

ORDINANCE NO. 671

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 658 TO PROVIDE FOR YEAR-ROUND GARBAGE AND TRASH COLLECTION FOR TWO TIMES PER WEEK; REPEALING ANY PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mexico Beach, Florida has determined that it is necessary for the protection and preservation of the peace, health, property, and welfare of the City and its inhabitants, that this Ordinance be enacted.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Section 3 of Ordinance 658 is changed to read (deleted text ~~stricken~~, new text underlined):

SECTION 3. Collection Practices.

The following collection practices shall apply so long as the garbage, trash, refuse, or debris is properly placed in an appropriate trash can or dumpster:

- (a) Garbage and trash accumulated by residences and businesses shall be collected two times per week on regular schedules, ~~between March 1 and September 30 and once per week on regular schedules between October 1 and February 28. Garbage and trash accumulated by businesses shall be collected two times per week all year.~~ Pickups may not occur on holidays but pickups normally scheduled to be made on a holiday may be rescheduled by the City.
- (b) The City will remove a limited amount of yard debris during the scheduled garbage/trash collection periods. Once per week, the City will remove one pile of yard debris which shall include grass trimmings, cuttings, tree limbs, palm fronds, and small trees, not to exceed the volume dimensions which measures four feet by four feet by eight feet. Limbs and small trees shall be cut so as to not exceed eight feet in length. Individuals placing yard debris for collection which exceeds these size standards, shall coordinate through City Hall for proper removal as a "special pickup" as provided herein. NOTE: residents will not be charged for the initial four feet by four feet by eight feet volume but will be charged a special pick-up fee for the additional volume. Upon the clearing of a lot(s) the owner is responsible for cleaning and removing all debris resulting from such activity within 30 days from the start date of the activity. The owner is responsible for removing such debris and may be cited for a violation of this ordinance should such debris be produced by persons or entities who are not the customer of the City. Yard debris not created from the actual property of the customer's residence or debris created from commercial landscaping or construction projects shall not be collected by the City. Any attempt to have the City collect materials not resulting from the customers property where debris is located or to collect materials from commercial landscaping/construction projects shall be a violation of this Ordinance. Yard

debris may be taken to the Public Works Department by the resident or contractor and dumped at no charge.

- (c) Highly flammable or explosive materials or chemicals shall not be placed in trash cans or containers, including dumpsters, for regular collection but shall be disposed of, in each case, as directed by statute at the expense of the owner or possessor thereof.
- (d) Paint in liquid form will not be accepted. Dried paint will be accepted. Cat litter or sawdust can help speed the process of drying the paint.
- (e) Televisions and electronics will not be accepted. Items can be taken to Bay County for disposal.
- (f) The removal of wearing apparel, bedding, or other refuse from homes or businesses where highly infectious or contagious diseases have prevailed shall be performed under the supervision and direction of the Bay County Health Department. Such refuse shall not be placed in regular trash cans or containers for collection.
- (g) Property owners or occupants requesting removal of household appliances, or "white goods", containing refrigerant and fluorocarbons are required, prior to pick-up, to remove the chemicals prior to pick-up as may be directed by the City. All doors on refrigerators and freezers must be removed prior to their placement on the right-of-way. Furniture and other large items as deemed appropriate by the City may also be collected by the sanitation department for a fee upon prior arrangements by the customer. This fee will be established by the City as part of its rate schedule and may be performed by contract or otherwise. Property owners or occupants wishing to utilize the white goods or furniture curbside service must contact City Hall to arrange for pick-up and items should not be placed at the curbside until the day of scheduled pick-up. Items placed on the curb without prior notification to the City are subject to all costs, fees, and charges to the City and by the City, including but not limited to, the white goods/furniture pickup charge and a penalty of \$25 per white good or furniture piece, and/or a code violation citation. Those customers who do not decommission appliances containing refrigerant will be billed for the cost incurred by the City for this service. All charges related to white goods or furniture pickup will either be paid in advance or added to the customer's monthly billing.
- (h) Upon the clearing of a lot(s) or portion of a lot(s), the owner is responsible for cleaning and removing all debris resulting from such activity within 30 days from the start date of the activity, The owner is responsible for removing such debris and may be cited for a violation of this ordinance should such debris produced by persons or entities who are not the customer of the City. Yard debris not created from the actual property of the customer's residence or debris created from commercial landscaping or construction projects shall not be collected by the City. Any attempt to have the City collect materials not resulting from the customer's property where debris is located shall be a violation of this Ordinance.
- (i) Customers may make arrangements with the City Sanitation Department to dump excess debris, garbage, or refuse into the appropriate dumpsters at the City Yard at a determined price per pound. The City yard will be open between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. CST, Monday through Friday, except for holidays. Such arrangements should be made in advance in person or by calling City Hall; customers using this service shall obtain a City dump slip prior to dumping. Customers may contact the City to pick up their debris for a charge of \$25.00 in addition to the weight charge.

Section 2. All Codes, Ordinances and/or Resolutions or parts of Codes, Ordinances and/or Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.


Section 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase of this Ordinance, or any particular application thereof shall be held invalid by any court, administrative agency, or other body with appropriate jurisdiction, the remaining sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases under application shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. The appropriate officers and agents of the City are authorized and directed to codify, include and publish in electronic format the provisions of this Ordinance within the Code of Ordinances. Section numbers may be assigned and changed whenever necessary or convenient.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

INTRODUCED at a Regular Council Meeting on the 11th of July, 2017, and **ADOPTED** by the City Council on the 8th day of August, 2017.

CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA



William A. Cathey, Mayor

ATTEST:



Adrian Welle, City Clerk

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