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**TO:** City Utilities Committee  
**FROM:** <sup>A.</sup> James R. Jackson, Jr.  
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**RE:** 18-O-1300 Solid Waste Rates Legislation - Substitute  
**DATE:** August 20, 2018

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Please see below summary of the changes to the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances effectuated by the substitute submitted.

Generally throughout the document, the pronoun "his" is substituted with "authorized" when referencing the designee of the commissioner of public works for gender neutrality. Additionally, the verbiage "receptacles" has been substituted with "containers".

**Sec. 130-1. - Statement of purpose and definitions.**

Definition of Container added.

Definition of Extra Garbage is clarified and ambiguous language is deleted.

Definition of "Kraft bags" is deleted as this term is obsolete.

Definition of paper bags is added to replace kraft bags.

Definition of recycling contamination added.

Definition of Recyclable materials is amended, adding metal and deleting aluminum and tin as these terms are obsolete.

Definition of yard trimmings bag is updated to delete kraft and replace with paper bag.

**Sec. 130-36. - Removal of yard trimmings.**

Requires multi-family residential, commercial and industrial to separate yard trimmings and recyclable materials from garbage.

Adds (c) Collection containers for yard trimmings. Allows the city to require and standardize collection containers for yard trimmings for operational efficiency.

Strikes listing of other containers that may be used for yard trimmings.

Allows the department to charge for collection of excessive yard trimmings.

Strikes language limiting collection of yard trimmings from only single family residential dwellings to allow for future growth.

**Sec. 130-37. - Removal of residential garbage and recyclable materials from single-family dwellings.**

Adds ability to store yard trimmings in containers on the premises.

Clarifies languages related to collection containers and recyclable materials. Section (2) adds language to allow for variable garbage collection size for future operational changes. (Pay as you throw.)

Inserts language pertaining to overfilling of garbage and recycling containers. Introduces additional rate charge for overfilled containers.

Further establishes the separation of garbage and recyclable materials.

Mandates residents to identify extra garbage, standardizes manner by which is it packaged. Allows for department to establish the extra garbage program, to sell pre-paid stickers identifying extra garbage and to charge additional fees if a resident continues to place extra garbage.

Allows the department to charge for contamination of recyclable materials.

Strikes language for citing owners of residential properties for contaminated garbage or recycling. If violations occur resident will be charged for collection as per fee.

**Sec. 130-38. – Removal of residential garbage and recyclable materials from multi-family dwellings.**

Strikes section (b). Code previously did not allow the department to collect garbage or recyclable materials from multi-family dwellings. Allows for the department to collect garbage and recyclable materials from multi-family dwellings. (Future growth of the department).

**Sec. 130-39. - Containers left on streets.**

Deletes enforcement language for fines.

**Section 130-40 – Removal of bulky items, mixed debris piles and rubbish**

Adjusts the schedule for collection of bulky items. Currently the code allows for the monthly collection of bulk items without scheduling. This change requires residents to contact the department to schedule bulk pick up twice per year without charge. Pickup requests that exceed the twice a year frequency shall be charged the fee established under Sec. 130-84. (\$325.00). Setting out bulk materials without scheduling a pickup will be considered illegal dumping and subsequent fines will apply. Deletes “special pickup” process as this is incorporated under the new removal process.

**Sec. 130-41. - Cardboard containers and similar articles.**

General cleanup of verbiage. Cardboard listed twice.

**Sec. 130-43. - Removal of solid waste from commercial or industrial properties for services offered by the City.**

Code section re-written to allow for collection of solid waste from commercial or industrial properties. Provides the process for collection and enforcement. Deletes section (e) which mandated a permit to provide collection of solid waste. Eliminates section (c) which required private collection. Eliminates (d) which identifies acceptable containers provided by private companies.

**Section 130-44 – Removal of solid waste and recyclable materials at outdoor events**

Amends language for gender neutral pronouns; substitutes metal containers for aluminum; adds additional plastics for recyclables.

**Sec. 130-45. - Removal of construction and demolition wastes.**

Provides for the collection of construction and demolition (C&D) waste. Currently COA code does not allow for the city to pick up C&D materials. This allows for future expansion. Standardizes process by which C&D is stored and disposed.

**Section 130-51- Collection and transportation of residential garbage and other solid waste**

Strikes section 2 requiring owners of multi-family units over six (6) to contract with private haulers. Allows the department to provide the service in the future.

**Sec. 130-52. - Collection and transportation of commercial and industrial garbage, recyclable material, construction and demolition debris, and other solid waste.**

Adds section (e) which allows the department to establish a schedule for collection of commercial and industrial garbage, recyclable and C&D. Provides for future growth opportunities.

**Section 130-63 – Privately operated solid waste disposal facilities**

Changes fee for the site compatibility report which accompanies the application of privately owned solid waste disposal facilities from \$200 to \$2000.

**Section 130-76 – Annual review**

Changes the required reporting for the Annual Solid Waste Services Report. Report is no longer required by the state of GA; however, report will be submitted in accordance with council requirements.

**Section 130-84- Rates and charges**

Rates and charges are updated as follows:

- (1) Residential rate: \$365.81 per year
- (2) Duplex or triplex rate: \$365.81 per year for each separate living unit in excess of one.
- (3) Apartments, condominiums, townhouse, public housing or any other multi-family dwelling rates: A flat charge of \$400 per year per parcel plus one of the following charges, as appropriate.
  - a. \$365.81 per year, for each dwelling unit where the garbage from apartments, condominiums, townhomes, public housing or any other multi-family dwellings (less than 6 units) is collected from individual containers, garbage cans or bags;
  - b. \$281.53 per year for each dwelling unit where the garbage from apartments, condominiums, townhomes, public housing or any other multi-family dwellings (less than 6 units) is collected from industrial containers;
  - c. Where the multi-family dwelling units or apartments are located in building structures with incinerator[s], duly installed and operating therein in accordance with all laws and regulations applicable to incinerators, depositing only incinerator refuse, and if the collection is from industrial containers grouped together, as hereinafter defined, the amount shall be \$53.82 per year for each dwelling unit; if such containers are not grouped together, then the amount shall be \$122.79 per year for each dwelling unit; for the purpose of this section, industrial containers are grouped together when such containers are located physically adjacent with only sufficient space between such containers to permit access and pickup by

the city collection equipment without the movement or shifting of any of said containers in order to gain access to any other of said containers;

d. For multi-family dwelling units greater than 6 units, where industrial containers (dumpsters) are used the following monthly rates are established:

(i) 2-cy container serviced 1 time per week shall be \$20; serviced 2 times per week shall be \$40; serviced 3 times per week shall be \$60; serviced 4 times per week shall be \$80; serviced 5 times per week shall be \$100; serviced 6 times per week shall be \$120.

(ii) 4-cy container serviced 1 time per week shall be \$50; serviced 2 times per week shall be \$100; serviced 3 times per week shall be \$150; serviced 4 times per week shall be \$200; serviced 5 times per week shall be \$250; serviced 6 times per week shall be \$300.

(iii) 6-cy container serviced 1 time per week shall be \$80; serviced 2 times per week shall be \$160; serviced 3 times per week shall be \$240; serviced 4 times per week shall be \$320; serviced 5 times per week shall be \$400; serviced 6 times per week shall be \$480.

(iv) 8-cy container serviced 1 time per week shall be \$110; serviced 2 times per week shall be \$220; serviced 3 times per week shall be \$330; serviced 4 times per week shall be \$440; serviced 5 times per week shall be \$550; serviced 6 times per week shall be \$660.

(4) Residential backyard removal \$1,145.69 per year.

(5) Mobile home parks:

a. Individual garbage cans: \$193.35 per year.

b. Installed industrial containers: \$479.42 per year. See subsection (7).

(6) Commercial and industrial rates

(a) For commercial and industrial establishments located within high-density commercial, high-density mixed use, low-density commercial, low-density mixed use, medium-density mixed use, mixed-use, mixed use – high density, mixed use – low density, industrial, office/institutional and office/institutional/residential land use zones, the following Tier 1 rates shall apply:

a.	commercial parcels from 1-100 feet:	\$1,200.00
b.	commercial parcels from 101-200 feet:	\$2,400.00
c.	commercial parcels from 201-450 feet:	\$5,400.00
d.	commercial parcels from 451-700 feet:	\$8,400.00
e.	commercial parcels from 701-850 feet:	\$10,200.00
f.	commercial parcel greater than 850 feet:	\$14,400.00

(b) For commercial and industrial establishments located outside of the above-listed land use zones, the following Tier 2 rates shall apply:

a.	commercial parcels from 1-100 feet:	\$500.00
b.	commercial parcels from 101-200 feet:	\$1,000.00
c.	commercial parcels from 201-450 feet:	\$2,250.00
d.	commercial parcels from 451-700 feet:	\$3,500.00
e.	commercial parcels from 701-850 feet:	\$4,250.00
f.	commercial parcel greater than 850 feet:	\$6,000.00

(b) For commercial and industrial establishment, where industrial containers (dumpsters) are used the Commissioner of Public Works reserve the right to establish competitive rates.

Frontage fee rate is eliminated.

(7) Public property charge for services that have been contracted: A flat charge of \$479.42 per year for each parcel in lieu of the frontage charge.

(8) Vacant parcels: A flat charge of \$500 per year per parcel

(9) Building of public worship rate: A flat charge of \$400 per year per parcel. In addition to the levy listed above, there shall be a charge of \$208.59 per year for solid waste collection from individual containers, garbage cans or bags, or a charge of \$183.37 per year if the solid waste collection is from industrial containers.

(12) Excess bagged garbage and/or overfilled bins: \$12 per bag/occurrence.

(13) Bulky Waste: \$325 per address for a one (1) truck capacity load for all calls exceeding the established maximum scheduled calls per year.

(14) Uncontainerized yard trimmings: \$2 per bag

(15) Collection of yard trimmings at commercial establishments or multi-family dwelling units: \$\$\$\$

(16) For construction and demolition waste, where industrial containers (dumpsters) are used the following rates are established per service:

(i) 20-cy container the rates shall be \$60 for delivery; \$150 monthly rental; \$120 per pull; and \$40 per ton for disposal.

(ii) 30-cy container the rates shall be \$60 for delivery; \$150 monthly rental; \$120 per pull; and \$40 per ton for disposal.

(iii) 40-cy container the rates shall be \$60 for delivery; \$150 monthly rental; \$120 per pull; and \$40 per ton for disposal.

#### Section 130-85. Administrative Rate Study

Allows for administrative adjustment of rates every two years by 2% or CPI, whichever is lower without council approval.

Solid Waste Current vs Future Rates:

Solid Waste Services	FY 2018 (Current)	FY 2019
<b>Residential Fees</b>		
Residential Recycling	\$88	\$88
Residential Single-Family Base Fee	\$307	\$366
Residential Front Footage (Avg)	\$50	\$0
<b>Residential Total (Avg)</b>	<b>\$445</b>	<b>\$454</b>
Residential Backyard (Optional)	\$962	\$1,146
Residential Vacant Lot	\$0	\$500

<b>Commercial Fees Tier 1</b>		
Commercial Parcel Lot Fee (1 - 100 ft.)	\$7.6 - \$760*	\$1,200
Commercial Parcel Lot Fee (101 - 200 ft.)	\$768 - \$1520*	\$2,400
Commercial Parcel Lot Fee (201 - 450 ft.)	\$1,528 - \$3,420*	\$5,400
Commercial Parcel Lot Fee (451 - 700 ft.)	\$3,428 - \$5,320*	\$8,400
Commercial Parcel Lot Fee (701 - 850 ft.)	\$5,328 - \$6,460*	\$10,200
Commercial Parcel Lot Fee (>850 ft.)	\$6,460+*	\$14,400

<b>Commercial Fees Tier 2</b>		
Commercial Parcel Lot Fee (1 - 100 ft.)	\$3.7 - \$370**	\$500
Commercial Parcel Lot Fee (101 - 200 ft.)	\$374 - \$740**	\$1,000
Commercial Parcel Lot Fee (201 - 450 ft.)	\$744 - \$1,665**	\$2,250
Commercial Parcel Lot Fee (451 - 700 ft.)	\$1,669 - \$2,590**	\$3,500
Commercial Parcel Lot Fee (701 - 850 ft.)	\$2,594 - \$3,145**	\$4,250
Commercial Parcel Lot Fee (>850 ft.)	\$3,145+**	\$6,000

<b>Commercial Fees Tier 3</b>		
Commercial Parcel Lot Fee (1 - 100 ft.)	\$2.89 - \$289***	N/A
Commercial Parcel Lot Fee (101 - 200 ft.)	\$292 - \$578***	N/A
Commercial Parcel Lot Fee (201 - 450 ft.)	\$581 - \$1,300***	N/A
Commercial Parcel Lot Fee (451 - 700 ft.)	\$1,303 - \$2,023***	N/A
Commercial Parcel Lot Fee (701 - 850 ft.)	\$2,025 - \$2,456***	N/A
Commercial Parcel Lot Fee (>850 ft.)	\$2,456+***	N/A

\*Commercial Tier 1: \$7.60 per foot of street frontage property located in central business/downtown district receiving street cleaning.

\*\*Commercial Tier 2: \$3.70 per foot of street frontage for property located in all areas receiving special thoroughfare street cleaning.

\*\*\*Commercial Tier 3: \$2.89 per foot of street frontage for all other commercial and industrial property receiving regular street cleaning. Eliminating this tier under the new rate

Solid Waste Current vs Future Service Levels:

Services	Commercial Property Service Levels				
	Current Service Level			Future Service Level	
	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 1	Tier 2
Street Sweeping	4x per week	1x week	1x every 3 weeks	At least 2x per week	1x per week
Trash Receptacle Pick-up	At least 1x per week			1x per day	2x per week
Right of Way Grass Cutting	3x per year			2x per month	1x per month

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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