

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-62

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LARGO, FLORIDA AMENDING THE CITY OF LARGO CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 20 – SOLID WASTE, SECTION 20-30 TO INCREASE FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE SERVICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 20-32 TO INCREASE FEES FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL CONTAINER SERVICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 20-38 REGARDING NO COST SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Largo operates a solid waste collection system to benefit and serve the interest of public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, a solid waste collection fee was established as a financing mechanism to provide a stable and dedicated funding source to pay the operating and capital costs of the solid waste collection system; and

WHEREAS, an increase in the solid waste collection fee is now necessary to cover the normal recurring costs of the solid waste collection system; and

WHEREAS, the solid waste collection fees have not been increased since 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF LARGO CITY COMMISSION HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Article II, Section 20-30 of the City of Largo Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

Article II, Sec. 20-30. - Scheduled residential curbside service.

- (a) The charge per month for scheduled residential curbside service shall be ~~\$23.30~~ \$27.96
- (b) This classification of service shall include the following:
 - (1) One city-provided automated cart shall be collected twice per week. Solid waste placed in automated cart shall be limited to household waste generated on the site to which the subscription applies.
 - (2) Collection and disposal service for an additional city-provided automated cart shall be provided at an additional charge as provided in subsection (a) of this section. A minimum subscription period of six months is required for this service.
 - (3) Acceptance of additional services. Where a subscriber has placed solid waste for collection which would comprise an additional service beyond those which are currently subscribed, or where a subscriber requires an additional service beyond those which are currently subscribed to comply with the requirements of this article, such a condition shall comprise authorization to provide such service and agreement to pay such fees as are prescribed by this article for such additional service without prior notification.
 - (4) One city-provided automated recycle cart shall be collected once per week. Recycling placed in automated cart shall be limited to household waste generated on the site to which the subscription applies.
 - (5) Collection of horticultural and yard waste generated on the premises to which the subscription applies. Collections shall be performed on a scheduled weekly basis for

amounts of five cubic yards or less. A collection of horticultural and yard waste larger than five cubic yards but ten cubic yards or less, will be classified as a collection of bulky waste per section 20-30 (b)(7).

- (6) Collection of bulky waste shall not exceed four collections annually, with a maximum of ten cubic yards to be collected in each collection, per subscriber. Collections shall be performed on a scheduled weekly basis.
- (7) The fee for bulky waste collection and disposal services in excess of the maximum amount identified in subsection 20-30(b)(6) shall be as follows:
 - a. ~~—\$75.00~~ \$100.00 per collection; and
 - b. The waste disposal cost (e.g. the "tipping fee") equal to the actual tipping fee incurred; and
 - c. Upon a determination by the City the amount of bulky waste placed for collection exceeds ten cubic yards, the subscriber shall be provided a 20 cubic yard roll-off container in which to place the waste for removal and will be charged in accordance with subsection 20-32(f)(2).

Section 2. That Article II, Section 20-32 of the City of Largo Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

Article II, Sec. 20-32. - Commercial and industrial container service.

- (a) *Scheduled front-load dumpster service.* This classification of service shall include the following services and fees:
 - (1) Scheduled front-load dumpster service charged in accordance with the monthly fees as follows:

Dumpster Size in Cubic Yards	Number of Collections Per Week and Monthly Fee					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Two	\$66.00	\$140.00	\$210.00	\$279.00	\$350.00	\$420.00
	<u>\$ 79.00</u>	<u>\$168.00</u>	<u>\$252.00</u>	<u>\$335.00</u>	<u>\$420.00</u>	<u>\$504.00</u>
Four	\$127.00	\$270.00	\$403.00	\$537.00	\$672.00	\$806.00
	<u>\$152.00</u>	<u>\$324.00</u>	<u>\$484.00</u>	<u>\$644.00</u>	<u>\$806.00</u>	<u>\$967.00</u>
Six	\$186.00	\$395.00	\$592.00	\$790.00	\$986.00	\$1,184.00
	<u>\$223.00</u>	<u>\$474.00</u>	<u>\$710.00</u>	<u>\$948.00</u>	<u>\$1,183.00</u>	<u>\$1,421.00</u>
Eight	\$243.00	\$515.00	\$772.00	\$1,030.00	\$1,287.00	\$1,544.00
	<u>\$292.00</u>	<u>\$618.00</u>	<u>\$926.00</u>	<u>\$1,236.00</u>	<u>\$1,544.00</u>	<u>\$1,853.00</u>

- (2) Scheduled front-load recycling dumpster service charged in accordance with the monthly fees as follows:

Dumpster Size in Cubic Yards	Number of Collections Per Week and Monthly Fee					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Two	\$28.00	\$55.00	\$83.00	\$110.00	\$138.00	\$165.00
	<u>\$34.00</u>	<u>\$66.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$132.00</u>	<u>\$166.00</u>	<u>\$198.00</u>
Four	\$28.00	\$55.00	\$83.00	\$110.00	\$138.00	\$165.00
	<u>\$34.00</u>	<u>\$66.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$132.00</u>	<u>\$166.00</u>	<u>\$198.00</u>
Six	\$28.00	\$55.00	\$83.00	\$110.00	\$138.00	\$165.00
	<u>\$34.00</u>	<u>\$66.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$132.00</u>	<u>\$166.00</u>	<u>\$198.00</u>
Eight	\$28.00	\$55.00	\$83.00	\$110.00	\$138.00	\$165.00
	<u>\$34.00</u>	<u>\$66.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$132.00</u>	<u>\$166.00</u>	<u>\$198.00</u>

- (3) A fee for pulling out the front-load dumpster from the enclosure for cleaning by the subscriber of ~~\$50.00~~ \$100.00.
- (4) Cleaning and chemical deodorizing of the front-load dumpster upon subscriber request, \$100.
- (5) A fee of ~~\$7.00~~ \$10.00 per month for a recycling cart picked up each week at a commercial customer. ~~Collections requested more than one time per week will be billed at \$5.00 each.~~
- (6) Collection of bulky waste conforming with the following terms:
 - a. Collection of each front-load dumpster shall be limited to a maximum of one collection annually not to exceed 10 cubic yards.
 - b. Normal commercial or industrial waste, or waste which is a primary byproduct of the commercial or industrial establishment are ineligible for collection as bulky waste.
 - c. Such collections shall be arranged upon subscriber request.
 - d. The fee for bulky waste collection and disposal services in excess of the maximum frequencies and weights established for scheduled commercial and industrial container service shall be as follows:
 1. ~~\$75.00~~ \$100.00 per collection; and
 2. The waste disposal cost (e.g. the "tipping fee") as determined by the actual tipping fee incurred; and
 3. Upon a determination the amount of waste placed for collection exceeds ten cubic yards, the subscriber shall be provided a 20 cubic yard roll-off container in which to place the waste for removal and will be charged in accordance with subsection 20-32(f)(2).
- (7) Front-load dumpsters which are determined by the city as containing putrescent waste, being unsanitary, or emitting an offensive odor shall be cleaned at the direction of and by the city at additional cost as provided in subsection (h) of this section.
- (8) The minimum subscription period for a container under this classification of service shall be six months. Moreover, a subscriber may not reduce the size of his/her container within this six-month period. A subscriber may reduce the size of the container, effective at the end of the current billing period, if the request is received within six weeks of the subscriber's first receiving service, provided the city affirms that the current capacity is adequate for storing and disposing the solid waste being generated on the site.

(b) *Shared scheduled front-load dumpster service.*

- (1) Where permitted by the city, multiple commercial and industrial subscribers in contiguous locations may share and be billed for use of a single front-load dumpster. In such cases, the city shall determine the capacity necessary for and attributable to each subscriber. Each subscriber shall be charged a pro rata share of the charge for use of the front-load dumpster in accordance with rates applicable for scheduled front-load dumpster service and related services. A minimum fee of \$25.00 shall be charged to each subscriber having an assigned capacity of less than 2 cubic yards per collection.
- (2) The minimum subscription period for a container under this classification of service shall be six months. Moreover, a subscriber may not reduce the amount of capacity provided for his/her use within this six-month period. A subscriber may, however, reduce the amount of capacity provided for his/her use, effective at the end of the current billing period, if the request is received within six weeks of the subscriber's first receiving service, provided that the city affirms that the capacity being provided is adequate for storing and disposing the solid waste being generated on the site.

(c) *Commercial curbside service.*

- (1) The fee for commercial curbside service shall be equal to the monthly residential service charge.
- (2) This classification of service shall include the following:
 - a. One city-provided automated cart shall be collected twice per week. Solid waste placed in automated carts shall be limited to commercial and industrial waste generated on the site to which the subscription applies. One city-provided automated recycle cart shall be collected once per week. Recycling placed in automated cart shall be limited to household waste generated on the site to which the subscription applies.
 - b. Collection and disposal service for each additional city-provided automated container shall be provided at an additional charge as provided in section 20-30. A minimum subscription period of six months is required for this service. Moreover, a subscriber may not reduce the amount of capacity provided for his/her use within this six-month period. A subscriber may reduce the amount of capacity provided for his/her use, effective at the end of the current billing period, if the request is received within six weeks of the subscriber's first receiving service, provided the city affirms that the current capacity is adequate for storing and disposing the solid waste being generated on the site.

(d) *Nonscheduled front-load dumpster service.*

- (1) *Additional collections for existing scheduled front-load dumpster.* The following fees shall apply where a scheduled front-load dumpster service subscriber requests or requires pickups in excess of the normally scheduled level of service:

Size Container	Fee / Pick-up
Two Yard	\$54.00 <u>\$61.00</u>
Four Yard	\$65.00 <u>\$78.00</u>
Six Yard	\$78.00 <u>\$94.00</u>
Eight Yard	\$92.00 <u>\$110.00</u>

- (2) *Temporary use of front-load dumpsters.* A subscriber may request the use of, or use of additional, front-load dumpsters on a temporary basis, for a maximum of six consecutive months or fewer annually, where the siting requirements described in section 20-71 can be met. Services shall be available and charged in accordance with subsection (d)(1) of this section. Any front-loader container that has been inactive (not picked-up) for a period in excess of thirty days shall be charged a recurring monthly fee equal to the nonscheduled front-load dumpster service pick-up charge based on the container size.
- (3) *Sanitary condition of front-load dumpsters.* Front-load dumpsters which are determined by the city as containing putrid or noxious waste, being unsanitary, or emitting an offensive odor shall be cleaned at the direction of and by the city at additional cost as provided in subsection (h) of this section.
- (4) *Prepayment requirements for temporary front-load dumpsters.* Applicants for this classification of service who do not maintain a city sewer account shall execute a service agreement with the city and provide a prepayment amount in accordance with the standards in subsection (f)(1) of this section.
- (e) *Scheduled roll-out front-load dumpster service.* Subscribers requiring movable bulk containers will be charged for scheduled front-load dumpster service in accordance with the following monthly fees:

Dumpster Size in Cubic Yards	Number of Collections Per Week and Monthly Fee					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Two	\$77.00	\$161.00	\$240.00	\$322.00	\$403.00	\$483.00
	<u>\$92.00</u>	<u>\$193.00</u>	<u>\$290.00</u>	<u>\$386.00</u>	<u>\$484.00</u>	<u>\$580.00</u>
Four	\$138.00	\$290.00	\$435.00	\$580.00	\$725.00	\$870.00
	<u>\$166.00</u>	<u>\$348.00</u>	<u>\$522.00</u>	<u>\$696.00</u>	<u>\$870.00</u>	<u>\$1,044.00</u>

Scheduled roll-out front-load dumpster service shall be available for two- and four-cubic-yard front-load dumpsters only.

- (f) *Additional collections for existing scheduled roll-out front-load dumpster.* The following fees shall apply where a scheduled roll-out front-load dumpster service subscriber requests or requires pickups in excess of the normally scheduled level of service:

Size Container	Fee / Pick-up
Two Yard	\$46.00 <u>\$55.00</u>
Four Yard	\$58.00 <u>\$70.00</u>

- (g) *Roll-off container service.*
- (1) *Prepayment requirements.* Applicants for this classification of service who do not maintain a city wastewater account shall execute a service agreement with the city and provide a prepayment. Prepayments will immediately be applied against all charges for service. Prepayments must be reestablished in the original amounts required prior to successive services being rendered in accordance with the following standards:

- a. Residential customers: ~~A cash prepayment;~~ or Credit card authorization or a cashier check preauthorized in an amount equal to the greater of \$500.00 or the estimated charges for a two-month period.
- b. Commercial and industrial customers: ~~A cash prepayment;~~ or Credit card authorization or a cashier check preauthorized in an amount equal to the greater of \$1,000.00 or the estimated charges for a two-month period.

(2) *Roll-off container service fees. Garbage / Recycling.*

- a. Fees for open top roll-off container service shall comprise a fee for each pickup in accordance with the following fees based on container size, plus the actual cost of waste disposal (tipping fee):

Size Container	Fee s / Pick-up
10 Cubic Yards	\$172.00 <u>\$206.00</u>
20 Cubic Yards	\$189.00 <u>\$227.00</u>
30 Cubic Yards	\$207.00 <u>\$248.00</u>
40 Cubic Yards	\$229.00 <u>\$275.00</u>

- b. Fees for Recycling roll-off container service shall comprise a fee for each pickup in accordance with the following fees based on container size, plus the actual cost of waste disposal if any (tipping fee):

Size Container	Fee s / Pick-up
10 Cubic Yards	\$77.00 <u>\$92.00</u>
20 Cubic Yards	\$99.00 <u>\$119.00</u>
30 Cubic Yards	\$121.00 <u>\$145.00</u>
40 Cubic Yards	\$143.00 <u>\$172.00</u>

- c. Inaccessibility to roll-off container shall be charged a fee equal to the pickup charge based on container size.
- d. On-site relocation requests shall be charged a ~~\$75.00~~ \$100.00 fee per occurrence.
- e. Any roll-off container found to be inactive for a period in excess of thirty days shall be charged a monthly fee equal to the pickup charge based on the container size.
- f. A fee of ~~\$75.00~~ \$100.00 shall be assessed for containers removed and re-delivered within a seven day period.
- g. A fee of ~~\$75.00~~ \$100.00 will be charged to deliver each roll-off container.
- h. The City of Largo reserves the right to charge a Contamination Fee in the event that a container contains prohibited material, ~~\$75.00~~ \$250.00.

(3) *Compactor service fees.*

- a. Fees for compacted roll-off containers shall comprise a fee for each pickup in accordance with the following charges based on container size, plus the actual cost of waste disposal (tipping fee):

Size Container	Fee s-/ Pick-up
10 Cubic Yards	\$229.00 <u>\$275.00</u>
20 Cubic Yards	\$245.00 <u>\$294.00</u>
30 Cubic Yards	\$264.00 <u>\$317.00</u>
40 Cubic Yards	\$285.00 <u>\$342.00</u>

- b. Compacted roll-off containers determined by the city as containing putrid or noxious waste and/or that is unsanitary or emitting an offensive odor shall require the subscriber to have, at a minimum, one pickup per week.
- (h) *Compactor disposal service.* Fees for disposal of solid waste from compactor systems not using roll-off containers shall be at a rate four times the amount charged for scheduled front-load dumpster service for the same or similar volume and frequency of pickup, in accordance with the rate schedule in subsection (a) of this section.
- (i) *Container washing and deodorizing.*
- (1) A front-load dumpster's washing and deodorizing shall cost ~~\$55.00~~ \$100.00 per occurrence.
 - (2) A roll-off container's washing and deodorizing shall cost ~~\$55.00~~ \$100.00 per occurrence.
 - (3) An automated container's washing and deodorizing shall cost \$25.00 per occurrence.
 - (4) An on-site roll-off or front-loading compactor cleanup and reloading fee is ~~\$75.00~~ \$100.00 per occurrence.
- (j) *Lockable containers.* Subscribers requiring lockable containers shall be charged and additional \$5.00 per container per month. Scheduled roll-out front-load dumpster service with a lockable container shall be available for two- and four-cubic-yard front-load dumpsters only.

Section 3. That Article II, Section 20-38 of the City of Largo Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

Article II, Sec. 20-38. – Special services at no cost.

The city may provide, at its sole discretion, services at no cost to a subscriber where providing the service would be of benefit to the city. Such services may include, but not necessarily be limited to:

- (1) Providing roll-off service for the collection of yard waste at certain locations in lieu of providing curbside collection.
- (2) Establishing collection centers for recyclable materials.
- (3) Conducting periodic collections of hazardous household waste.
- (4) Conducting special collections in support of neighborhood cleanup efforts.
- (5) Conducting cleanup activities following a natural disaster or adverse weather.

(6) Shredding services through advertised events held multiple times per year.

Prior to providing such services, the city manager shall provide a report to the city commission documenting the service to be provided and the benefits accruing to the city.

Section 4. That all ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and superseded.

Section 5. That it is the intention of the Largo City Commission that each provision hereof be considered severable, and, if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall become effective on October 1, 2024, with the fee changes being implemented as soon as possible thereafter, subject to the City's billing agent's ability to implement the fee changes.

APPROVED ON FIRST READING_____

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON
SECOND AND FINAL READING_____

CITY OF LARGO, FLORIDA

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