

ORDINANCE # 2011-15  
INTRODUCED BY Alexius  
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# ADOPTION

INTRODUCTION

CITY OF COVINGTON  
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2011-15

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8 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON AMENDING  
9 THE FOLLOWING PROVISION OF THE COVINGTON CODE  
10 OF ORDINANCES: CHAPTER 98 UTILITIES, ARTICLE IV.  
11 RATES AND CHARGES, SEC. 98-124 GARBAGE, TRASH, AND  
12 RECYCLABLES COLLECTION CHARGES.  
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15 WHEREAS, certain amendments and additions have been suggested to the  
16 section of the Code addressing garbage, trash, and recyclables collection charges;  
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18 WHEREAS, the Covington City Council deems this amendment  
19 appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Covington;  
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21 WHEREAS, the Covington City Council deems this amendment  
22 appropriate to protect the First Amendment rights of the citizens of Covington as  
23 well as visitors to the City; and

24 WHEREAS, the City Council has held its public hearing in accordance with  
25 law,

26 NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of  
27 Covington, at its regular session convened, that Section 98-124. Garbage, trash,  
28 and recyclables collection charges, be amended to read as follows:

29 Sec. 98-124. Garbage, trash, and recyclables collection charges.

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31 (a) The monthly charge for the collection of garbage, trash and recyclables for  
32 users inside the city limits shall be as follows: determined by the legal bid process  
33 and memorialized by a signed contract, all in accordance with Chapter 2  
34 Administration, Article VI. Professional Service Contracts, of the Covington Code  
35 of Ordinances, except as follows:  
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37 Residential user: \$15.00  
38 Low impact commercial/institutional user: \$28.00

1 ~~High impact commercial/institutional user: (Service not currently available~~  
2 ~~for this user group.)~~  
3 Senior citizen/disabled user: \$7.50

4 (b) ~~The rates established in this section are effective immediately upon~~  
5 ~~adoption. Thereafter, these rates~~ by contract shall be automatically increased  
6 adjusted every January 1, commencing after July 1, 2007, 2012, by the addition of  
7 an amount equal to the change in the ~~consumer price index~~ Consumer Price Index  
8 (CPI) for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers-All Items for the immediate  
9 preceding year multiplied times the garbage rate then in effect. ~~The rate shall not~~  
10 ~~decrease.~~ Notwithstanding the foregoing, the CPI adjustment referred to herein  
11 shall only be effective during the term of each effective contract entered into by the  
12 City. The City shall have the right to increase or decrease rates as it sees fit, which  
13 may be an adjustment greater than or less than the CPI then in effect, for each new  
14 contract it enters into to provide the services contemplated by this Section 98-124.

15 (c) The rates for residential users outside the city limits shall be 25 percent more  
16 than the rates for residential users inside the city limits, and shall be subject to the  
17 same annual increases set forth in (b).

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19 (Code 1977, § 19-20; Ord. No. 2000-31, 9-5-2000; Ord No. 2000-50, § 19-20, 12-  
20 5-2000; Ord. No. 2001-23, § 19-20, 6-5-2001; Ord. No. 2004-03, 1-6-2004; Ord.  
21 No. 2006-28, 8-17-2006)

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24 **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that if any provision of this ordinance  
25 shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein  
26 which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the  
27 provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

28 **WHEREUPON**, this ordinance having been submitted in writing, having  
29 been read by title and adopted at a public meeting of the City Council of the City  
30 of Covington, State of Louisiana.

31 **WHEREUPON**, Romage moved for adoption, seconded by  
32 Alexius and this ordinance was submitted to a vote and resulted in the  
33 following:

34 YEAS: 5 NAYS: 0  
35 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 2 (Benoit and Faust)

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37 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 24th day of June, 2011.

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W.T. "TREY" BLACKALL, III  
VICE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

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Bonnie D. Champagne  
BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE  
CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

Presented to the Mayor this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011, at 5:25 o'clock  
P.M.

Bonnie D. Champagne  
BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE  
CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

Approved  or Vetoed  by the Mayor on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011.

Candace Watkins  
MAYOR CANDACE WATKINS

Received from the Mayor this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011, at 5:30 o'clock  
P.M.

Bonnie D. Champagne  
BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE  
CLERK TO THE COUNCIL