

ORDINANCE NO. _____

1 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15-6 OF THE CITY CODE
2 RELATING TO SOLID WASTE SERVICES.

3 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

4 PART 1. City Code Section 15-6-1 (*Definitions*) is amended to amend the
5 definition of “Private Solid Waste Collection Service” to read as follows:

- 6 (16) PRIVATE [~~SOLID WASTE~~] COLLECTION SERVICE means the
7 collection [~~business of collecting~~], removal [~~removing~~], or
8 transportation [~~transporting~~] of solid waste from any premises within
9 the City for a fee.

10 PART 2. City Code Sections 15-6-11 (*Collection Service*) and 15-6-13 (*Private*
11 *Collection Service*) are repealed and replaced to read as follows:

12 § 15-6-11 COLLECTION SERVICES.

- 13 (A) Except as provided below, the department shall make collection service
14 available to all premises in the City.
- 15 (B) The fee for department collection services will be established by separate
16 ordinance.
- 17 (C) Except as provided in Subsections (D) and (E) and by rule, a person in
18 control of a premises with less than five residential dwelling units shall use
19 department collection services.
- 20 (D) A person in control of a premises described in Subsection (C) may use a
21 licensed private collection service for solid waste generated in connection
22 with construction activities occurring on that premises.
- 23 (E) An individual may remove or transport solid waste generated from his or her
24 residence in a vehicle with one ton or less carrying capacity. Removal of
25 solid waste in this manner does not entitle the person to a credit on his or her
26 City of Austin account.
- 27 (F) A person in control of a premises serviced by a licensed private collection
28 service before January 1, 2015, may continue to use a licensed private
29 collection service for that premises. Under this subsection, a private
30 collection service may continue to service the premises if the person in
31 control changes.

1 (G) Collection services provided by the department or under contract with the
2 City are not private collection services.

3 (H) A person in control of a premises subject to this chapter may decline
4 department collection services through a written agreement with the City.
5 The City may not charge for collection services at the affected premises
6 while the agreement is in effect.

7 (I) The director may require a person to obtain licensed private collection
8 service for any premises if the director determines that the premises cannot
9 be adequately served by the City.

10 (J) The City may not charge a person who obtains a licensed private collection
11 service under this section.

12 **§15-6-13 PRIVATE COLLECTION SERVICE.**

13 (A) Except as provided in Subsection (C), a person in control of a premises with
14 five or more residential dwelling units shall use a licensed private collection
15 service.

16 (B) Except as provided in Subsection (C), a person in control of a commercial
17 premises shall use a licensed private collection service.

18 (C) A person in control of a premises serviced by the department before January
19 1, 2015, may continue to use department collection services for that
20 premises. Under this subsection, the department may continue to service the
21 premises even if the person in control changes.

22 **PART 3.** City Code Section 15-6-41 (*Applicability*) is amended to read as follows:

23 **§15-6-41 APPLICABILITY.**

24 This article does not apply to:

25 (1) a City employee acting within the course and scope of the person's
26 duty as a City employee or an agent of the City;

27 (2) the operator of a vehicle owned by a governmental body and used to
28 transport the governmental body's solid waste;

29 (3) a sloop or swill hauler who complies with Section 10-5-62 (*Permit*
30 *Required for Slop and Swill Hauler*); or

1 (4) vehicles hauling medical waste, liquid waste, or hazardous waste [~~a~~
2 ~~private collection service that hauls refuse from single family~~
3 ~~residences only,~~].

4 [~~(5) vehicles hauling medical waste, liquid waste, or hazardous waste.~~]

5 **PART 4.** City Code Section 15-6-54 (*Decal*) is amended to read as follows:

6 **§15-6-54 DECAL.**

7 (A) The code compliance director shall issue a decal to a licensee for each refuse
8 collection vehicle [~~, each container included in the license,~~] and each
9 additional vehicle approved by the code compliance director under Section
10 15-6-42 (*Vehicles and Equipment*).

11 (B) A licensee shall display the vehicle decal, including temporary decals, on
12 both the driver and passenger side doors of the vehicle in a location that can
13 be seen by the public at all times.

14 [~~(C) A licensee shall display the container decal on the front face of every~~
15 ~~container described in the license.~~]

16 **PART 5.** City Code Section 15-6-56 (*License Fees*) is amended to read as follows:

17 **§15-6-56 LICENSE FEES.**

18 (A) The department shall charge a licensee an annual operation fee set by the
19 city council. The department shall calculate the fee based on the number of
20 vehicles used in the private collection service's operation. The department
21 shall prorate the fee charged for a vehicle that is added to the service's
22 operation during the calendar year.

23 (B) The department may not assess an additional fee for a vehicle that replaces a
24 vehicle permitted during the same permit year.

25 (C) A licensee shall pay the annual vehicle operating fee on or before the last
26 business day in January of each year.

27 (D) The department shall charge a licensee a container fee set by separate
28 ordinance [~~the city council~~]. The department shall calculate the monthly fee
29 based on the number of containers placed in service during any month in the
30 calendar year [~~and the number of days a container is in service~~].

31 (E) A licensee shall pay the monthly container fee [~~quarterly. A licensee shall~~
32 ~~pay the accrued container fee~~] not later than the 30th day after the end of the
33 calendar quarter for which the fee is due.

- 1 (F) The City may charge an additional fee to be set annually by City Council if
2 the licensee does not pay the vehicle or container fee on or before the date it
3 is due. A late penalty will be based on the monthly [~~annual~~] container fee.
- 4 (G) Containers and vehicles that are exclusively utilized and labeled for the
5 collection of recyclables [~~and have a blue recycling decal,~~] are exempt from
6 license fees.

7 **PART 6.** This ordinance takes effect on January 1, 2015.

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9 **PASSED AND APPROVED**

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