

# City of Lake Charles, LA

Ordinance: 17588

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**An ordinance amending Sec. 10-31 of Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, to increase fees associated with lot cleaning work and provide clarification of expenses chargeable to the owner of real property.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA, in regular session convened, that:

SECTION 1: Sec. 10-31(a) of Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

“Sec. 10-31. - Same-Charges and interest payable.

(a) The actual cost of the work and cleaning the premises, whether performed by city forces or by contract, plus accrued interest at the judicial rate of interest, as provided in La. R.S. 9:3500, as the same presently exists or as the same may hereafter be amended, per annum from the date of the completion of said work, according to the following rates:

(1) \$50.00 per hour for bushhog work, or other mowing that requires the use of ride-on equipment with cutting width larger than 54 inches or engine size greater than 21 horsepower, or debris removal that requires the use of heavy equipment;

(2) \$25.00 per hour for hand work, hand mowers, riding mowers smaller than indicated in (1), handheld trimmers and other similar equipment, trash pickup, hand debris removal, underbrush clearing, or other similar activity.

(3) Other expenses not included in (1) or (2) must be approved by the inspector prior to the work being performed. Expenses for debris disposal shall be the actual cost of disposal at a licensed disposal facility plus \$15.00 for transportation. Any and all expense reimbursement request shall be for the actual cost and be validated by a third party receipt.

(4) \$50.00 City of Lake Charles admin fee which includes a \$5.00 technology/computer fee.

(b) Notwithstanding any prior provisions to the contrary, the minimum total charge for work contemplated by this section shall be \$100.00 which includes the \$50.00 administrative fee as provided in section 10-31(a)(4).

(c) Said fees shall be charged to the person owning the premises, which charge shall be due and payable on the date of completion of said work.”

SECTION 2: All other paragraphs, subsections, subparagraphs, clauses, phrases and words of this section, not specifically amended by this ordinance, are to remain the same.

I, Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council, certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance number 17588 passed by the City Council on 6/1/2016.