

ORDINANCE 2024- 2

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 53 REGARDING THE USER FEES  
TO PAY THE COSTS OF TRASH COLLECTION FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS  
WITHIN THE CITY OF COLUMBIA CITY

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia City (the "City"), by using one trash collection service for the residents of the City, provides substantial savings to its citizens compared to each resident to contracting with private trash haulers; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City believes that it is fair and equitable to impose a fee to pay the trash collection costs; and

WHEREAS, Indiana law, including both §36-9-23-25 and §36-9-30-21, authorizes the Common Council to provide for the collection of solid waste, including garbage and rubbish and to establish a fee to pay the cost of the City to collect and dispose of garbage and other trash in a sanitary manner and to collect said cost as part of the charges collected by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City currently has a contract for the exclusive collection and removal of garbage, refuse and waste within the City and the City has now negotiated a 3 year extension of its current trash collection service with adjusted rates.

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Columbia City that Chapter 53 of the City's code of ordinances shall be amended as follows:

1. Beginning with the first utility bill collections in July of 2024 and continuing through June 30, 2027, there is hereby imposed a monthly trash collection fee per Unit of \$13.00.

2. After term set forth above, the monthly trash collection costs shall be re-established by an Amendment to this Ordinance.

3. The rate imposed by this Ordinance shall be in addition to the rates charged by the City to operate its utilities.

4. Section 53.41(B), last sentence, shall be amended to read as follows:

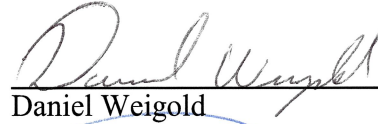
If such charges are not paid within 30 days after due, the amount of the user fee and any necessary attorneys' fees may be recovered by the city in a civil action.

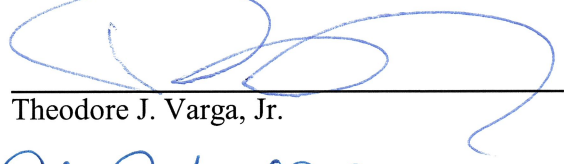
5. The rates approved by this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect for bills paid in July of 2024 and thereafter.

6. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its adoption by the Common Council and approval by the Mayor of the City of Columbia City, Indiana.

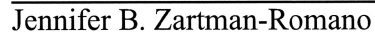
ALL OF WHICH IS ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Columbia City,  
Indiana, this 24 day of February, 2024.

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
COLUMBIA CITY, INDIANA, BY:

  
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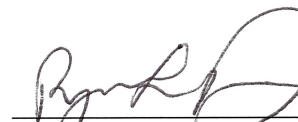
  
Jennifer B. Zartman-Romano

  
Jennifer Middleton

Attest:

  
Rosie Coyle, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved this 24 day of February, 2024.

  
Ryan L. Daniel, Mayor  
City of Columbia City