

ORDINANCE NO. 5739

**SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15, SECTION 15-12 OF THE
MEMPHIS CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING SOLID WASTE FEES FOR
COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL**

WHEREAS, Ordinance 5707 of the Home Rule Charter, created Chapter 15, establishing a Solid Waste Division as a division of city government and established a Director of Solid Waste;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Memphis Code of Ordinances, the Division of Solid Waste maintains jurisdiction over residential and commercial solid waste collection, transportation, and disposal;

WHEREAS, the services provided by the Solid Waste Division are critical to the citizens of Memphis and warrant revision and adequate funding;

WHEREAS, the old service delivery model was found to be unacceptable in removing blight and maintaining a clean City;

WHEREAS, a new service delivery model was developed and implemented to continue to service garbage and recycle carts weekly, and provide bulk waste collection on a biweekly schedule;

WHEREAS, the existing rate structure does not adequately fund the new service delivery model;

Section 1.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL AS
FOLLOWS that Chapter 15, Article 1, Section 15-12, be amended to change the
solid waste fees for the collection and disposal of solid waste:**

Sec. 15-12. - Solid waste fees for collection and disposal.

The following monthly fees are established for the collection, removal or disposal of solid waste:

Residential units, including single-family dwellings, mobile homes, duplexes, triplexes, quadruplexes, apartment units with seven units or less, for each unit thereof ¹	\$29.96
Additional carts for residential units may be leased for, each ²	\$10.00
Apartment houses provided with non-mechanized collection, for each unit thereof**	\$24.28
Apartment houses and mobile homes with centralized, mechanized collection for each unit thereof**	\$15.79

Commercial businesses, churches, boardinghouses with three or more living quarters, and other institutions shall be charged the appropriate commercial rate based upon weekly containerized volume:	
Gallons	Monthly Fee

0-180	\$79.64
181-360	\$151.03
361-780	\$307.12
781-1200	\$416.97
1201-1800	\$582.10
1801-3600	\$954.62
3601-5400	\$1,524.06
5401-7200	\$2,092.06
7201-9000	\$2,660.78
9001-10800	\$3,221.06
10801-12600	\$3,797.29

Notes:

1. Residential customers will be assigned a minimum of one (1) 90-gallon garbage cart and one (1) 90-gallon recycle cart, for a total of two (2) carts. Residential customers must have at least one (1) 90-gallon garbage cart. Residential customers in this category will be eligible for a reduced fee in the amount of \$7.50 if they meet the following criteria: Head of household, have an active utility account in their name, are at least 65 years of age or 100 percent disabled and have a gross household income of \$25,000.00 per year or less.
2. Households qualifying for the reduced fee, which generate more waste than what can be contained in one 90-gallon garbage cart per week, may request an additional city cart through the cart lease program, and pay the normal monthly fee.

****This item may be adjusted as necessary by resolution with a recommendation of the director of solid waste and approval of the city council.**

Section 2. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby severable. If any of these sections, provisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or parts is held unconstitutional

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2020, as to coincide with the monthly billing cycles of Memphis Light Gas and Water.

THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE
5139 PASSED

1st Reading 11-5-2019

2nd Reading 11-19-2019

3rd Reading 12-17-2019

Approved [Signature]

Chairman of Council

Date Signed: 12-30-19

APPROVED

[Signature]

Mayor, City of Memphis

Date Signed: 12/31/19

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy, and said document was adopted by the Council of the City of Memphis as above indicated and approved by the Mayor.

[Signature]

Comptroller

Kemp Conrad

CHAIRMAN