

**ORDINANCE NO. 188750**

An ordinance amending Subsections (a) and (d) of Section 66.40, Subsections (a) and (b) of Section 66.41, and Subsection A of Section 66.48, of Article 6.1, Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, to amend the Solid Waste Collection, Transfer, Recycling, Recovery of Waste Resources, and Disposal Fee and the Low Income Customer Assistance Program, and amending Subsection (a) of Section 5.121.5 of Article 7, Chapter 6, Division 5 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to change the fund administrator for the Solid Waste Resources Special Revenue Fund.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Subsections (a) and (d) of Section 66.40 of Article 6.1, Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code are amended in their entirety to read as follows:

(a) **“Dwelling Unit”** shall mean one or more rooms which has a kitchen, efficiency kitchen, or a kitchenette and is designed for residential occupancy. For purposes of this definition, an Accessory Dwelling Unit and a Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit shall be considered a Dwelling Unit.

(d) **“Household Refuse”** shall mean any combination of rubbish and garbage, as those terms are used in Article 6 of this chapter, generated at a Single Family Dwelling or a Multiple Dwelling.

Sec. 2. Subsections (a) and (b) of Section 66.41 of Article 6.1, Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code are amended in their entirety to read as follows:

(a) There is hereby imposed a Solid Waste Collection, Transfer, Recycling, Recovery of Waste Resources, and Disposal Fee (hereinafter referred to as the Solid Resources Fee) for all costs related to the collection, transfer, recycling, and recovery of waste resources, and/or disposal of solid waste collected by the City of Los Angeles, including, but not limited to: salaries, direct and indirect overhead, equipment, ancillary equipment, containers and vehicles, landfill costs (including landfill costs for disposal, resource recovery facilities, refuse-to-energy or refuse-to-fuel facilities, or closure of City owned facilities); development, acquisition, construction, operation, and maintenance of equipment, alternative fuel infrastructure, buildings or facilities used in the collection, recycling, and recovery of waste resources and/or disposal of solid waste or storage of solid waste-related equipment; transfer facilities, resource recovery facilities, transfer equipment, and maintenance of such facilities or equipment; facilities and equipment used in the recovery of waste resources in the form of energy, alternative fuels, or manufacturing feedstocks, and maintenance of such facilities or equipment; and for all related costs of the

services provided in the collection, the availability of collection, transfer, recycling, the availability of recycling, the recovery of waste resources, disposal, and the availability of disposal of solid waste.

The Solid Resources Fee charged per Dwelling Unit, per month or prorated for any fraction of a month, shall be as shown in the table below on or after the effective dates shown in the table:

| Effective Date    | Monthly Charge Per Dwelling Unit |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| November 15, 2025 | \$55.95                          |
| July 1, 2026      | \$59.53                          |
| July 1, 2027      | \$60.44                          |
| July 1, 2028      | \$63.27                          |
| July 1, 2029      | \$65.93                          |

The Solid Resources Fee will be billed and collected as described in LAMC Sections 66.43, 66.44, 66.45, 66.46, and 66.47.

**(b) Reductions and Exemptions.**

(1) An exemption from the charge imposed pursuant to Subsection (a) of this section shall be provided for Dwelling Units for City collection services that cannot be provided because of physical limitations restricting access by City collection vehicles.

(2) Solid Resources Fee Low Income Customer Assistance Program. The charge imposed pursuant to Subsection (a) of this section shall be reduced by 30 percent for any low-income customer who pays such charges, the definition of such class being determined by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners, subject to verification by the Director of the Bureau of Sanitation. The Solid Resources Fee charge per Dwelling Unit for qualifying low-income customers, per month or prorated for any fraction of a month, shall be as shown in the table below on or after the effective dates shown in the table. Customers that are determined by the Office of Finance to qualify for a tax exemption pursuant to Section 21.1.12 of this Code shall also be deemed to qualify for the Solid Resources Fee Low Income Customer Assistance Program, and shall be charged the reduced low-income program rates for the Solid Resources Fee, without having to separately apply to the Department of Water and Power's low-income discount program.

| Effective Date    | Monthly Charge Per Dwelling Unit for Qualifying Solid Resources Fee Low-Income Customers |
|-------------------|--|
| November 15, 2025 | \$39.17  |
| July 1, 2026      | \$41.67  |
| July 1, 2027      | \$42.31  |
| July 1, 2028      | \$44.29  |
| July 1, 2029      | \$46.15  |

Sec. 3. Subsection A of Section 66.48 of Article 6.1, Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

**A. DECLARATION OF POLICY.** It is hereby declared, in order for the City of Los Angeles to be prepared to respond to the needs of its citizens for adequate solid waste disposal alternatives in the future, that recognition of the following is necessary: the greater Los Angeles area has limited landfill capacity available for solid waste disposal; new landfills are difficult to site and permit; the State previously took steps to address the issue by imposing recycling and waste reduction requirements in order to reduce the total amount of solid waste going to landfill by 25 percent and 50 percent by 1995 and 2000, respectively, and by also imposing a 50 percent and 75 percent reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level, by 2020 and 2025, respectively. Therefore, the City must establish a clear policy to provide an incentive for residents to reduce and to recycle the quantity of solid waste they generate. To this end, the City has developed a standard allowance for collection and management of refuse, source-separated recyclables and/or commingled recyclables, and source-separated organic waste, which the City deems adequate to meet the requirements of the average Dwelling Unit as defined in Section 66.40 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code. The City hereby declares that the standard allowance for a Dwelling Unit shall be one 60-gallon black container for refuse, one 90-gallon blue container for source-separated recyclables and/or commingled recyclables, and one 90-gallon green container for source-separated organic waste. Additional capacity above and beyond this standard allowance may be made available for various fees as described in this Code.

Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of Section 5.121.5 of Article 7 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

**(a) Solid Waste Resources Special Revenue Fund.**

(1) There is hereby created in the Treasury of the City of Los Angeles a special fund named the “**Solid Waste Resources Special Revenue Fund**,” hereinafter referred to in this Section 5.121.5(a) as the “**Revenue Fund**,” for the deposit of all revenues received from the collection of the Solid Waste Collection, Transfer, Recycling, Recovery of Waste Resources and Disposal Fee

established in Section 66.41(a) of Article 6.1 of Chapter VI of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, as amended, and any other legally available income, rates, fees, charges, and other moneys which the City designates by ordinance or resolution for deposit in the Revenue Fund. Money in the Revenue Fund may be used for those activities and costs for which the Solid Waste Collection, Transfer, Recycling, Recovery of Waste Resources and Disposal Fee is authorized. The Revenue Fund shall be administered by the Department of Public Works - Bureau of Sanitation.

(2) All money in the Revenue Fund may be pledged to secure, and shall be set aside and used for, the payment of principal and interest, installment payments, lease payments, and the payment of associated expenses as may be directed by Council resolutions related to financing those activities and costs for which the Solid Waste Collection, Transfer, Recycling, Recovery of Waste Resources and Disposal Fee is authorized and any other related solid waste operations costs as may be approved by the City Council.

(3) All earnings of the Revenue Fund shall remain in the Revenue Fund. Pursuant to Charter Section 344, money in the Revenue Fund shall not be subject to reversion to the Reserve Fund of the City.

Sec. 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

  
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