



STAFF REPORT

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

TO: Regular Session

MEETING DATE: June 6, 2023

FROM: L. J. Arnold III, City Attorney

SUBJECT: Approve on first reading Ordinance O-18-2023 which amends the residential solid waste monthly rates for City provided services from \$19.00 to \$19.95 monthly and for governmental, industrial commercial and the like noncontainerized services from \$25.75 to \$27.04 effective October 1, 2023.

BACKGROUND

The City has not increased solid waste rates in several years and needs additional funds to support its solid waste utility. The suggested rate changes are an increase of five (5) percent over current rates.

FISCAL IMPACT

The funds received by the City for this proposed increase will obviously reflect a five (5) percent increase.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Ordinance No. O-18-2023 as to form only on first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. O-18-2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA INCREASING RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE AND TRASH COLLECTION RATE FROM \$19.00 TO \$19.95 MONTHLY; AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 66-7 (1) RESIDENTIAL (COLLECTION RATES AND CHARGES); INCREASING NONCONTAINERIZED COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, GOVERNMENTAL AND THE LIKE FROM \$25.75 TO 27.04 MONTHLY; AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 66-7(2); PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that a \$.95 upward adjustment in monthly residential garbage and trash collection is necessary and reasonable to fund the solid waste utility; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that an upward adjustment from 25.75 to 27.04 monthly for noncontainerized commercial, industrial, governmental and the like is reasonable and necessary to fund the solid waste utility.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Green Cove Springs as follows:

SECTION 1. City Code Section 66-7 Collection rates and charges, Subsection (1), shall be amended to read as follows:

(1) *For residential*, one garbage can (unless otherwise approved by the city) with two pickups per week for each family unit, residence or apartment and one yard waste, not to exceed 20 plastic bags plus a three-foot by three-foot by six-foot stack of tree limbs per pickup per week, monthly charge: ~~\$19.00~~ \$19.95.

SECTION 2. Section 66-7(2) of the City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) For noncontainerized commercial, industrial, governmental, and the like, up to two garbage cans, with two pickups per week as approved by the director of public works in [section 66-2](#), monthly charge: ~~\$25.75~~ \$27.04.

SECTION 3. CODIFICATION. It is the intention of the City Council, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made part of the Code of the City of Green Cove Springs as amended; that the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention; and that the word “ordinance” may be changed to “section” or other appropriate word.

SECTION 4. REPEALER. Any Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective October 1, 2023.

INTRODUCED AND APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY ON THE FIRST READING BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ON THIS 6TH^h DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

Constance W. Butler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erin West, City Clerk

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, THIS 20TH DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

Constance W. Butler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erin West, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

L. J. Arnold, III, City Attorney