

INTRODUCED: March 28, 2016

AN ORDINANCE No. 2016-113

To amend City Code § 23-97, concerning fees for the use of a City transfer station, and to amend Appendix A of the City Code by adding therein new fees for City Code § 23-97, for the purpose of imposing fees for the use of a City transfer station.

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Patron – Mayor Jones

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: APR 25 2016 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That section 23-97 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015) be and is hereby **amended** and reordained as follows:

**Sec. 23-97. Weighing of vehicle containing refuse; fees.**

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, it shall be unlawful for any person or the State, its political subdivisions or agencies, or the United States government to dispose of refuse at the City transfer stations before weighing the vehicle containing the refuse. The fees for the use of a City transfer station shall be as set forth in Appendix A to this Code.

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ADOPTED:    APR 25 2016    REJECTED: \_\_\_\_\_    STRICKEN: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Any City resident hauling refuse, specifically excluding yard waste, up to an estimated maximum of 2,000 pounds (one ton) generated at such person's own residence located within the City shall not be required to weigh the refuse disposed of and shall not be charged a fee for disposal of such refuse.

(c) City residents hauling from their own residences; nonprofit organizations, so designated by the Internal Revenue Service for income tax purposes, located within the City limits; or a civic association, whether incorporated or unincorporated, and comprised entirely of property owners within the corporate City limits and specifically within the geographical area making up such association and which collects leaves, grass clippings, brush and tree trimmings solely for the members of such association may dispose of such leaves, brush and tree trimmings at a City-designated location and shall not be required to weigh the refuse disposed of or to pay the fee.

(d) A civic association, whether incorporated or unincorporated, and comprised entirely of property owners within the corporate City limits and specifically within the geographical area making up such association and which collects leaves, brush and tree trimmings solely for the members of such association, may dispose of such leaves, brush and tree trimmings at a City-operated transfer station and shall not be required to weigh the refuse disposed of or to pay the fee.

§ 2. That Appendix A of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015) be and is hereby amended and reordained by **adding therein new** fees for section 23-97 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015) as follows:

| <i>Code Section</i> | <i>Description</i>  | <i>Fee</i> |
|---------------------|---|------------|
| 23-97(a)            | Fee for residents for household refuse up to 2,000 pounds, per load     | \$0.00     |
|                     | Fee for residents for household refuse over 2,000 pounds, per load      | \$6.00     |
|                     | Fee for non-residents for household refuse up to 2,000 pounds, per load | \$6.00     |

§ 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.



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O&R REQUEST

DATE: February 5, 2016 EDITION: 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: Dwight C. Jones, Mayor (By Request) [Signature]

THROUGH: Selena Cuffee-Glenn, Chief Administrative Officer [Signature]

THROUGH: John J Buturla, Interim Deputy Chief Administrative Officer [Signature]

FOR: Emmanuel Adediran, Director
Department of Public Works [Signature]

THROUGH: Bobby Vincent, Deputy Director
Department of Public Works [Signature]

FROM: Doug Mawby
Department of Public Works [Signature]

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MAR 16 2016
OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY

RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF
SOLID WASTE AT CITY LANDFILLS AND TRANSFER STATIONS

ORD. OR RES No. \_\_\_\_\_

PURPOSE: To amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A of the City Code for City Code § 23-97 by adding therein new fees for the use of a City transfer station.

REASON: Current practices for charging fees at City landfills and transfer locations have been found to be inconsistent due to the lack of an established fee schedule.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Department of Public Works requests that the City Code be amended per the following:

- 1. Section 23-97 shall be amended by adding the following:
(a) Fees for the use of a City transfer station shall be as set forth Appendix A to this code.
2. Appendix A shall be modified as follows:
23-97 Fee for residents for household refuse over 2,000 pounds \$6.00/load

Fee for non-residents for household refuse up to 2,000 pounds \$6.00/load

**BACKGROUND:** Currently fees for the use of City transfer stations are not set by the City Code. Per the current contract with the management company the City is provided a portion of the fees collected, however there has been no formally established fee for the use of the City facility; it was left to the management company to determine what rates to charge. It is unclear what charges have been placed upon third party users of these facilities beyond that which the City has been receiving. This amendment to the fee schedule will establish specific rates for dumping material at City facilities so that all users of these facilities will be treated consistently per the City Code.

This amendment does not change existing Code language that allows residents to drop off household refuse up to 2,000 pounds for free. This establishes the fee for resident's loads over 2,000 pounds and for household refuse for non-residents.

The contract for the administration of solid waste facilities is currently out for bid and this amendment is needed so that the RFP can be adjusted to reflect the proper fee structure for the use of this City Facility. This amendment will ensure that the fees are set by the City and not the vendor that wins this contract.

The proposed fees for use of the transfer facility have been established after a review of the surrounding counties:

|                     |             |                          |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Chesterfield County | \$8.00/load | resident or non-resident |
| Henrico County      | \$3.00/load | residents only           |
| Hanover County      | no fee      | residents only           |
| Goochland County    | no fee      | residents only           |

**FISCAL IMPACT/COST:** Negligible

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:** Nothing in addition to "Fiscal Impact/Cost" information.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY:** No amendment necessary at this time.

**REVENUE TO CITY:** Negligible change; about \$193,000.00/year based on activity from previous year

**DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon Adoption.

**REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE:** February 22, 2016

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** March 14, 2016

**REQUESTED AGENDA:** Consent Agenda.

**RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE:** Government Operations (February 25)

**CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:**

**AFFECTED AGENCIES:** Public Works; Law Department; Public Utilities; Economic and Community Development; Budget and Strategic Planning; Mayor's Office, CAO's Office, and Finance

**RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.:** none

**REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S):** None.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**STAFF:**

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Prepared by Doug Mawby

Department of Public Works

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