

## ORDINANCE 2023-2

### ADOPTING A SCHEDULE OF RATES AND NON-RECURRING CHARGES FOR RESIDENTIAL TRASH COLLECTION SERVICE

#### Findings

The Town Board of the Town of New Richmond, Indiana (“Board”) finds that it is the best interest of the residents of the Town to provide weekly trash collection service through an independent contractor. The Town Board has accepted the bid of an independent contractor to provide such service. The Trash contract is renewed every year by April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Clerk-Treasurer has presented information supporting a proposed charge of \$13.50 per month for weekly residential trash collection. The Board finds that the proposed schedule of fees for such service is reasonable and necessary, and that the fees proposed for the services therein represent the costs of providing the services therein described, considering the costs of personnel, data processing, storage, retrieval, and all materials and time required to render the services therein described.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF  
THE TOWN OF NEW RICHMOND, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section One. Authority.** This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted under I.C. 36-1-3, I.C. 36-1-3-8(a)(6), and I.C. 36-9-30-5.

**Section Two. Rate for Weekly Residential Trash Pick-Up Service.** There shall be charged and collected monthly in advance, commencing in the month of June 2023 (billed July, 2023 by the trash collectors) a fee of \$13.50 per month from each residential sewer or water utility customer of the Town of New Richmond, Indiana, for weekly residential trash collection service. Each resident shall be given a trash receptacle from the trash collectors, if a resident needs an extra trash receptacle, they can rent one for Five Dollars (\$5.00) per month from the trash collectors, who will bill the resident directly. If a resident has a large item to dispose of, they must contact the trash collectors in advance to make arrangements.

**Section Three. Billing and Collection.**

- (a) The Clerk-Treasurer shall bill each residential customer of Town of New Richmond Municipal Water/Sewer Utility, at the rate provided in Section Two of this ordinance. If a particular residence receiving trash collection is not a customer of the Sewer Utility (e.g., customer has a septic tank), then the Clerk-Treasurer shall bill that customer separately or with that customer’s Water Utility bill. If a customer has multiple units in one location each unit will be billed for trash. (Example apartments)
- (b) Delinquent accounts for residential trash collection service shall be subject to the collection policies and procedures of the New Richmond Municipal Utilities for

- delinquent accounts.
- (c) New residents will be required to pay a deposit of \$13.50.

**Section Four. Payment and Returned Check Charge.**

- (a) Payment of the fees prescribed in this chapter may be made in cash, by certified check or money order, or by single-party check.
- (b) An additional charge of \$25.00 shall be imposed for the return or non-payment of any check for any reason.

**Section Five. Disposition of Fees.**

- (a) All fees collected under the authority of this ordinance, shall be accounted for in a non-reverting fund separate from all other revenues of the Town of New Richmond and its municipal utilities. A trash service fund will be created for these fees that are collected.
- (b) All fees collected pursuant to this ordinance shall be applied and paid in accordance with the budget for residential trash collection service, as adopted by the Town Board of the Town of New Richmond, Indiana.
- (c) Fees collected will be used for park, town clean up, to off set costs for vacant home income lost to town, water, sewer or any other project the Town Board finds necessary and beneficial to the Town of New Richmond.

**Section Six. Effective Date.**

- (a) This ordinance shall be effective June 1, 2023.

**Section Seven. Repeal of Prior Inconsistent Provisions.** The provisions of all prior ordinances inconsistent with any of the provisions contained in this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 3 day of May, 2023, by the Town Council of the Town of New Richmond, Montgomery County, Indiana.

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
<u>Minnie Howard</u> President Minnie Howard	✓	_____	_____
<u>Linda Forbes</u> Council Member Linda Forbes	✓	_____	_____
<u>Rachelle Cowherd</u> Council Member Rachelle Cowherd	✓	_____	_____
<u>Alaatha Foust</u> Attest: Alaatha Foust, Clerk-Treasurer			