

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_-N

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GARFIELD, WASHINGTON, amending Ordinance Nos. 324-N and 334-N, and Garfield Municipal Code §12.10.070, thereby increasing disposal rates for customers of the municipal garbage disposal service.

WHEREAS, the costs of providing municipal garbage disposal service are steadily increasing each year, and the increased costs are largely beyond the control of the Town; and

WHEREAS, operation of the municipal garbage disposal service is financed solely by fees charged to garbage disposal service customers; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined that it would be prudent to adopt a mechanism to increase garbage disposal rates on a regular basis to finance the steadily increasing cost of providing garbage disposal service to garbage disposal service customers; and

WHEREAS, the Council has further determined that the increase necessary to maintain operation of the municipal garbage disposal service would be equivalent to a 3% increase each year imposed biannually at the rate of 6% to reduce the Town’s administrative costs and confusion typically associated with changing utility rates.

Now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Garfield as follows:

Section 1. Garfield Municipal Code §12.10.070 and those portions of Ordinance Nos. 324-N and 334-N which are codified as part of Garfield Municipal Code §12.10.070 are hereby amended to read as follows:

**“12.10.070 - Collection and disposal service--rates. A. The owner or occupant of each occupied residence within the Town of Garfield, together with each commercial or business establishment therein where garbage is created or accumulated, shall pay the following, respective monthly charge for garbage collection and disposal service:**

- a) Residential..... \$24.00**

- b) Non-dumpster Commercial ..... \$37.00
- c) Light Commercial dumpster..... \$57.00 per dumpster,  
plus \$6.00 per  
account.
- d) Heavy Commercial dumpster..... \$82.00 per dumpster,  
plus \$6.00 per  
account.
- e) Rental dumpster..... \$37.00 per dumpster  
pick-up.
- f) Demolition and construction  
debris, extraordinary items..... double the dump rate  
charged at the  
Whitman County  
landfill (per pound).
- g) Apartment, hotel, or  
other multi-residential  
structures..... \$24.00 per residential unit;  
provided, if there are more  
than 3 such units in a  
single structure, the owner  
may elect to provide a  
dumpster and be charged  
at the commercial  
dumpster rate.
- h) Trailer courts..... \$24.00 per trailer or  
mobile home.
- i) All residences, apartments, hotels, multi-residential  
structures, trailers or mobile homes shall be allowed a  
maximum of two cans per residential unit. Any  
additional cans shall cost \$3.00 each per week.

B. Beginning January 1, 2011, the rates fixed in Subsection A, above, shall increase 6% each biennium. For the purposes of computing the biannual increases, each biannual increase shall be based upon the respective rates fixed in Subsection A, above, plus any biannual increases applied on and after January 1, 2011 (e.g., the increase for

each rate for the biennium beginning January 1, 2013, shall be equal to 6% increase applied for the biennium beginning January 1, 2011).

C. Any residence to which municipal water service is being provided at a given time shall be considered to be an "occupied residence" for the purpose of this Section. Also, for the purposes of this Section, the term "Light Commercial" dumpster shall mean a dumpster which contains an average of 150 lbs. of refuse per week, and "Heavy Commercial" shall mean a dumpster containing an average of more than 150 lbs. per week. Such averages shall be determined by the Town on a periodic basis."

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five days after it is published in the official newspaper of the Town of Garfield, or January 1, 2009, whichever date is later.

PASSED by the Town Council this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Jarrod Pfaff, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Annie Pillers, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved as to form:

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Stephen Bishop,  
Town Attorney

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Effective date: \_\_\_\_\_