ORDINANCE <u>090325(c)</u> APPROVING AN INCREASE TO THE CITY OF JASPER GARBAGE COLLECTION FEES, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

WHEREAS, the City Manager and Finance Director submitted to the City Council a rate increase in its garbage collection fees, based on financial data and projections related to the operation of the Solid Waste Collection System; and

WHEREAS, based on a comprehensive review, the City Manager and Finance Director recommend approval of the proposed rate increase to maintain the financial integrity of the Solid Waste Collection System while also mitigating the economic impact to customers; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rate increase is designed to deliver on the City of Jasper's commitment to the community; assist the City of Jasper in maintaining a strong financial position and attaining its long-term financial goals; maintain a strong credit rating; and meet the capital and maintenance requirements of the Solid Waste Collection System; and

WHEREAS, the proposed garbage collection rate increase would increase by \$2.00 per service per month for residential and commercial refuse customers;

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER:

SECTION 1. The revised rate sheet attached as Attachment A, which is incorporated herein for all purposes, is hereby approved to implement the rate increase among City of Jasper refuse customers effective October 1, 2025.

SECTION 2. The City Council finds that the proposed revenue requirement is reasonable, and the proposed expenditure of funds is prudent and necessary in order to maintain the current level of quality service to City of Jasper refuse customers.

SECTION 3. The revised Garbage Collection rates have been adopted after consideration of relevant facts and policy issues, and based on such consideration, the City Council hereby finds that said rate increase is in the public interest, fair and reasonable, equal and uniform, nondiscriminatory, and necessary to meet the operating and maintenance expenses of the Solid Waste Collection System and pay the principal and interest on any existing garbage collection revenue debt.

SECTION 4.	This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage by a majority vote of a quorum
of the City (Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 3 day of September, 2025.

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Clark McLane, Mayor

Attest:

Liz Jarrell, City Secretary

ATTACHMENT A – ORDINANCE O90325(C) City of Jasper, Texas – Garbage Collection Fees Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Sec. 20-31 - Generally

(e) The utility rates shall be evaluated on an annual basis in accordance with City of Jasper Charter ARTICLE X – FRANCHISE AND PUBLIC UTILITIES Sec. 10.13 – Regulation of rates of municipally-owned utilities.

Sec. 20.33 - Garbage Collection Fees

The sanitary garbage collection fees for the city are as follows:

(1) Residential service charges:

- (a) Alley, curb or drive-in collection service for municipal solid waste shall be \$26.98 per month
- (b) Collection service for municipal solid waste, including away from the curb services, is \$37.50 per month
- (c) Apartment houses requiring mechanically operated collection service for municipal solid waste shall be charged \$37.50 times the number of collections per week as a monthly charge. Location of the containers for mechanical service must be approved by the sanitation superintendent in advance.
- (d) The collection service charge of pickup for a second container shall be \$9.74 per month.

(2) Commercial service charges:

- (a) The collection service charge of pickup for commercial establishments shall be charged \$37.50 times the number of collections per week as a monthly charge.
- (b) Commercial establishments and any and all solid waste customers requiring twenty-yard, thirty-yard, or forty-yard open top containers shall pay a monthly fee based on the type and quantity of solid waste collected:
 - (I) Uncompacted Compactable Solid Waste \$14.51 per cubic yard
 - (II) Compacted Solid Waste \$18.88 per cubic yard
 - (III) Uncompactable Solid Waste \$22.14 per cubic yard

- (3) Mechanically emptied containers from the city:
 - (a) Up to 3-yard capacity \$65.66 per month per container.
 - (b) 20-yard open top container \$281.09 per month per container.
 - (c) 30-yard open top container \$316.21 per month per container.
 - (d) 40-yard open top container \$351.34 per month per container.