

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-20

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT, MODIFY FEES CHARGED AS ESTABLISHED IN CHAPTER 34 OF THE CITY CODE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Paragould, Arkansas, has previously established fees charged to City residents for solid waste collection; and

WHEREAS, because of increased costs and expenses to the city, it is necessary to increase the fees to defray the increased costs of solid waste collection; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that these changes are in the best interest of the citizens of Paragould, Arkansas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. Paragraph (a)(1) of Section 34-25 of the City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (1) The rate for pickups at residences shall be as follows:
 - a. The rate shall be \$20.00 for each single residence or each single dwelling unit and for each single-family unit of a multiple unit.
 - b. The rate shall be \$10.00 for each additional can at each single residence or each single dwelling unit and for each single-family unit of a multiple unit.

Section 2. Paragraph (a)(2) of Section 34-25 of the City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (2) Dumpsters. The rate for pickups shall be as follows:
 - a. \$19.50 per yard per pickup for the first dumpster and \$9.75 for each additional dumpster.
 - b. If two different sizes of dumpsters are present, the larger dumpster will be considered the first dumpster picked up, and the smaller dumpster will be considered the additional dumpster.

Section 3. Paragraph (a)(3) of Section 34-25 of the City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (3) The rate shall be \$20.00 for churches and office/professional buildings without dumpsters.

Section 4. Paragraphs (a)(4) and (a)(5) of Section 34-25 of the City Code are hereby deleted in their entirety and removed from the City Code.

Section 5. The following subsection shall be added to Section 34-26(c) of the City Code:

(c)(5) The rates for purchases of additional garbage collection containers and dumpsters, beyond the residential garbage collection container provided free of charge, shall be as follows:

a. Additional garbage collection containers for single-family residences shall be \$75.00 per container.

b. Commercial dumpster purchases shall vary by size and shall be the actual cost to the city, including the cost of the dumpster and any fees or expenses associated with the City's purchase of the dumpster.

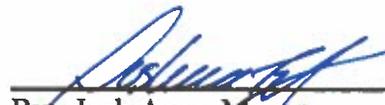
Section 6. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances, except insofar as the same conflict with the specific terms hereof, shall remain in full force and effect. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 7. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any portion hereof shall be determined to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder shall continue in full force and effect, and such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the other provisions hereof.

Section 8. Emergency Clause: In order to properly match the necessary revenues in 2026 with 2026 projected expenses and to properly balance the budget, it is necessary that the rate increase be effective January 1, 2026. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and the effective date of this ordinance shall be January 1, 2026.

Passed and Approved this 15th day of December 2025.

CITY OF PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS


By: Josh Agee, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kylie Reynolds, City Clerk