



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Montre' Freeman, City Manager
Dwan Bell, Public Utilities Director
DATE: November 9, 2023
REF: Hold a Public Hearing - City Curbside Recycling Can Repurposing

BACKGROUND:

Earlier this year, the City Council voted to end city-wide curbside recycling, which went into effect on October 15th. Subsequently, the Public Utilities Committee tasked Public Utilities Director, Dwan Bell in collaboration with the Sanitation staff to assess the possibility of repurposing the orange cans used for curbside recycling, as well as the fees associated with our garbage cans in general.

ANALYSIS:

Curbside Recycling Can Repurposing:

To sustain the value of the orange containers formerly used for recyclables, Public Utilities has suggested repurposing those containers by offering citizens the option to use those containers as an additional garbage receptacle for a \$5 monthly fee. Residents who are interested in repurposing the can will simply contact the City's Customer Service Department to establish the second can as an additional trash can. Customer Service will notify the Public Utilities Sanitation Division via work order detailing all customers who have signed on for this service. Public Utilities will also tag the orange can as an identifier for the trash truck drivers.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

By motion, adopt the attached ordinance to amend the FY 2023-2024 Fee Schedule as it relates to Residential and Commercial Sanitation to repurpose the former recycling containers with a monthly opt-in fee of \$5 for interested parties.



Ordinance #2023-11-02
An Ordinance Amending the FY 2023-2024 Fee Schedule
of the City of Elizabeth City

WHEREAS, each year, the City of Elizabeth City adopts a Fee Schedule, which corresponds to the annual budget; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the FY 2023-2024 Budget and Fee Schedule on June 26, 2023; and

WHEREAS, within the FY 2023-2024 Budget, the Fee Schedule reported that Solid Waste collection fees were \$24.00, a rate which included weekly pickup of refuse and recyclables at a max of two containers; and

WHEREAS, due to large increases in recycling costs that are no longer sustainable, including vehicle wear and tear and staffing needs, the City of Elizabeth City has determined that curbside recycling will no longer be an offered service; and

WHEREAS, current customers will be given the option to repurpose their "orange" can, used formerly for recyclables as a secondary garbage can for a \$5 a month fee; and

WHEREAS, those customers who do not wish to utilize their "orange" can any longer will have that can removed from the premises by the Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, during the October 23rd, 2023 City Council meeting, the Council called for a Public Hearing, which was subsequently held during the November 13th Regular Session, at which time a quorum of the membership was present.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the City of Elizabeth City Fee Schedule for FY 2023-2024 is hereby amended to include:

- I. Residential Refuse (weekly pick up, maximum 1 container)

- II. Commercial Refuse (weekly pick up, maximum 1 container)
- III. Opt-In Program for Secondary 65-gallon Can - \$5 per month (Must be set up with Customer Service and can must be tagged for the program).
- IV. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.
- V. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed severable and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.
- VI. The enactment of this ordinance shall in no way affect the running of any amortization provisions or enforcement actions, or otherwise cure any existing municipal code violations.
- VII. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect and included in the City of Elizabeth City's fee schedule from and after the date of its adoption. This ordinance may be amended from time to time with the consideration of the City Council of the City of Elizabeth and with the requisite Public Hearings associated with such decisions.

ADOPTED this the 13th day of November, 2023.

E. Kirk Rivers
Mayor

April D. Onley, NCCMC
City Clerk