

CITY OF VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS

ORDINANCE NO. 41-2023

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, FOR THE CITY OF VAN BUREN,  
ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 4-2020 AND  
ESTABLISHING MONTHLY RATES FOR MANDATORY  
RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE FOR THE  
CITY OF VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS, DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY**

- WHEREAS, the City of Van Buren, Arkansas has implemented a mandatory residential solid waste management system and recycling program pursuant to Ordinance No. 10-2009; and,
- WHEREAS, it is the duty of the City Council of the City of Van Buren, Arkansas to approve rates, charges or contractual fees to be charged by residential solid waste disposal firms; and,
- WHEREAS, the cost of residential solid waste collection within the City of Van Buren, Arkansas has increased since the same were last established by Ordinance No. 4-2020, passed and approved February 24, 2020; and,
- WHEREAS, the City of Van Buren Municipal Utilities Commission, acting as agent for the City of Van Buren, Arkansas has recommended a schedule of fees and charges for the operation of the residential solid waste management program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
VAN BUREN, ARKANSAS:**

THAT, Ordinance No. 4-2020 is hereby repealed; and,

- SECTION 1: The monthly rate to be charged for each residential unit as defined in Ordinance No. 10-2009 or hereinafter amended shall be Sixteen Dollars and Twenty-Four Cents (\$16.24). These charges shall cover, at a minimum, once per week residential solid waste and residential curbside recycling collection operated by the Residential Solid Waste Disposal Firm, and residential yard waste curbside collection and drop -- off facility operated by the City of Van Buren Street Department,
- SECTION 2: The billing and collection for the residential solid waste management program shall be performed by the City of Van Buren Municipal Utilities according to its customary billing and collection procedures and in accordance with the Agreement between the Residential Solid Waste Disposal Firm and the City of Van Buren Municipal Utilities Commission. The City of Van Buren Municipal Utilities shall deduct the sum of One Dollar and Forty-Eight Cents (\$1.48) for each customer for whom a collection was made.

SECTION 3: The sum of Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) for each customer for whom a collection was made shall be remitted to the City of Van Buren for the operation of a residential yard waste collection and drop-off program.

SECTION 4: The remainder of charges collected shall be remitted to the Residential Solid Waste Disposal Firm in accordance with the Agreement between the Residential Solid Waste Disposal Firm and the City of Van Buren Municipal Utilities Commission.

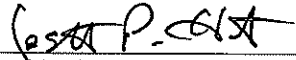
SECTION 5: If any Section or part of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, it shall not affect the remaining Sections thereof, and the Sections and parts of said Ordinance shall be treated severally.

SECTION 6: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herein, are hereby repealed.

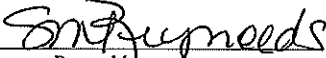
SECTION 7: *Emergency Clause:* Due to the need to maintain and enforce a comprehensive, city-wide, solid waste management program, and this ordinance being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, shall be in full force and effect from January 1, 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Van Buren, Arkansas, by its City Council, did pass, approve, and adopt, by a vote of 0 for and 0 against, the foregoing Ordinance at its regular meeting held on the 18th day of December 2023.




  
Joseph P. Hurst  
Mayor

ATTESTED:

  
Shawna Reynolds  
City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Jacob Howell  
City Attorney

