

**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-20**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 62. SOLID WASTE ARTICLE III COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL DIVISION III FEES SECTION 62-91 RESIDENTIAL PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION OF FEES FOR THE DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE AND RUBBISH**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Griffith provides for the collection and disposal of solid waste and recyclables by private hauling contract; and

**WHEREAS**, rates charged by said private hauler are scheduled to increase annually in accordance with the current contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Griffith Sanitation Department provides additional services such as collection and disposal of branches and miscellaneous yard waste, leaf vacuuming, etc.; and

**WHEREAS**, the current collection charges are inadequate to provide these services to the persons served within the Town of Griffith; and

**WHEREAS**, the imposition and collection of fees for the collection and disposal of garbage and rubbish is deemed to be a fair and equitable method of providing for the required additional funds needed for the continuation of these services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, Chapter 62. Solid Waste Article III Collection and Disposal Division III Fees Section 62-91 Residential is hereby amended as follows:

- (A) Residential: The collection fee for each single-family residential dwelling unit, whether a single family or a family unit of a two-family dwelling shall be:
  - (1) \$18.25 per month from December 31, 2016 through December 31, 2017.
  - (2) \$18.25 per month from December 31, 2017 through December 31, 2018.
  - (3) \$18.25 per month from December 31, 2018 through December 31, 2019.
- (B) Billing period: The fees shall be payable monthly and shall be billed, whenever practical to do so, with the regular utility department billing for water, sewer and other charges. Rates are effective December 31, 2016.
- (C) Responsibility for payment of Fees:
  - (1) All collection fees exacted hereby shall attach to the premises served as well as to the occupant thereof. The owner of rental premises shall remain responsible for the payment of all bills rendered for services supplied to such premises.

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- (2) Unpaid bills may be collected by certification to the Auditor of Lake County as delinquent utility bills are collected pursuant to Indiana Law.  
(D) Senior Citizen Discount:


- (1) Any resident owner of a single family residential dwelling or a family unit of a two-family dwelling who is 65 years of age or older upon establishing proof of ownership, proof the utility bill is in the senior's name, proof of age and filling out and executing an application requesting a senior citizen discount shall be entitled to a \$2.00 per month discount on the collection fees. An application requesting a discount shall be available at the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.
- (2) In the event the senior citizen is a renter and not the owner of the property, the senior citizen must submit proof of residency by producing a current real estate lease naming the senior citizen as a tenant/lessee.
- (3) Only one senior citizen discount shall apply to a residence and the applicant must be a full-time resident of the dwelling for at least nine (9) months of the calendar year and the utilities for said residence shall be in the name of the senior citizen.


Any and all such Ordinances or parts of Ordinances of the Town of Griffith that are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and of no further force or effect.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council for the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2017.


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