

ORDINANCE NO. 8-2021

TITLE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 17-98 (AS AMENDED), SECTION 1, TO INCREASE THE MONTHLY RESIDENTIAL REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION FEE FROM \$14.00 TO \$15.20.

WHEREAS, the City of Oak Ridge provides residential refuse and recycling collection with the corporate limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to offset the property tax rate and to recover a portion of the residential refuse collection costs from the residents of Oak Ridge, Ordinance No. 17-98 established a monthly residential refuse fee to be collected as part of each residential customer's utility bill; and

WHEREAS, the monthly residential refuse fee was originally established at \$5.00 in 1998 and has subsequently been increased on three occasions (\$7.00 in February 2009, \$10.50 in November 2015, and \$14.00 in October 2016); and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2021, the City will begin a new contract for residential refuse and recycling collection which necessitates an increase in the monthly fee from \$14.00 to \$15.20.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE:

Section 1: Ordinance No. 17-98 (as amended), is hereby amended by deleting Section 1 in its entirety and substituting therefor a new Section 1 which new section shall read as follows:


Section 1: That a monthly residential refuse/recycling collection fee is hereby established and adopted. The residential refuse/recycling collection fee is hereby set at \$15.20 per month per residential unit. The monthly residential refuse/recycling collection fee shall be billed and collected by the Utility Business Office of the City of Oak Ridge as part of an integrated monthly utility bill and shall be included on all utility bills for residential units where the City of Oak Ridge makes available refuse/recycling collection on or after July 1, 2021. Regular penalty provisions apply for nonpayment.

Section 2: This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after adoption on second reading, the welfare of the City of Oak Ridge requiring it.

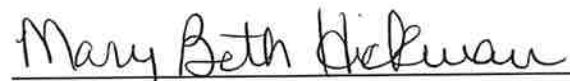
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



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