2024-0230

INTRODUCED BY: MATTHEW JEWELL, PARISH PRESIDENT

ORDINANCE NO.

24-7-22

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10 - Garbage and Trash, Article II. Uniform Solid Waste Management System, Section 10-22. Service charge. (a) Levied. to increase the Service Charge for Solid Waste Collection Services.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 21-12-6 adopted on December 20, 2021, by the St. Charles Parish Council, approved and authorized the execution of a contract with River Birch Renewable Energy, LLC, to perform professional services for Solid Waste Collection Services, Project No. in the amount of \$14.75 per unit per month effective May 1, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2024, the St. Charles Parish Council will consider File No. 2024-0207 to approve and authorize the execution of a Solid Waste Disposal Agreement with River Birch, L.L.C. for the term commencing on July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2034 with options to renew in the amount of \$6.00 per unit per month effective July 1, 2024, wherein the Parish currently charges residents \$3.63 per unit per month; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Parish Council to adjust the monthly service charge for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services to increase the current charge by \$2.00 from \$19.12 per unit per month (including the .20 billing fee) to \$21.12 per unit per month.

THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. That the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10 - Garbage and Trash, Article II. Uniform Solid Waste Management System, Section 10-22. Service charge. (a) Levied. be hereby amended with new text <u>underlined</u> and deleted text in strikethrough:

(\$16.04) is hereby established and levied for each residential and commercial unit within the Parish of St. Charles, as defined in the parish's current solid waste collection program, effective March 1, 2011. That a monthly Service Charge of twenty dollars and ninety-two cents (\$20.92) is hereby established and levied for each Residential and Commercial Unit within the Parish of St. Charles, as defined in the Parish's current Solid Waste Collection Program, effective July 1, 2024. The monthly service charge established herein shall be adjusted on June 1, 2007 2025 and each year thereafter in an amount equal to the Consumer Price Index, applicable to the New Orleans – Baton Rouge area, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Said adjustment shall be equal to the net percentage change in the CPI for the prior calendar year.

SECTION II. That the total monthly Service Charge to each unit established herein shall be twenty-one dollars and twelve cents (\$21.12) per month, including the ten cents (.20) per month Waterworks billing fee.

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:

MOBLEY, FONSECA, WILSON, SKIBA, PILIE, COMARDELLE,

O'DANIELS, FISHER, DEBRULER

NAYS:

NONE

ABSENT: NONE

And the ordinance was declared adopted this <u>22nd</u> day of <u>July</u>, 2024, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

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