

VILLAGE OF COVINGTON, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 02-23

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRASH AND RECYCLING
COLLECTION RATES FOR THE VILLAGE OF COVINGTON,
OHIO**

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Covington has determined that it is necessary to revise the curb-side collection rates for all trash and recycling customers of the Village of Covington;

WHEREAS, regulations related to these services continually are reviewed and are in need of updating; and

WHEREAS, under Ordinance 09-18 regulations and rates were last modified; and

WHEREAS, the Village desires to update regulations related to the trash services provided and to update fees applicable to the provisions of Services being provided by the Village; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance updates the regulations related to Trash Services and the fees for those services; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Covington, State of Ohio, as follows:

SECTION 1: Definitions.

“Curbside” – Curbside means on the street in the designated location in front of a property within the Village of Covington.

“Curbside Collection” – Curbside collection is the once per week collection of residential trash and recycling materials that are placed at the curb for Village staff to collect and dispose of.

“Extra Trash” – Extra Trash is any items excluding hazardous waste that is placed curbside and is not inside of a village provided toter.

“Toter” – A toter is a wheeled container that is provided as part of the curb-side service to each trash customer. This toter remains the property of the Village of Covington and must be returned upon termination of the trash service.

“Hazardous Waste” – Any material such as liquid paint, flammable liquids, asbestos, mercury, pesticides, or other materials that require special disposal. Disposal of hazardous waste Via the curb-side collection service is strictly prohibited.

SECTION 2: Rules and Regulations. Attached *Exhibit A* shall provide all required rules and regulations related to trash services within the Village of Covington. Such rules and regulations may be changed from time to time by the Mayor or the Village Administrator to assure that the Village is able to provide services as efficiently and safely as possible.

SECTION 3: Application Form. As part of Ordinance 01-23, all customers must complete a “Utility Service Application – Owner” application, and those accounts that are being utilized as rentals or who have persons who are not the owners living within them, must also complete a “Utility Service Application – Tenant” application as described within the attached *Exhibit A*. All accounts will be required to complete said applications, and a copy of required applications will be mailed with the monthly billings until the applications are completed and filed with the Village. Those accounts not completing the required applications by January 1, 2024 may face shut off or account termination.

SECTION 4: Monthly Trash Collection Charges.

All monthly trash and recycling billing shall be sent with the Water and Sewer Bills monthly as defined within *Exhibit A*.

The following chart shall be utilized for the standard services provided as described above.

Trash Collection Service Provided:

	Monthly 96 Gallon Curbside	Monthly 48 Gallon (Low Volume) Curbside	Monthly Recycling Curbside
2023	\$ 18.03	\$ 15.97	\$ 4.64
2024	\$ 18.57	\$ 16.44	\$ 4.77
2025	\$ 19.12	\$ 16.94	\$ 4.92
2026	\$ 19.70	\$ 17.45	\$ 5.06
2027	\$ 20.29	\$ 17.97	\$ 5.22
2028	\$ 20.90	\$ 18.51	\$ 5.37
2029	\$ 21.52	\$ 19.06	\$ 5.53
2030	\$ 22.17	\$ 19.63	\$ 5.70
2031	\$ 22.83	\$ 20.22	\$ 5.87

2032	\$ 23.52	\$ 20.49	\$ 5.71
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SECTION 5: Trash Service Rates for Services Outside of the Corporation Limits.

Trash rates and fees will be charged 150% the rates listed in this Ordinance for trash services outside the corporation limits of the Village of Covington. Only dumpster service will be provided outside of the Village Corporation limits.

SECTION 6: Dumpster Service.

The Village of Covington offers dumpster service to multi-family and commercial customers. Multi-family and commercial customers may utilize dumpster service through the Village in lieu of curbside trash service. The Village Administrator may authorize the use of a dumpster for general residential service in lieu of curbside pickup service if the customer requests such a service and the Village has the ability to provide the service in a safe and accessible location on the property.

The following collection rates apply monthly:

	2 Yard Dumpster (1 dump / wk)	2 Yard Dumpster (2 dump / wk)	4 Yard Dumpster (1 dump / wk)	4 Yard Dumpster (2 dump / wk)	6 Yard Dumpster (1 dump / wk)	6 Yard Dumpster (2 dumps / wk)
2023	\$ 69.89	\$ 139.77	\$ 111.03	\$ 222.07	\$ 166.55	\$ 333.10
2024	\$ 71.98	\$ 143.96	\$ 114.37	\$ 228.73	\$ 171.55	\$ 343.10
2025	\$ 74.14	\$ 148.28	\$ 117.80	\$ 235.59	\$ 176.69	\$ 353.39
2026	\$ 76.37	\$ 152.73	\$ 121.33	\$ 242.66	\$ 181.99	\$ 363.99
2027	\$ 78.66	\$ 157.31	\$ 124.97	\$ 249.94	\$ 187.45	\$ 374.91
2028	\$ 81.02	\$ 162.03	\$ 128.72	\$ 257.44	\$ 193.08	\$ 386.16
2029	\$ 83.45	\$ 166.89	\$ 132.58	\$ 265.16	\$ 198.87	\$ 397.74
2030	\$ 85.95	\$ 171.90	\$ 136.56	\$ 273.12	\$ 204.84	\$ 409.67
2031	\$ 88.53	\$ 177.06	\$ 140.65	\$ 281.31	\$ 210.98	\$ 421.96
2032	\$ 91.18	\$ 182.37	\$ 144.87	\$ 289.75	\$ 217.31	\$ 434.62

**Any requested dumps beyond the contracted two per week noted above will be charged for each dump at the single dump rate. (Example being 3 dumps of 2 Yard dumpster will be billed \$209.67 per month).

SECTION 7: Late Fees.

A late fee of 10% will be charged on the unpaid monthly balance when the office opens

on the 21st day of each month a bill is not paid in full. Accounts paid by credit card or through online payment where payment has not been verified and completed on the 21st will be charged a late fee accordingly.

SECTION 8: Other Service Fees.

The table below lists additional fees related to the Trash Services being provided within the Village of Covington.

Other Service Fee Table

	Fee
Extra Trash Toter Fee	\$9 / Month for each additional toter
Replacement of Lost or Stolen Trash Toter	\$95.00
Bad Check Charge Fee	\$50
Returned Electronic Transaction Fee (ACH)	\$50
Final Notice Delivery Fee	\$20
Credit Card / Debit Card Convenience Fee Online payments are subject to additional convenience fees charged and collected by third-party venders.	3% per transaction charged maximum

SECTION 9: Extra Trash / Bulky Trash Collection / Fees

The table below lists additional fees related to extra trash services being provided within the Village of Covington. Additional fees are approved on the monthly bill and will be reflected as “Extra Trash” on billings. These items will be collected from the curb on the standard day for trash and recycling collection for a customer.

Standards within Exhibit A for Extra / Bulky Trash collection shall be met for the Village to collect extra / bulky trash.

The Public Works Director or his designee will document additional trash collected each week and provide the list to the Billing Clerk for addition to the monthly bill.

	Fee
Trash Can set out that is NOT a Village of Covington toter	\$10 / each can collected
Furniture / Mattress (must be bagged) - chair, couch, etc.	\$15 / each
Furniture without fabric material – tv stand, dresser, etc.	\$10 / each
Appliances – Dishwasher, Fridge (w/o freon), oven, etc.	\$25 / each
General Additional Trash (Bagged or not Bagged) – Based on Size	\$5 - \$50

SECTION 10: Yard Waste Fees

Yard Waste collected will follow the below rates:

	Fee
Yard Waste Bag Collection (grass clippings only)	\$5 / each
Branch / Stick / Other Materials to be Chipped (once per month)	No fee
Branch / Stick / Other Materials to be Chipped each time after first free collection per month	\$50 / Collection Day

SECTION 11: Violation of this Ordinance

Anyone who violates or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) for each separate offense. Each day of failing to comply with any of the provisions herein shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 12: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council, and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

SECTION 13: If any section, subsection, paragraph, clause or provision, or any part thereof of this Ordinance shall be finally adjudicated by a Court of competent jurisdiction to being valid the remainder of this Ordinance shall be unaffected by such adjudication, and all the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect as though such section, subsection, paragraph, clause, or provision, or any part thereof so adjudicated to be invalid, had not, to the extent of such invalidity, been included herein.

SECTION 14: This Ordinance shall, as of March 21, 2023, repeal Ordinance 09-18 previously approved on September 10, 2018 and supersede and or replace any previously existing trash collection rates, trash collection service fees, and trash collection rate ordinances previously approved or passed by the Village of Covington Council or it's representatives.

SECTION 15: Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect March 21, 2023 and rates shall be first reflected on the April 2023 billing with May 2023 collection.