

Ordinance 487

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, CEDAR COUNTY, NEBRASKA: ESTABLISHING A METHOD FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION AND A SCHEDULE OF RATES TO BE CHARGED TO ALL RESIDENTS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LAUREL AND TO REPEAL CONFLICTING RATES AND SCHEDULES AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 3 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, NE AND SHALL BE CITED AS 3-308.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Laurel, the following schedule of fees to be charged for garbage and trash collection is hereby approved.

Section 1. Collection of (refuse, waste, and garbage)

The City shall provide a weekly collection of household and commercial garbage and waste within corporate limits of the City of Laurel. Residents and Businesses within the service territory will be allowed to utilize at no charge the Regional Recycling Center, City of Laurel Tree Dump, and Scrap Iron Dumpster. For the purpose of this Ordinance, the term "Refuse" shall mean those articles rejected or discarded as worthless and non-consumable such as trees, tree limbs, branches, untreated lumbers, shrubs, grasses, leaves, and any other decayable foliage. The term "Garbage or Waste" shall mean items directly associated with personal consumption from private households and commercial businesses.

That each residence or business within the corporate limits shall be required to utilize the City of Laurel Trash Services and pay to the City of Laurel a monthly fee for the collection and proper disposal of garbage produced by the residences and businesses.

Any residence or business that refuses to utilize the City of Laurel Trash Service will still be required to pay the "flat rate" stated below.

A. Approved Containers and Volume:

- 1.) a maximum volume of 30 gallons per bag.
- 2.) all garbage shall be placed in bags "tied" or "sealed" and set at the curb for the collection and loading into the garbage truck.
- 3.) 30 gallon trash bags maybe placed in a plastic container.
- 4.) home made containers will not be considered as an approved container.

B. Route Schedules, Placement, and Containment Practices:

That the City of Laurel, Nebraska shall collect and remove all garbage or waste from each residence within the corporate limits and service territory of the City of Laurel. All garbage to be collected shall be contained within a garbage bag and placed upon or immediately adjacent to the curb of the street nearest to such residence. Residents and owners shall be responsible for placing garbage at the curb on the actual day of scheduled collection. Collection routes and dates shall be determined by the City of Laurel, and any collection date or time changes will not take effect, until prior notification or publication to the resident or business by the City of Laurel.

C. Refuse Disposal, City Dump

The City shall provide, at no charge, a dump area where refuse items maybe deposited by residents and businesses within the corporate limits. The City Refuse (Dump) Site has areas designated which allows for trees, tree limbs and branches, untreated lumbers, shrubs, grasses, leaves, or any other decayable foliages to be deposited. No other items shall be deposited in this dump area.

D. Illegal Dumping

That this ordinance prohibits any person(s) from placing any garbage or refuse on or into public or private property. Placement, dumping, or depositing of garbage or refuse into or next to any City of Laurel garbage trucks, vehicles, buildings, facilities, or the Regional Recycling Center grounds is prohibited.

All refuse and garbage items must be appropriately disposed of within the guidelines of this ordinance. Residents or businesses, who violate the provisions of this ordinance shall be in violation thereof.

E. Hazardous Waste

Hazardous Waste is a waste with properties that make it dangerous or potentially harmful to human health or the environment. Wastes can be liquids, solids, gases, or sludge's which exhibit at least one of the following four characteristics: ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity, and toxicity.

Therefore the City shall not collect and dispose of any hazardous waste as defined by the above. No person shall place any hazardous wastes on public or private properties, garbage trucks or vehicles, nor on the premise of city buildings and facilities. The City reserves the right to refuse to collect any article or substance it deems dangerous or unsuitable for city disposal. Any person or business attempting to dispose of hazardous waste or other items not suitable for city disposal or who willing violates this article in any manner, shall be in violation thereof.

F. Residential Rates

The City of Laurel will provide a Trash Selection Form that will allow residents the option to select either a Flat Rate or the Pay As You Throw Rate. The selected rate will remain in force for a period of one year.

Residential Flat Rate

Base Charge	\$18.00	4-collections per month
Senior Citizens	\$16.00	4-collections per month

The flat rate allows for an amount of 90 gallons (3-30 gallon bags) of trash per week. The trash must be enclosed in a garbage bag(s). Extra garbage over the 90-gallon amount must be in a city bag.

Residential Pay As You Throw (PAYT)

Base Charge	\$8.00	4-collections per month
Bag Charge	15 gallon	\$1.00 per bag or \$10.00 per roll
Bag Charge	30 gallon	\$2.00 per bag or \$10.00 per roll

Trash must be in a city bag that can be purchased at the city office. 15 gallon bags at \$1.00 per bag. 30 gallon bags at \$2.00 per bag.

Residents who fail to select a rate or violate any of the provisions of this ordinance will be billed the flat rate for one (1) year.

G. Additional Garbage Collection Fees.

The monthly garbage fee and extra pickup charges will be billed monthly.

<u>Residential & Business</u>	<u>Construction Site Collection</u>
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Garbage Truck: \$10.00 per collection	Garbage Truck: \$15.00 per collection
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Dumpster: \$15.00 per collection	Dumpster: \$25.00 per dumpster
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H. Absent Residents and Businesses;

Those residents or businesses who maybe absent or will not use city garbage services for a period of 30 days or more may request to be exempt from the monthly charge during such period. Notification for the exemption must be submitted to the City Office 10 working days prior to the 15th day of a month.

I. Construction and Remodeling Collection.

All contractors or homeowners who produce construction and remodeling debris must contact the city office to make arrangements to have the debris, removed and disposed of properly. Requests for extra pickups and dumpsters to remove excess debris or refuse shall be billed as set forth under G Additional Garbage Collection Fees.

Section 2. Repeals and Passages

Any previous ordinances or parts of ordinances of the City of Laurel, Nebraska, that are in conflict with the provisions herein contained are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall be in full force and take effect from the time after its final passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED AN APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2009

Victoria Carlson, City Clerk

Scott Rath, Mayor

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