

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 11 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO GARBAGE; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE I THEREOF, PERTAINING TO SECTION 11-21 SERVICE CHARGES; SECTION 11-22 BILLING; PROVIDING FOR A FIVE (5%) PERCENT INCREASE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 AND AN EIGHT (8%) INCREASE IN FISCAL YEAR 2028; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCES, OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith, TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to amend the garbage collection regulations of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has found this ordinance to be in the best interest, safety and welfare of the citizens of the city; and

WHEREAS, notice of this ordinance has been provided in accordance with applicable law.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT, FLORIDA, HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1.

Article I of Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances, pertaining to garbage in general, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 11-21. - Service charges.

- (b) ~~The foregoing garbage and trash collection and disposal service charge shall be according to the following~~ The garbage and trash collection and disposal service charges shall be as follows:
- ~~(1) Thirty-four dollars and twenty-nine zero cents (\$34.29) per month for each commercial business not utilizing bulk containers;~~
 - ~~(2) For multiple dwelling units (duplexes, apartments, condominiums, etc.), for each unit not utilizing bulk containers, the monthly charge shall be thirty-four dollars and twenty-nine cents (\$34.29) per dwelling unit;~~
 - ~~(3) For multiple residential dwelling units the rate where mechanical loading containers are used shall be twenty dollars and fifty-five cents (\$20.55) per month for each dwelling unit;~~

(1) Residential and Commercial service charges

Services	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028
Single residential dwelling unit, per month	\$36.00	\$38.88
Multiple-dwelling unit not utilizing bulk containers, per dwelling unit, per month	\$36.00	\$38.88
Multiple-residential dwelling unit utilizing mechanical loading containers, per dwelling unit, per month	\$21.58	\$23.31
Mobile home park, per dwelling unit, per month	\$21.58	\$23.31
Commercial business not utilizing bulk containers, per month	\$36.00	\$38.88

(4 2) Basic Collection Service and Limitations:

The garbage and trash disposal service shall entitle the person or business responsible for the same to the equivalent of three (3) 32-gallon containers of garbage or secured bags and trash to be picked up twice weekly, so long as such containers or any of the aforementioned substitutes are limited to fifty (50) pounds or one (1) 90-gallon or two (2) 40-gallon mechanical containers;

(5 3) Additional Collection Charges

If more than three (3) 32-gallon containers per collection of garbage and trash per living unit or business require collection, the person or business responsible for the same shall be assessed upon his or her water bill, or otherwise, and shall pay ~~an~~ the applicable additional charge set forth below ~~eleven dollars and forty three cents (\$11.43) per container or bag per pick-up or fifteen dollars and thirty cents (\$15.30) per mechanical container per pickup;~~

Additional service	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028
Each additional container or bag, per pick-up	\$12.00	\$12.96
Each additional mechanical container, per month	\$16.07	\$17.35

(4) Commercial entities utilizing bulk containers.

For Commercial entities utilizing 300-gallon bulk containers, the rates shall be:

300-gallon bulk container service	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028
Once per week, per month, per container	\$129.39	\$139.74
Each additional pick-up, per month	\$129.39	\$139.74
Extra one-time pickup, each	\$33.01	\$35.65

For Commercial entities utilizing 90-gallon bulk containers, the rates shall be:

90-gallon bulk container service:	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028
Once per week, per month, per container	\$38.83	\$41.94
Each additional pick-up, per month	\$38.83	\$41.94
Extra one-time pickup, each	\$33.01	\$35.65

(5) Dumpster Service Charges

For Dumpsters, the rates shall be:

Dumpster service	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028
Four-yard, once a week, per month	\$319.35	\$344.90
Four-yard, additional pick- up, per week, per month	\$319.35	\$344.90
Four-yard, extra one-time pick-up, each	\$77.07	\$83.24
Six-yard, once a week, per month	\$469.07	\$506.60
Six-yard, additional pick- up, per week, per month	\$469.07	\$506.60
Six-yard, extra one-time pick-up, each	\$110.12	\$118.93

(6) Special users

Special users of garbage and trash collection services, such as circuses, tent shows, carnivals, special events and miscellaneous transient users, shall pay a fee for garbage and trash collection, as determined by the city manager, or his or her designee, based upon a reasonable estimate of the anticipated service required, at the time the license for such business shall be issued, in accordance with the estimated quantity to be

collected, plus an additional sum of ten (10) percent of the estimated fee to compensate for the extra duties imposed of a temporary nature;

(7) Recycling Fees

All private properties within the city shall be assessed a recycling fee, whether or not the owner or tenant thereof participates in the city's recycling program. The recycling fee shall be due and payable monthly as invoiced by the city at the rates set forth below:

Property or Service Type	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028
Mobile homes, duplexes, multi-family, per unit	\$1.97	\$2.13
Single-family households	\$3.28	\$3.54
Commercial, other, not utilizing bulk containers	\$3.28	\$3.54
Commercial, schools, other using 90-gallon containers, per container	\$3.45	\$3.73
Commercial, schools, other using 300-gallon containers, per container	\$12.01	\$12.97

~~For commercial entities utilizing 300-gallon bulk container rates:~~

- ~~a. — Once per week, per month, per container\$123.23~~
- ~~b. — Each additional pick up, per month123.23~~
- ~~c. — Extra one-time pickup, each31.44~~

(8) Fiscal Year application

The rates established for Fiscal Year 2027 shall be effective October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027. The rates established for Fiscal Year 2028 shall be effective October 1, 2027, through September 30, 2028.

~~For commercial entities utilizing 90-gallon bulk container rates:~~

- ~~a. — Once per week, per month, per container\$36.98~~
- ~~b. — Each additional pick up, per month36.98~~
- ~~c. — Extra one-time pickup, each31.44~~

(9) ~~For a single residential dwelling unit, the monthly charge shall be thirty-four dollars and twenty-nine cents (\$34.29);~~

(10) ~~For mobile home parks, the rate shall be twenty dollars and fifty-five cents (\$20.55) per month for each dwelling unit;~~

(11) ~~All private properties within the city shall be assessed a recycling fee, whether or not the owner or tenant thereof participates in the city's recycling program, which fee shall be due and payable monthly as invoiced by the city at the following:~~

~~Mobile homes, duplexes, multi-family, per unit\$1.88~~

~~Single-family households3.12~~

~~Commercial, other not utilizing bulk containers3.12~~

~~Commercial, schools, other using 90-gallon containers (per container)3.29~~

~~Commercial, schools, other using 300-gallon container (per container)11.44~~

~~And~~

(12) ~~For dumpsters, the rates are as follows:~~

a. ~~Four-yard, once a week, per month\$304.14~~

b. ~~Four-yard, additional pick-up, per week, per month304.14~~

c. ~~Extra one-time pick-up, each73.40~~

d. ~~Six-yard, once a week, per month446.73~~

e. ~~Six-yard, additional pick-up, per week, per month446.73~~

f. ~~Extra one-time pick-up, each104.88~~

Sec. 11-22. Billing.

(b) When the water service is discontinued at the request of the owner, ~~the a~~ garbage standby charge shall be charged ~~sixteen dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$16.58)~~ per month for each living unit of business. The garbage and trash collection and disposal standby charge, as set forth herein, shall be billed and become payable on the same dates as regular water service billings. If the garbage and trash collection and disposal service standby charge becomes

delinquent, water service shall not be restored until said delinquent charges are paid in full.

For garbage standby, the rates shall be:

Service	Fiscal Year 2027	Fiscal Year 2028
Garbage Standby Charge	\$17.41	\$18.80

Section 2.

All Ordinances, or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of any conflict with this Ordinance.

Section 3.

If any portion or part of this ordinance is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the valid remainder hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4.

The rates and charges established by this Ordinance shall be utilized in calculating customers' bills beginning October 1, 2026, for services utilized during the preceding month.

Section 5.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage.

FIRST READING : September 3, 2026

PUBLISHED : _____

SECOND READING/
PUBLIC HEARING : _____

Karen Love, Mayor

I, Theresa M. Carrico, City Clerk of the City of Gulfport, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was approved on First Reading in accordance with the provisions of law and the City Charter this 3rd day of September, 2026.

ATTEST:

Theresa M. Carrico, City Clerk