

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD  
BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

ORDINANCE NO. 427

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD,  
FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A RESIDENTIAL TRASH  
COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL FEE AND PROVIDING FOR  
COLLECTIONS, LIENS AND ENFORCEMENT;  
INVALIDATING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT  
THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Springfield provides mandatory trash collection and disposal services to the residents of the city; and

**WHEREAS**, increasing costs and expenses create the need for increased revenues and the establishment of a fee for residential trash and collection and disposal services; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF  
SPRINGFIELD, IN BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

1. **Rates**: The rate per household per month is five dollars (\$5.00). Future rate adjustments may be enacted by resolution. Senior citizen discounts shall be available similar to the discounts applied to the water utility. Hardships will be considered on a case by case basis.
2. **Definition**: Trash shall be defined to mean accumulations of paper, wooden or paper boxes or containers, yard trimmings and all other accumulations of a nature other than garbage, which are usual to housekeeping.
3. **Additional residential charges**: Trash and refuse


collection is limited solely to the usual and customary trash generated from the household. Should the trash involve debris or refuse that is generated on other premises or by other sources that are not usual and customary to the property is prohibited. The Public Works Department shall determine what is usual and customary and shall determine the price accordingly and the customer shall pay for the cost of removal.

4. **Service outside the municipal limits:** Customers provided trash and refuse collection outside the city limits shall pay the monthly charge as set forth in this section, plus a surcharge of 25 percent thereof.
5. **Liability for charges:** Charges for collection and disposal under this section shall be billed and collected in the same manner as other city utility bills are rendered and paid. Failure to pay the monthly charge will result in termination of service, late fees, interest and other penalties including a lien being declared on the real property. Continued placement of trash after service has been discontinued will result in a citation being issued. The method of collection of such charges provided in this section shall not be construed as limiting or in any way restricting the use of any other remedy or method of enforcement available to the city.
6. **Cumulative:** The provisions of this article shall be

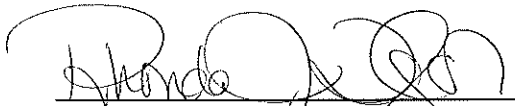
supplemental to all ordinances of the city, and the provisions hereof shall be cumulative to all other remedies provided by law or ordinance for the collection of unpaid utility bills. This ordinance may be amended by resolution.

7. **Severability**: If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.
8. **Effective Date**: This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** at the regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Springfield, Florida, on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2004

  
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Robert E. Walker, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Rhonda J. Taylor, City Clerk

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