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An Order to amend Amesbury Code of Ordinances Chapter 392 Solid Waste and adopt a schedule of fees.

Summary: The purpose of this ordinance is to modernize Chapter 392 Solid Waste, update outdated regulations related to municipal solid waste collection, and establish a fee schedule to help offset the increasing costs associated with the City's waste disposal and recycling collection contract.

The ordinance implements a Pay-as-You-Throw (PAYT) program consisting of an annual sticker system for municipal garbage and rubbish collection; this will apply to residential properties containing six or fewer dwelling units City-wide and for eligible properties located within the Downtown Central Business District. A valid City-issued sticker shall be required on each garbage and rubbish cart utilized for collection by the City's contracted waste hauler. Stickers shall be issued on a calendar year basis and renewed annually.

The PAYT system will be implemented prior to calendar year 2027, ensuring adequate time to inform the community of the new fee structure and clear coordination between City departments.

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. That Amesbury Code of Ordinances Chapter 392 Solid Waste is amended by adding a new section § 392-1, entitled "Purpose," and renumbering subsequent sections sequentially. The new section § 392-1 shall read as follows:

The City shall provide curbside collection of rubbish and garbage for residential properties containing six or fewer dwelling units City-wide and for eligible residences and businesses located within the Downtown Central Business District.

An annual fee for the collection and handling of rubbish and garbage shall be established on all households and apartment buildings with six or fewer units City-wide and eligible residences and businesses in the Downtown Central Business District. Revenues generated through the fee structure shall be deposited into an enterprise fund established pursuant to MGL c. 44, § 53F½ and used to support the costs associated with municipal solid waste and recycling collection services.

An annual sticker shall be required for each garbage and rubbish cart utilized for curbside collection service. Each sticker shall be affixed to a single cart and shall be valid for one calendar year.

Garbage and rubbish carts shall not exceed 65 gallons in capacity.

2. That Amesbury Code of Ordinances Chapter 392 Solid Waste § 392-2 Containers. is hereby amended to read as follows:

Garbage and rubbish placed for curbside collection shall be stored in weathertight rubbish carts so as not to be easily spilled over or blown about by wind.

Additionally, containers of garbage and rubbish placed out for collection by food-related commercial establishments shall have a tight-fitting cover.

3. That Amesbury Code of Ordinances Chapter 392 Solid Waste § 392-3 Placement for collection. is hereby amended to read as follows:

In the Downtown Central Business District, garbage and rubbish carts shall be placed out for collection no earlier than 6:00 a.m. on the day of collection. In accordance with the provisions of the State Sanitary Code at 105 CMR 410.600: Storage of Garbage and Rubbish (A), garbage and rubbish shall be stored in weathertight carts with tight-fitting covers. Said carts and covers shall be of durable, rodent-proof material.

All commercial establishments utilizing municipal solid waste or recycling collection services shall comply with all applicable requirements of 310 CMR 19.017: Waste Bans, including regulations related to commercial organic material disposal, recycling, composting, and other restricted materials, as well as all other applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

In all other areas of Amesbury serviced by City trash collection, garbage and rubbish shall be placed out for collection no earlier than 7:00 p.m. on the evening prior to the day of collection.

4. That the Amesbury Code of Ordinances Chapter 392 Solid Waste is hereby amended by adding a new Section 392-4, entitled "Solid Waste Fees":

Type	Fees	Description of Services
(1) Garbage/Rubbish Cart Sticker	\$100.00	Annual sticker for one garbage/rubbish cart. One sticker is required per cart used for municipal curbside garbage collection service. Stickers shall be valid for one calendar year and renewed annually.

5. This Ordinance shall become effective 15 days after passage.