

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-28

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA AMENDING TITLE 15 “PUBLIC UTILITIES” OF THE SITKA GENERAL CODE TO INCREASE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION RATES AT SECTIONS 15.06.020 “SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL POLICY AND RATES”, 15.06.035 “RATES FOR TREATMENT AND COLLECTION”, 15.06.045 “SPECIAL REFUSE AND TREATMENT CHARGES” AND CHANGING THE TITLE OF 15.06.045 TO “TRANSFER STATION DROP-OFF CHARGES AND SPECIAL REFUSE COLLECTION CHARGES”

1. CLASSIFICATION. This ordinance is of a permanent nature and is intended to become a part of the Sitka General Code.

2. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this ordinance or any application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and application to any person or circumstance shall not be affected.

3. PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Chapter 15.06 of the Sitka General Code to increase solid waste collection and disposal fees; to clarify the applicability of solid waste disposal requirements to multiple customers within a common structure and rental and non-rental spaces within a common structure; to clarify language regarding the drop-off of solid waste directly to the municipal transfer station; and, to change the title of section 15.06.045 to accurately reflect the purpose of this section.

4. ENACTMENT. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka that Sitka General Code sections 15.06.020, 15.06.035 and 15.06.045 are amended to read as follows (new language underlined; deleted language stricken):

**Title 15
PUBLIC UTILITIES**

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**Chapter 15.06
SOLID WASTE TREATMENT AND REFUSE COLLECTION**

Sections:

- 15.06.005 Frequency of collection.
- 15.06.010 Preparation of refuse.
- 15.06.015 Refuse receptacle.
- 15.06.020 Solid waste disposal policy and rates.
- 15.06.030 Receptacles available.
- 15.06.035 Rates for treatment and collection.
- 15.06.040 Deposit required for smaller containers.
- 15.06.045 ~~Special refuse and treatment charges.~~ Transfer station drop-off charges and special refuse collection charges.
- 15.06.050 Construction and demolition debris.

15.06.055 Restrictions on applicability of rates.

15.06.070 Definitions.

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15.06.020 Solid waste disposal policy and rates.

A. In order to promote public health and reduce littering and illegal dumping, every residential unit, business, and live aboard vessel within one mile of the Sitka road system shall be required to pay a waste disposal fee as set by the assembly. This requirement shall apply to each customer within a common structure and combined rental and non-rental spaces within a common structure. There are no exceptions to paying a waste fee under these classifications regardless of the amount of waste generated and/or disposed. Failure to pay any amount of user and/or utility fees owed to the city and borough shall be grounds for disconnection of any or all services and utilities such as electrical service as provided for in Section 15.01.030.

B. Customers shall be permitted to dispose of acceptable waste in collection contractor-provided receptacles. "Acceptable waste" means all putrescible and nonputrescible waste including, but not limited to: garbage; refuse; ashes; paper and cardboard; and approved special waste. "Special waste" means any waste material which, because of its physical characteristics, chemical make-up, or biological nature, requires either special handling procedures and permitting, or poses an unusual threat to human health, equipment, property, or the environment. Customers shall not be permitted to dispose of unacceptable and/or special waste in collection contractor-provided receptacles. "Unacceptable waste" means waste that may not be disposed of at the disposal site under federal, state or local law, regulation, rule, code, permit or permit condition. Special waste shall be disposed of according to subsection (C)(10) of this section or at bi-annual city-sponsored collection events.

C. Fees and Policies Applicable to Specific Solid Waste Categories.

1. Junk automobiles and small trucks (three-quarter ton or smaller) may be delivered to Gary Paxton industrial park (GPIP) scrap yard at a rate of ~~three~~ four cents per pound.

2. Trucks larger than three-quarter ton, larger vehicles, heavy equipment, and old trailers shall be billed at a rate of ~~six~~ seven cents per pound.

3. Mixed scrap metals including steel shall be billed at a rate of eight ~~ten~~ cents per pound. Sorted scrap iron and other metals excluding steel shall be billed at a rate of six cents per pound. Inclusion of any amount of steel within an individual delivery of scrap metal to the Municipal scrap yard shall deem it to be a mixed scrap metal delivery to be billed at the mixed scrap metal rate.

4. Fuel tanks must be cleaned and cut into pieces less than five feet by twelve feet (if over five hundred gallons) prior to delivery to the GPIP scrap yard.

5. Freezers, refrigerators, and air conditioning units shall be billed at a rate of twenty two dollars each.

6. All other appliances or white goods besides freezers, refrigerators, and air conditioning units shall be billed at a rate of ~~six~~ seven cents per pound.

~~7. Recyclables including mixed paper, cardboard, and newsprint that are delivered to the GPIP scrap yard shall be billed at a rate of four cents per pound.~~

~~8.7.~~ Tires off of large trucks and heavy equipment may be delivered to the transfer station or GPIP scrap yard and shall be billed at a rate of ~~twenty-six~~ twenty-eight dollars each.

~~9.8.~~ No construction and demolition debris shall be disposed of at any Sitka landfill unless otherwise authorized by the director of public works.

~~10.9.~~ Household hazardous or special waste may be disposed of during normal business hours at the GPIP scrap yard. Commercially generated household hazardous waste will not be accepted at any time.

~~11.10.~~ Concrete and asphalt disposal shall be billed at a rate of ~~twelve~~ thirteen dollars per cubic yard.

~~12.11.~~ Concrete and asphalt disposal is by appointment only with the public works superintendent.

~~13.12.~~ Asbestos disposal shall be billed at a rate of ~~fifty-five~~ fifty-nine dollars per cubic yard.

~~14.13.~~ Asbestos disposal is by appointment only with the public works superintendent.

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15.06.035 Rates for treatment and collection.

A. The following rates are effective on the day after the day a solid waste user fee ordinance containing such fees is passed:

48-gallon container	\$30.95 <u>\$32.96</u> per month
96-gallon container	\$51.99 <u>\$55.37</u> per month
350 <u>300</u> -gallon container	\$210.45 <u>\$224.13</u> per month

B. These rates are for one container that the refuse collection contractor picks up once a week. For customers that fall into one of the following three categories, the rates for treatment and collection will be:

For those customers in apartment complexes or other unique situations identified on the list maintained by the finance director	\$47.04 <u>\$50.10</u> per month
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For those customers living within the harbor system	\$47.04 <u>\$50.10</u> per month
For those customers living on an island other than Baranof or connected by bridge to Baranof who do not receive any service from the refuse collection contractor	\$23.52 <u>\$25.05</u> per month

C. Rates shall be reviewed annually in January by the assembly.

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15.06.045 Special refuse and treatment charges Transfer Station Drop-Off Charges and Special Refuse Collection Charges.

~~Customers requesting special refuse collection which is over and above the normal quantity and which cannot be collected during the normal schedule may call the collection contractor for a special collection. The collection contractor shall be obligated to collect this refuse as requested. It shall be the responsibility of the collection contractor to notify the customer of all charges prior to collection. All billing and collection for this service shall be administered by the refuse collection contractor CBS from documentation provided by the contractor.~~

~~The customer is not obligated to utilize the refuse collection contractor for special request refuse collection. The customer may elect to haul the material to the transfer station. Customers may take up to two hundred pounds per month to the transfer station. All quantities shall be billed at a rate equivalent to the current disposal contract rate of eight cents per pound. (Ord. 05-15 \$ 4(c) (part), 2005.)~~

A. Refuse may be dropped off directly at the Municipal Transfer Station during operating hours by any individual or entity. Each residential solid waste utility customer receiving Municipal solid waste collection and disposal services shall be entitled to dispose of up to two hundred pounds of solid waste per month at the transfer station free of charge. All other refuse disposed of directly at the Municipal Transfer Station shall be billed the rate of thirteen cents per pound.

B. Customers desiring to have refuse in a quantity exceeding the capacity of their refuse containers collected and disposed of may call the collection contractor for a special collection. The collection contractor shall be obligated to collect this refuse as requested. It shall be the responsibility of the collection contractor to notify the customer of all charges prior to collection. All billing and collection for this service shall be administered by the refuse collection contractor and CBS will bill customers based on documentation provided by the contractor.

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172 **5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall become effective on the day after the
173 date of its passage.

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175 **PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of
176 Sitka, Alaska this 26th day of June, 2018.

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Matthew Hunter, Mayor

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184 Sara Peterson, MMC
185 Municipal Clerk

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187 1st reading 6/12/18

188 2nd reading 6/26/18

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