The fee system includes a monthly base fee for the collection function and a disposal fee based upon the volume of waste collected. The base fee element of the system shall be based on the following customer classes:

*Class A* —Customers that have a need for solid waste collection service two times/week, Monday through Saturday. This service classification shall not be made available to restaurants or bars and is only for commercial customers outside the commercial business district.

*Class B* —Customers that have a need for solid waste collection service three times/week, Monday through Saturday. This service classification shall not be made available to restaurants or bars.

*Class 1A* —Customers that have a need for solid waste collection service one time/day, Monday through Sunday.

*Class 2A* —Customers that have a need for solid waste collection services two times/day, Monday through Sunday.

*Class 4*—Customers that have collection services provided by dumpster service. Such fees for this type service shall be based on the volume of the dumpster and the frequency of collection as set forth in [section 5-2-9](#).

*Class D*—Residential customers, defined as either owners or tenants occupying a dwelling unit, excluding multifamily residences of 30 or more units, unless approved by the solid waste director, that have a need for solid waste collection service two times/week, Monday through Saturday.

- (b) Customers shall be charged \$3.00 per five-gallon container of cooking oil collected.
- (c) There shall be a minimum charge of \$75.00 per vehicle load or part thereof plus disposal cost based on the current landfill rates for the type of materials collected by request of the customer as an unscheduled or special service, as herein defined.

The director of solid waste shall charge a customer for collection and disposal expenses associated with the removal of waste which does not comply with the solid waste ordinance or approved policies and procedures and shall charge a minimum of \$75.00 per vehicle load or part thereof plus disposal cost based on the current landfill rates for the type of materials collected.

(d) *Recycling services.* Recycling services shall be exempt from additional charges only if the customer properly registers for the service through the solid waste department. Customers who need unscheduled or special services who are not properly registered with the solid waste department shall be charged as set forth in [section 5-2-11\(c\)](#).

(e) *Glass Bottle Reduction Program.* Bars and restaurants in the commercial business district are eligible to participate in the glass bottle reduction program. Each business that elects to participate shall annually complete and have on file with the Athens-Clarke County Solid Waste Department a Glass Bottle Reduction Program Reporting Form, as set forth in Solid Waste Policy SW-023, a copy of which is available for public inspection and use in the Office of the Clerk of Commission and the Office of the Director of Solid Waste.

(f) Any customer requesting a change in service level or collection schedule over and above the one "free" change allowed to each customer during a calendar year, shall be assessed a fee of \$10.00 per change.

(g) Class D customers shall not be required to purchase official garbage bags for their solid waste; however, they shall be required to place their solid waste in the official garbage bags which shall be made available to them by the Athens-Clarke County Solid Waste Department in accordance with established policies and procedures.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.