

Submitted by: Chair of Assembly at the  
Request of the Mayor  
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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AO No. 2008-52(S)

1 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 26.70 TO  
2 ADD A NEW SECTION ESTABLISHING VARIABLE GARBAGE COLLECTION RATES  
3 FOR AUTOMATED COLLECTION ROUTES.  
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5 THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:  
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7 **Section 1.** Anchorage Municipal Code chapter 26.70 is amended to establish variable  
8 refuse collection rates based on refuse volumes for refuse collection utility customers  
9 receiving service on automated collection routes. Anchorage Municipal Code section  
10 26.70.040, Service requests, rates and billing, is amended to read as follows (*the remainder*  
11 *of the section is not affected and therefore not set out*):  
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13 **26.70.040** **Service requests, rates and billing.**  
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15 C. *Rates, fees and charges.* Notwithstanding section 26.10.035, the following  
16 rates, fees and charges shall be assessed for municipal solid waste  
17 collection:  
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20 5. *Automated refuse collection service.*

21 a. *Basic monthly charge.* This rate covers the weekly  
22 collection of refuse collection units, and bi-weekly collection  
23 of recyclable collection units on collection routes designated  
24 by the Director to be automated collection routes. Each  
25 customer receiving refuse collection service on a designated  
26 automated collection route shall subscribe to a service level  
27 based on standard refuse volumes as designated in this  
28 section. Multiple-family residential units; mobile home or  
29 trailer courts with more than one trailer or mobile home; or  
30 business establishments shall pay the elected subscription  
31 rate per occupancy unit. Subscription rates shall be:  
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Subscription Volume for Refuse Collection	Monthly Service Charge
32 gallons	\$14.35
64 gallons	\$22.95
96 gallons	\$31.55
Additional Volume	\$8.60/32-gallon increment

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34 b. Customers who do not select a subscription volume shall be  
35 assigned a default subscription volume of 64 gallons per  
36 week, and shall be billed accordingly.

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**c [b]**. *Terms of service.*

1. The refuse collection utility shall provide each customer receiving service on a designated automated collection route with roll cart refuse container(s) of volume equal to the subscription volume elected by the customer. The utility shall also provide one roll cart container for collection of recyclable materials. Roll carts shall be unique in color or labeling such that refuse collection and recyclable collection are readily distinguishable. **The customer is responsible for cleaning roll carts.**

**i [a]** Each container will be designated by a unique serial number which shall be assigned to the customer's account. Upon initiation of service, one set of containers shall be provided at no charge to the customer.

**ii [b]** Customers shall be allowed to change the volume of his/her refuse collection subscription at no charge within 180 days of initiation of service. If the customer elects to change the volume of **service more than 180 days after initiation of service [his/her after that date]**, the utility shall charge a \$30.00 Change in Service fee per occurrence to cover the cost of cart delivery and account upgrades.

2. The customer shall place roll carts for refuse and recyclables collection at the curbside or alley within three feet of the drivable roadway or alley with a minimum of 3 feet of clearance from any pole, mailbox, vehicle, roll cart, snow berm or other obstruction on any side. Customers shall be responsible for clearing snow or other obstructions limiting access to the collection containers.

3. All refuse and recyclables shall be collected from roll carts provided by the collection utility only. Any waste material not contained within the designated refuse roll cart provided by the refuse collection utility with the lid tightly closed shall be considered excess refuse.

**i [a]**. Wastes in addition to the volume of the provided roll cart **shall [must]** be contained in a closed bag, and shall be collected by separate pickup.

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- ii ~~b~~. Customers with excess or oversized refuse shall be charged \$10.00 per pickup plus the greater of either \$2.00 per bag or can of 32-gallon equivalent size or the current disposal rate by volume basis for a minimum of one cubic yard of uncompacted refuse.
- iii ~~c~~. Roll carts with refuse exceeding the designed container volume by either protruding above the rim of the container so as to prohibit tightly closing the lid, or stacked on top of the lid shall be charged for excess pickup as prescribed in ~~item 3.b. of this~~ subsection c.3.ii. above. The collections operator may elect to refuse service to any overfilled container which cannot, in the operator's ~~his~~ sole opinion, be emptied without potentially spilling refuse to the ground.
- iv ~~d~~. Reloading of carts while being serviced is not permitted.

4. Each customer shall be provided with a list of materials acceptable for recycle. The collection utility may inspect the contents of any recycle collection container. Containers found to contain materials not specifically identified on the list of acceptable materials or containing materials considered detrimental to the value of the recycled materials shall ~~will~~ be tagged, notifying the owner that unacceptable materials were found. Contents of the container shall ~~will~~ be collected as refuse, and the owner shall be billed for excess waste as specified in ~~item 3.b. of this~~ subsection c.3.ii. above.

5. The collection utility [~~shall make available roll-out service to customers who are certified to be disabled. A fee of \$8.00 per month shall be charged in addition to the subscription rate for this service.~~] shall provide on- property services for a fee in addition to the applicable collection charges under subsection C.5. above, and subject to the following terms and conditions:

- i. The charge for collecting containers shall be \$8.00 for each 50 feet from the drivable roadway or alley per month.
- ii. On-property service is available only for containers issued by the collection utility

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**and placed outdoors, in plain view of the collection crew.**

**iii. The collection crew shall not enter any building to collect a container.**

6. Roll cart containers shall remain the property of the refuse collection utility.

**i [a].** Customers vacating premises or otherwise terminating service shall be responsible to arrange for return of all roll carts to the collections utility. **Upon request, the collection utility will pick up carts for a fee of \$10.00.** A charge of \$75.00 per roll cart shall be assessed to the final billing for any non-returned carts.

**ii [b].** The collections utility shall replace lost, stolen or damaged roll carts where damage[d] is considered in excess of normal wear and tear. The customer shall be billed \$75.00 per cart for each replacement cart.

(CAC 11.12.030; AO No. 77-349; AO No. 78-119; AO No. 81-80; AO No. 82-225; AO No. 83-221; AO No. 85-202, 1-1-86; AO No. 86-203, 1-9-87; AO No. 88-170, 1-1-89; AO No. 89-51(S-3); AO No. 90-72; AO No. 2000-79, § 1, 5-16-00; AO No. 2004-80, § 1, 7-1-04; AO No. 2005-13, § 1, 2-15-05)

**Section 3.** This ordinance shall be effective July 1, 2008.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Chair

ATTEST:  
  
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Municipal Clerk