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human or animal consumption;

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO TITLE 7, CHAPTER 941, REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL, ESTABLISHING DEFINITIONS, RATES, AND REGULATIONS FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE IN THE CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO,

AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO.

WHEREAS, it is necessary in the operation of the City's solid waste collection and disposal system to set rates and charges in order to provide sufficient funds for the costs and expenses of operations; and

WHEREAS, Council has not updated its solid waste collection rate since 2004.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, County of Summit and State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. Title 7, Chapter 941, Refuse Collection and Disposal, is hereby amended and/or supplemented as follow (new text double underlined; deleted text in strikethrough):

### 941.01 DEFINITIONS.

- (a) "Residential Unit" shall be held to designate or include the place of abode of a person or persons living separately or together as an independent family.
- (b) "Multiple Unit Residence or Apartment" shall be held to designate or include the grouping together of two or more Residential Units or apartments.
- (c) "Curbside" means close to the traveled portion of the street or roadway, but in such a manner as to avoid interference with the safe and free flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic.
- (d) "Construction Debris" shall mean any refuse or other substances or materials resulting from the construction, reconstruction, renovation or repair of any structure.
- (e) "Recyclable Material" shall mean those materials designated by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Solid Waste Authority as recyclable. The Director of Public Service or the Director's designee shall define those recyclables to be included in the curbside recycle collection program for the City of Cuyahoga Falls.
  - (1) "Newspaper" means used or discarded newsprint which has a minimum contamination by food or other material;
  - (2) "Magazine" shall mean a periodical subscribed to or purchased from the newsstand which has both the outside cover and the inside pages coated with

(4) "Glass Food Containers" means a glass bottle or jar of any shape or size used to package food or beverage products suitable for human or animal consumption; and

- (5) "Plastic Container" means PET or HDPE containers only and no other plastic container is included.
- (f) "Recycling Bin Cart" means a storage unit provided by the City in which recyclable material is to be placed and co-mingled by the occupants of each Residential Unit for curbside pickup. Such-bin shall be of a size, shape and color as required by the Division of Sanitation Superintendent.
- (g) "Recycling Facility" means a facility for the collection, sorting, processing, transfer or sale of recyclable materials for the purpose of reclaiming material therefrom.
- (h) "Yard Waste" means leaves, grass clippings, weeds, brush or branch clippings and small limbs. Branches and limbs cannot exceed two inches in diameter nor five feet in length and must be bundled and tied. Full service Residential Unit customers are permitted five bundles of brush a week without an additional fee.
- (i) "Yard Waste Cart" is a residential refuse container purchased by the City and issued to full service recycling customers for a deposit as determined by the Director of Public Service or designee. The carts are suitable for semi-automated and automated collection and can be requested in Large or Small size.
- (j) "Composting" means the controlled biological decomposition of organic solid wastes.
- (k) "Hazardous Waste" means any substance designated by the Ohio EPA as hazardous that, if handled or disposed of improperly, poses a potential threat to people and the environment.
- (l) "Small Quantity Generators (SQG)" of hazardous wastes as listed in the Environmental Protection Agency Federal Register Volume 45/No. 98/Subpart D shall be held to designate all businesses that generate between one hundred and one thousand kilograms of hazardous wastes per month.
- (m) "Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQG)" of hazardous wastes as listed in the Environmental Protection Agency Federal Register Volume 45/No. 98/Subpart "D" shall be held to designate all businesses that generate below one hundred kilograms of hazardous wastes per month.
- (n) "Corrugated Cardboard" is a three-ply box material, wavy layer sandwiched between two paperboard-layers, used for packing.
- (o) "Drop-Off Site" is a site designated by the Superintendent where residents can drop off <u>authorized</u> recyclables.
- (p) "96 Gallon Large Cart" is a residential refuse container purchased by the City and issued to full service customers. The carts are suitable for semi-automated and automated collection and range from 95-96 gallons.
- (q) "48-Gallon Small Cart" is a residential refuse container purchased by the City and issued to limited service customers. The carts are suitable for semi-automated and automated collection and range from 48-65 gallons.

### 941.02 RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SERVICE.

- (a) It shall be the duty of the occupant of each single-family dwelling to secure solid waste collection and disposal services from the City of Cuyahoga Falls Division of Sanitation. Unoccupied single-family dwellings are not eligible for weekly curbside solid waste collection. It shall be the duty of the owner of a two-family, three-family, or four family dwelling to secure solid waste collection and disposal services from the City of Cuyahoga Falls Division of Sanitation. All Residential Units shall be serviced by the City of Cuyahoga Falls Division of Sanitation, except dwellings with two or more units utilizing commercial boxes one cubic yard or larger may be serviced by the City or any licensed commercial hauler. All commercial and industrial businesses shall make provision for collection and disposal of municipal solid waste and collection of recyclables with the City of Cuyahoga Falls, or any private commercial hauler licensed to operate in the City of Cuyahoga Falls.
- (b) All Residential units shall be charged for the availability of such garbage and rubbish collection service unless such fees are excused or waived by the Director of Public Service or the Director's designee for good cause or unnecessary hardship. Use by the occupant or owner of other service, a garbage disposal, or incinerator shall not constitute good cause.
- (c) Solid waste collection and disposal services shall be secured and served a minimum of once weekly for each "Residential Unit." Industrial or Commercial establishments shall be served at least bi-weekly, except for food service establishments which shall be served weekly at a minimum. The City may require additional service when overflow litter, unsightly nuisances and/or health related issues are apparent.
- (d) It is the intent of this chapter that each owner or tenant of a residential, commercial or industrial unit within the corporate limits of Cuyahoga Falls shall make separate provisions for the collection and disposal of solid waste. There shall be no doubling up of service in which more than one unit uses a common service or containers except as provided by this chapter or as allowed by the Director of Public Service or the Director's designee.
- (e) In an instance of a "Multiple Unit Residence or Apartment," it shall be the duty of the property owner to furnish adequate sanitation service for the entire "Multiple Unit Residence or Apartment."
- (f) Small Quantity Generators (SQG) of hazardous wastes shall follow the prescribed policies for collection and disposal of hazardous wastes outlined by the Environmental Protection Agency.
- (g) There shall be a special Limited Service Program offered to qualifying customers who are the owner occupants of a single residential unit and who make application therefor with the Utility Billing Office. The limited service program entitles customers to the collection and disposal of one 35 gallon maximum-bag, or one 32 gallon can containing a single bag of up to 35 gallons or one City issued 48 gallon cart Small Cart of bagged solid waste per week set at curbside. The Limited Service Program includes curbside recycle collection, but there is no recycle credit applied. Pickup of any additional material will require an additional charge as determined by the Superintendent of the Division of Sanitation or his authorized agent Director of Public Service or designee, based on the amount and type of material to be collected. Bulky items, furniture, appliances, etc. and bundled brush service is limited to the Citywide spring cleanup period designated by the Division of Sanitation Director of Public Service or designee.

167 168 (h) When the City issues a sanitation cart, that cart must be used for curbside 169 sanitation service. 170 171 All carts remain the property of the City. The customer is responsible for cleaning 172 the cart, as required. The cart shall remain at the location of sanitation service if 173 the occupant moves. 174 175 941.03 RATES FOR COLLECTION. 176 Full Service. Each full service residential unit customer shall pay nineteen dollars 177 and fifty cents (\$19.50) per month effective April 1, 2004, payable in advance. 178 Each two unit residence shall pay thirty two dollars (\$32.00) per month effective 179 April 1, 2004, payable in advance. Each three unit-residence shall pay forty-four 180 dollars and fifty cents (\$44.50) per month effective April 1, 2004, payable in 181 advance. Each four unit residence shall pay fifty seven dollars (\$57.00) per 182 month effective April 1, 2004, payable-in-advance. The Superintendent of the 183 Cuyahoga Falls Division of Sanitation will furnish rates for residential units of 184 five (5) or more residences. 185 186 Each full service customer shall pay the following per month effective January 1, 187 2022: 188 189 Single unit - twenty two dollars and forty cents (\$22.40) Two unit - thirty six dollars and thirty cents (\$36.30) 190 Three unit - fifty dollars and twenty cents (\$50.20) 191 192 Four unit - sixty four dollars and ten cents (\$64.10) 193 Five or more units - The Director of Public Service or designee will furnish rates 194 195 (b) Full Service with Recycling Credit. Each full service residential unit customer 196 who participates in the curbside recycling program shall pay seventeen dollars 197 and fifty cents (\$17.50) per month effective April 1, 2004, payable in advance. 198 Each two unit residence participating in the curbside recycling program shall pay 199 twenty-eight-dollars (\$28.00) per month, payable in advance. Each three unit 200 residence participating in the curbside recycling program shall pay thirty-eight dollars and fifty cents (\$38.50) per month, payable in advance. Each four unit 201 residence participating in the curbside recycling program shall pay forty-nine 202 203 dollars (\$49.00) per month, payable in advance. The Superintendent of the 204 Cuyahoga Falls Division of Sanitation will furnish rates for units of five (5) or 205 more residences that recycle. These rates reflect a two dollar (\$2.00) per unit 206 eredit for recycling. 207 208 209

Each full service customer who participates in the curbside recycling program shall pay the following per month effective January 1, 2022:

Single unit - twenty dollars and forty cents (\$20.40)

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Two unit - thirty two dollars and thirty cents (\$32.30)

Three unit - forty four dollars and twenty cents (\$44,20)

Four unit - fifty six dollars and ten cents (\$56.10)

Five or more units - The Director of Public Service or designee will furnish rates

These rates reflect a two dollar (\$2.00) per unit credit for recycling.

- 218 (c) Full Service with Recycling Credit-Condominiums.

  219 Each full service/recycle condominium customer shall pay ten dollars and fifty
  220 eents (\$10.50) eleven dollars and ninety cents (\$11.90) per month. Condominium
  221 units shall be billed for service through the condominium associations. This unit
  222 cost includes the two dollars (\$2.00) per unit credit for recycling.
  - (d) Full service <u>Large</u> 96-Gallon Cart Customers. Full service customers who have been issued <u>95 or</u> 96-gallon carts shall have the option to request additional <del>96-gallon Large</del> Carts at a cost of <u>five dollars</u> (\$5.00) per cart per month.

#### 941.04 LIMITED SERVICE CUSTOMERS.

- (a) Effective January 1, 2022, each Limited Service Program customer shall pay fourteen dollars (\$14.00) sixteen dollars and ninety cents (\$16.90) per month for collection and disposal of solid waste per month or any portion thereof effective January 1, 2022, payable in advance, for the collection and disposal of solid waste as outlined in Section 941.02(g). This service includes requires recycling and is not available to customers who do not recycle.
- (b) Each Limited Service Program customer currently enrolled in this program as of December 31, 2003, and who is 65 years of age or older and who has provided proof of age to the Utility Billing Office shall pay seven dollars (\$7.00) per month effective April 1, 2004 and eight dollars and fifty cents (\$8.50) per month effective January 1, 2005, or any portion thereof, payable in advance, for the collection and disposal of solid waste as outlined in Section 941.02(g). Effective April 1, 2004 and thereafter, the rate for this service is ten dollars and fifty cents (\$10.50) per month for all newly enrolled customers.
- (c) Limited Service Customers are required to recycle and must use yard waste bags purchased from the City of Cuyahoga Falls. Limited Service Customers are eligible for bundled brush service, for bulky item service, and for appliance service except for special fee-based pick-up service if established for appliances with refrigerants only during the City-wide cleanup period(s) designated by the Division of Sanitation Director of Public Service or the Service Director's designee. The Director of Public Service or the Service-Director's-designee shall establish rates for these extra services.

#### 941.05 EXTRA CHARGES AND SPECIAL RATES.

- (a) Rates for collection and disposal for full service residential units shall entitle the householder to the equivalent of one pickup per week of an ordinary and reasonable accumulation of household refuse. Any unusual accumulation of solid waste occasioned by landscaping, tree or hedge removal or other extensive trimming, remodeling, demolition, construction or other activity is not included in the rate for collection and disposal services. However, any abnormal amounts of material may be removed by the Division of Sanitation for an additional charge as established by the Superintendent or authorized agent Director of Public Service or designee.
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the Sanitation Superintendent Director of Public Service or the Superintendent's designee shall have the authority to charge customers additional fees up to and including ninety sixty dollars (\$60.00) ninety dollars (\$90.00) when the amount of material placed at the curb for pickup is beyond a reasonable amount. When the additional fee for the excessive amount of municipal solid waste exceeds sixty dollars (\$60.00) ninety dollars (\$90.00), the Sanitation Superintendent Director of

- Public Service or the Superintendent's designee will make every effort to gain customer approval prior to service.
  - (c) When an order for service is placed by putting waste at the curb, and there is no active Sanitation account, the owner of said property shall be held responsible for payment of charges associated with the collection of refuse by either direct billing or as an adjustment to any Utility Services account or as a lien against said property. If not paid, the charge(s) shall be certified by the Finance Director to the County Fiscal Officer and shall constitute a lien on the premises thus improved by the City of Cuyahoga Falls.
  - (d) The Director of Public Service or the Director's designee may establish rates for the curbside removal of refrigerators, freezers, air conditioning units, dehumidifiers and any other appliance containing a refrigerant. Said rate shall be per unit and shall be added to the customer's monthly Sanitation bill.
  - (e) Individuals living outside, but contiguous to the corporate limits of the City of Cuyahoga Falls may secure solid waste collection and disposal services if permission is first secured from the Director of Public Service or the Director's designee.
  - (f) In any cases for which rate or classification has not been provided herein, there is vested in the Director of Public Service or the Director's designee the authority to establish rates based on the value of the services to the individual, business, firm or corporation.

#### 941.06 COMPLIANCE PROVISIONS.

- (a) No person, business firm or corporation shall, within the limits of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, throw any refuse or solid waste upon the ground or bury the same upon any premises, public or private. Further, any person, business, firm or corporation whose premises or adjoining public right-of-way constitutes a nuisance due to the accumulation of litter, rubbish, refuse or solid waste thereon shall be given written notice by the Chief Code Enforcement Officer to rid the property of such nuisance. Such notice shall prescribe a period of seven days in which to comply. Upon non-compliance after the expiration of seven days after receipt of notice, the City may undertake to rid the premises of such nuisance using its facilities. The cost of labor and equipment thus expended for the collection and disposal of thy accumulation shall be billed to the person, business, firm or corporation in charge of the property, which bill shall be paid within a period of thirty days from receipt thereof. If not paid, the charge shall be certified by the Finance Director to the County Fiscal Officer and shall constitute a lien on the premises thus improved by the City.
- (b) No person, business, firm or corporation, other than employees of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, or employees of licensed haulers, during the course of their employment, shall collect, haul, remove or dispose of any bag, bin or container designated by the City of Cuyahoga Falls for recycling or recyclables, or remove, collect, haul or dispose of any other material placed at the curbside for collection by the City of Cuyahoga Falls. No person shall dispose of any solid waste in any receptacle not owned by or under the control of the person without the consent of the owner or person in control of the receptacle.

#### 941.07 WASTE CONTAINERS.

(a) During City wide cleanup periods, no single residential container for manual curbside collection containing trash or recyclables, regardless of size, shall

exceed forty-five pounds gross weight. It shall be the duty of each family, person, business, firm, etc. to provide suitable portable approved containers for holding all solid waste. Said containers should be watertight and provided with suitable handles and a tight-fitting lid which should not be removed except when necessary in the use of such containers. Each container, unless provided by the City of Cuyahoga Falls, shall have a capacity of not more than 45 gallons. Fifty-five gallon drums or barrels are not permitted to be used as trash containers for curbside collection. All solid waste, regardless of container size, must be bagged or contained.

(b) All garbage and solid waste, before being deposited in said container, shall be thoroughly drained of all water and other fluids and securely wrapped in paper or plastic bag or otherwise contained. Each bag, box and/or container shall not exceed 45 pounds gross weight. Loose waste is not acceptable. Loose pet feces and cat litter is not acceptable. Pet feces and cat litter must be properly doubled bagged.

(c) The word "garbage" shall be held to designate or include all waste of fish, fowl, fruit, vegetables and animal matter resulting from the preparation of food for human consumption.

(d) The words "solid waste" shall not include such materials as Yard Waste not placed in special paper yard waste bags, unbundled brush, tree trunks, logs or large parts of trees; demolition material; broken or whole bricks or cement, stone, rock, gravel, cinders, asphalt, earth, vehicle parts or tires, motor oil, lead-acid batteries, gasoline tanks or propane tanks.

(e) No person, business, firm or corporation shall cause to conceal and/or mix hazardous/toxic waste or Yard Wastes with Solid Waste. Any household hazardous waste must be suitably prepared by the consumer for proper disposal. In addition, no solid waste shall be included in Recycle bags <u>Carts</u> or in Yard Waste <u>bags Carts</u>.

(f) In no case shall solid waste or containers for same be curbside earlier than 4:30 p.m. of the day preceding the normal collection day unless scheduling approval has been granted by the <u>Director of Public Service or designee</u> and containers shall be removed from curbside no later than twenty-four hours after collection. All solid waste containers must be placed curbside no later than 7:00 a.m. on the day of service.

(g) Bundled hedge and tree trimmings are to be securely tied in bundles not to exceed two feet in diameter and five feet in length. Full Service Customers are entitled to five bundles per week. Leaves, grass clippings and other yard waste shall be collected only when placed at the curbside in special Yard Waste bags Carts purchased from issued by the City of Cuyahoga Falls-or from other vendors approved to sell Cuyahoga Falls yard-waste bags. Such bags are approved by the Superintendent and are the only acceptable bags for collection of yard-wastes by the Division of Sanitation. Yard waste bags used for the disposal of sod or turf shall only be half-filled with such material to avoid potential hazard or injury to collectors handling such bags of heavy material and in no case shall exceed pounds-gross weight. City Yard Waste bags Carts must be placed curbside no later than 7:00 a.m. on the day of service.

## 379 941.08 PRIVATE HAULER REGULATIONS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL COLLECTIONS.

- (a) No person, business, firm or corporation shall engage in or carry on the business of collecting, hauling and/or disposing of solid waste in the City unless an annual license has first been secured from the Director of Public Service. The cost of a license for the collecting, hauling and/or disposing of refuse shall be seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) per truck. Licenses shall be obtained during specified times only and are not transferable.
- (b) Each refuse license issued pursuant to this section shall be applied for between January 1 and March 1 on an annual basis, due and payable no later than March 1st of each year. It shall be the duty of each company to pick up an application packet for each vehicle to be licensed at the Division of Sanitation Office after January 1 and submit the required documentation for approval in a timely manner. Failure to submit an application by May 1 may result in nonrenewal of the license.
- (c) Each vehicle shall be inspected at the City Garage by representatives from the City Garage and/or the Division of Sanitation prior to licensing, and each month thereafter, without charge, for the purpose of determining that the vehicle is mechanically in good working order and safe to traverse the streets of the City of Cuyahoga Falls and that the body is so constructed as to prevent leakage. The City will also accept a copy of the current annual United States Department of Transportation inspection form that has been completed in accordance with 49 CFR 396. In addition, each licensed vehicle must carry Single Limit Liability Insurance in the minimum amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000).
- (d) It shall be the duty of each applicant of a refuse license to submit to the City each time a license is issued, and at other such times and in such other forms as the Director of Public Service may direct, a certified list of all residential, commercial and industrial, and hazardous waste customers serviced within the corporate limits of the City of Cuyahoga Falls.
- (e) The City shall furnish an identification plate for each licensed vehicle indicating the name of the City and a numerical identification. This I.D. must be attached to the vehicle at all times in a prominent position, readily apparent from the street side of each vehicle operating in Cuyahoga Falls. Licensed vehicles and all equipment used within the corporate limits of the City of Cuyahoga Falls shall be identified with the name and telephone number of the licensed company.
- (f) In the event a licensed vehicle is temporarily taken out of service for repairs, it shall be the duty of the license holder to immediately supply the Division of Sanitation Superintendent with the make, year, serial number and registration number of any substituted vehicle, as well as the approximate length of time such substitution is expected. If a licensed vehicle is permanently taken out of service and replaced with another vehicle, then a new license shall be obtained before operating said vehicle within the corporate limits of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, provided that there shall be no additional fee for licensing said replacement vehicle.
  - (g) No person, business, firm or corporation engaged in the business of hauling or disposing of solid waste shall collect, haul and dispose of business, commercial or industrial solid waste between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., except during daylight savings time when operations may commence at 6:00 a.m.,

where such business, industrial or commercial establishment is located within one hundred fifty (150) yards of any residence, residential duplex, apartment or apartment complex.

(h) All persons, businesses, firms and corporations so licensed shall comply with all provisions of this ordinance. Any person, business, firm or corporation found to be in violation of City ordinances during a current licensing year shall automatically lose licensing privileges for the following licensing year.

## 941.09 DISABLED CUSTOMERS.

The Division of Sanitation Director of Public Service shall adopt guidelines for customers who through disability cannot place waste at curbside. Approval for this service shall include required full-service and written confirmation from a medical doctor that such disability precludes the customer from placing waste at curbside and that there is no able-bodied person living at that address. The service is for household waste and recycling only and does not include recycling, bulky items, appliances, nor Yard Waste.

#### 941.10 SERVICE GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES.

The Division of Sanitation shall establish guidelines and procedures to ensure safe, efficient, and consistent service to the residents and customers of Cuyahoga Falls.

#### 941.11 CITY EXEMPT.

The City of Cuyahoga Falls is expressly exempt from the provisions of this chapter pertaining to solid waste license or any other section of this chapter which might be construed as requiring the City of Cuyahoga Falls to pay any fee or obtain any license.

## 941.99 PENALTY.

Any person, business, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be cited for such violation. Each and every day on which any such person, business, firm or corporation continues to violate the provisions of this chapter shall constitute a separate misdemeanor offense; and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and/or ninety days in jail, and shall pay costs of prosecution.

<u>Section 2.</u> That Ordinance No. 118-2004 and any other ordinances or resolutions or portions of ordinances and resolutions inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, but any ordinances and resolutions not inconsistent herewith and which have not previously been repealed are hereby ratified and confirmed.

<u>Section 3.</u> It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances.

Section 4. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of Cuyahoga Falls and the inhabitants thereof, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law.

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