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PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE A

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..Title

A substitute ordinance relating to solid waste collection regulations and charges.

..Sections

79-4-1.3 cr

81-1.3 cr

..Analysis

This substitute ordinance establishes a charge for replacement of or addition to garbage carts provided by the city in order to recover the cost of the garbage carts. The commissioner of public works shall charge a fee based on the per unit cost to the city, but the charge shall not apply to additional garbage carts required for compliance with the minimum number of garbage carts determined for a dwelling unit.

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The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Milwaukee do ordain as follows:

Part 1. Section 79-4-1.3 of the code is created to read:

**79-4. Waste Container Regulations.**

**1.3. GARBAGE CART CHARGE.**

a. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to permit the city as authorized under ss. 66.0405 and 66.0627, Wis. Stats., to recover costs relating to providing garbage carts for the collection of solid waste from one, 2-, 3- and 4- family dwelling units.

b-1. Charge. The commissioner shall charge a fee for the replacement of or addition to garbage carts provided by the city. The fee shall be charged to the owners of single, 2-, 3- or 4-family dwelling units, or condominium units. Such charges shall be based on the per unit cost to the city to recover the cost of the garbage carts as provided for under s. 81-1.3.

b-2. This subsection shall not apply to additional containers required for compliance with the minimum number of garbage carts determined for a dwelling unit as specified in s. 79-3-1.

c. Overall Responsibility for Administering the Garbage Cart Charge. The commissioner of public works shall administer the garbage cart charge. The commissioner may formulate and promulgate rules which shall be applicable with respect to the administration and collection of the garbage cart charge, and may make amendments thereto, subject to approval by the public works committee as

may be required from time to time for proper application of the garbage cart charge.

d. Responsibility of City Officers and Departments Administering the Garbage Cart Charge. d-1. Superintendent of Water Works. The superintendent of water works shall be responsible, under the commissioner of public works, for the administration of the garbage cart charge. The superintendent shall collect the charge and transmit the revenue therefrom to the city treasurer together with solid waste, water, snow and ice removal cost recovery charges, and local sewerage revenues as received.

d-2. City Treasurer. The city treasurer shall receive revenues from the garbage cart charge and shall also collect delinquent accounts when the delinquent accounts have been placed on the tax roll as provided for in this section.

d-3. City Comptroller. The city comptroller shall certify to the commissioner of assessments delinquent accounts to be placed on the tax roll, which shall be collected in the same manner as special charges under s.66.0627, Wis. Stats. The comptroller shall keep separate accounts of all the funds, receipts and payments on account of the garbage cart charge.

e. Billing and Collecting. e-1. The garbage cart charge shall be levied against the water account and shall be calculated by the water works. The charge shall be added to the city services user bill and shall be due and payable in the same manner as water bills.

e-2. An interest penalty and late charge of 3% on outstanding balances shall be charged on all past due accounts each quarter. This fee may be waived by the water works where deemed warranted by special circumstances. Charges that remain unpaid for 2 full quarters shall be deemed delinquent. The delinquent user charges and 10% penalty shall be reported to the city comptroller for placement on the tax roll.

e-3. When partial payments of the combined city services user bill are made, the property owner may direct in writing how the partial payment is to be applied to the combined bill. If there is no written direction, the partial payment shall be applied to the water bill first. Any portion of the partial payment remaining after the water bill is paid for shall be applied to the garbage cart charge, the solid waste charge and the snow and ice removal cost recovery charge, only after payments for the metropolitan sewerage district and sewer user charges have been made.

f. Saving Clause. It is the intent of the common council that the provisions of this section relating to an garbage cart charge, and the application of revenue from this charge are separable. If any provision or part of this section be held unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the decision shall not affect the validity of any other provisions or part of the section which other provisions and parts shall remain in full force and effect.

g. Appeal Procedure. g-1. Whenever any garbage cart charge is imposed in accordance with this section, and the person required to pay the charge feels aggrieved as a result of the imposition or collection of the charge, the person shall pay the charge when the same shall become due, but shall pay it "under protest." Within 20 days following the payment, the person may file with the

commissioner of public works a complaint to the effect that the person is aggrieved by the imposition and collection of the garbage cart charge, his or her specific reasons for objection and the amount of the overcharge complained of. g-2. If, upon review by the commissioner of public works, it is determined that all or any part of any garbage cart charge paid under such protest is not just or reasonable, the commissioner shall institute necessary procedures for the refund. If any person, following the review of the objection feels aggrieved by the determination of the commissioner, the person may, within 10 days, appeal to the common council. The common council shall make such determination as is just and reasonable.

g-3. Notwithstanding the appeal procedure provided in this paragraph and as an alternative right of appeal, any person required to pay the garbage cart charge shall have the unconditional right to file a complaint with the administrative review appeals board, pursuant to s. 320-11.

**81-1.3 Garbage Cart Charge. 1. CHARGE.** The charge for replacement of or addition to garbage carts provided by the city shall be charged to the owners of single, 2-, 3- or 4- family dwelling units, or condominium units. Such charges shall be based upon the per unit cost to the city under s. 79-4-1.3.

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