

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF DARLINGTON)

ORDINANCE NO. 25-14

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND DARLINGTON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2 (ADMINISTRATION), ARTICLE V. (FINANCE), DIVISION 7 (FEES), SECTION 2-412 (FEE SCHEDULE) TO AMEND CERTAIN FEES AND ESTABLISH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend certain fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the governing body of Darlington County, South Carolina, the Darlington County Council that:

SECTION 1

Darlington County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2 (Administration), Article V. (Finance), Division 7 (Fees), Section 2-412 (Fee Schedule), Item (7), **which currently reads:**

- (7) Environmental Services Dumping Fees/Charges — These charges pertain to all intergovernmental agencies to include, but not limited to municipalities, school districts, water and sewer authorities, etc.
- Construction Material — Private/Commercial
 - Loads weighing under 5 tons \$38.50 per ton
 - Loads weighing 5 tons — 10 tons \$200.00 per load
 - Loads weighing over 10 tons \$500.00 per load
 - Contaminated Loads \$100.00 per load
 - E-Waste Fee (Electronics) — Commercial Only \$50.75 per ton
 - Landfill Business Registration Fee (New Accounts) \$25.00
 - Landfill Business Annual Registration Fee \$25.00
 - Municipal Solid Waste — Gate Rate
 - Private and Commercial \$50.75 per ton
 - Permitted Waste — Private/Commercial
 - Contractors, Municipal/Commercial \$50.75 per ton
 - Special Handling Materials —
 - All Haulers \$125.00 plus actual cost of any testing, analysis, or landfill expenses
 - Tires
 - Passenger Tires Only (up to size 235R15) No Charge (up to four per day)

- All Others \$100.00 per ton (less \$2.00 per tire with proof of paying State Tire Tax)
- Yard Debris
 {excludes municipalities & SCDOT} \$38.50 per ton
- Recycling/Solid Waste Service Charge \$60.00 annually
 (The recycling/solid waste service charge is levied upon all residential properties, including mobile homes and farm residences, in the county. The service charge shall be levied on individual residential units located in apartments and duplexes and on individual mobile home parking spaces located in mobile home parks. The service charge shall be added to the annual tax bill of the owners of such residential properties and collected at the same time and subject to the same provisions as county taxes. Unpaid service charges shall constitute a lien against the property charged, superior to all other liens and encumbrances except only the lien for property taxes, and such unpaid service charges shall accrue interest and penalties as provided for property taxes. The method provide in this section for the enforcement of the collection of past due service charges shall not be the exclusive method of enforcing service charges in any other lawful manner.)

Be amended to read as follows:

- (7) Environmental Services Dumping Fees/Charges — These charges pertain to all intergovernmental agencies to include, but not limited to municipalities, school districts, water and sewer authorities, etc.
- Construction Material — Private/Commercial - \$42.00 per ton
 - Contaminated Loads \$100.00 per load
 - E-Waste Fee (Electronics) — Commercial Only \$60.00 per ton
 - Landfill Business Registration Fee (New Accounts) \$25.00
 - Landfill Business Annual Registration Fee \$25.00
 - Municipal Solid Waste — Gate Rate
 Private and Commercial \$60.00 per ton
 - Permitted Waste — Private/Commercial
 Contractors, Municipal/Commercial \$60.00 per ton
 - Special Handling Materials —
 All Haulers \$125.00 plus actual cost of any testing, analysis, or landfill expenses
 - Tires
 - Passenger Tires Only (up to size 235R15) No Charge (up to four per day)
 - All Others \$100.00 per ton (less \$2.00 per tire with proof of paying State Tire Tax)
 - Yard Debris
 {excludes municipalities & SCDOT} \$42.00 per ton

- Recycling/Solid Waste Service Charge **\$70.00** annually

(The recycling/solid waste service charge is levied upon all residential properties, including mobile homes and farm residences, in the county. The service charge shall be levied on individual residential units located in apartments and duplexes and on individual mobile home parking spaces located in mobile home parks. The service charge shall be added to the annual tax bill of the owners of such residential properties and collected at the same time and subject to the same provisions as county taxes. Unpaid service charges shall constitute a lien against the property charged, superior to all other liens and encumbrances except only the lien for property taxes, and such unpaid service charges shall accrue interest and penalties as provided for property taxes. The method provide in this section for the enforcement of the collection of past due service charges shall not be the exclusive method of enforcing service charges in any other lawful manner.)

SECTION 2

Darlington County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2 (Administration), Article V. (Finance), Division 7 (Fees), Section 2-412 (Fee Schedule), Item (12), **which currently reads:**

(12) Mileage Reimbursement \$0.655 per mile

Be amended to read as follows:

(12) Mileage Reimbursement **\$0.70** per mile

SECTION 3

Darlington County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2 (Administration), Article V. (Finance), Division 7 (Fees), Section 2-412 (Fee Schedule), Item (23), **which currently reads:**

(23) Freedom of Information Act Requests — Fees and Rates for Public Records

- Documents transmitted in electronic format — No Charge.
- Copies — \$0.25 per page (8.5 × 11)
\$1.00 per page (oversized copies)
- Document search and/or compilation requiring more than a minimum amount of time by the staff to comply with a FOIA request — prorated hourly salary of the lowest paid employee who, in the reasonable discretion of the custodian of the records, has the necessary skill and training to perform the request.
- If it is apparent that a FOIA request will require more than five hours of staff time to comply with the request, the county shall require a deposit not to exceed 25 percent of the total anticipated cost for reproduction of the records prior to the county searching for or making copies of the records. Upon

payment of the deposit, the work will be performed. Documents will be provided to the requestor upon receipt of the full cost of the work.

- When, at the discretion of the county administrator, it is determined to be in the best interest of the taxpayers of the county to waive the requirements of this subsection, such fees and charges may be waived in whole or in part.

Be amended to read as follows:

(23) Freedom of Information Act Requests — Fees and Rates for Public Records

- Documents transmitted in electronic format — No Charge.
- Copies — \$0.25 per page (8.5 × 11)
\$1.00 per page (oversized copies)
- Document search and/or compilation **and redaction** requiring more than a minimum amount of time by the staff to comply with a FOIA request — prorated hourly salary of the lowest paid employee who, in the reasonable discretion of the custodian of the records, has the necessary skill and training to perform the request.
- If it is apparent that a FOIA request will require more than five hours of staff time to comply with the request, the county shall require a deposit not to exceed 25 percent of the total anticipated cost for reproduction of the records prior to the county searching for or making copies of the records. Upon payment of the deposit, the work will be performed. Documents will be provided to the requestor upon receipt of the full cost of the work.
- When, at the discretion of the county administrator, it is determined to be in the best interest of the taxpayers of the county to waive the requirements of this subsection, such fees and charges may be waived in whole or in part.

SECTION 4

The provision of this ordinance shall be included and incorporated in the Code of Ordinances of the County of Darlington, as an addition or amendment thereto, and shall be appropriately renumbered to conform to the uniform numbering system of the Code.

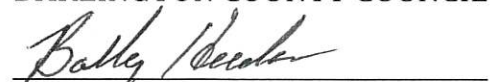
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This ordinance shall become effective upon third reading.

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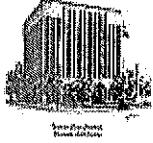

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