ORDINANCE NO. 835

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA AMENDING ORDINANCE 686, ESTABLISHING A SANITATION SERVICE; INCORPORATING COMPACTORS AND RATES FOR THEIR USE; INCORPORATING RATES FOR EXCESSIVE REFUSE AT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; REPEALING ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mexico Beach has determined that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Mexico Beach that an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 686 be enacted; and

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

SECTION 1. The following amendment to Ordinance 686, Section 4, Subsection 1, "Residential", Item (a) shall be made:

1. Residential

(a). Refuse, trash, and garbage of any kind shall not be stored on the public right of way and shall be placed in a garbage or trash can or cans as defined herein. Except as set forth below for multifamily dwellings, residential trash, garbage or refuse shall be limited to three (3) 32 gallon trash cans per residence per collection cycle. (For example, if household garbage is collected twice per week, a resident will be limited to 3 trash cans per collection day, twice per week). For anything exceeding this amount, the City will pick up additional bags of refuse, trash, and garbage at the rate listed in the City's rate structure and labeled as "Excessive Garbage Fee". Each residential unit is required to maintain a separate sanitation collection account and to pay the residential rate. Refuse, trash, and garbage not placed in a trash can(s) will not be collected by the City Sanitation Department and if such material is left outside of a trash can, will be a violation of this Code Section. However, the City Sanitation Department will collect cardboard boxes left adjacent to the required trash cans during the regular collection periods so long as such boxes are empty except for minimal packing materials. Such boxes shall not contain additional trash, refuse, garbage, or debris of any nature. Trash can(s) should not be placed at the curb until the day of scheduled service.

SECTION 2. The following Item (f), "Compactor Use" will be added to Ordinance 686, Section 4, Subsection 1, "Residential":

(f). Large multifamily developments may utilize trash compactors for their garbage

disposal needs. Should this be the case, the type and model of compactor must have prior approval from the City of Mexico Beach and the City Sanitation Department will provide the compactor, either itself or through a third-party contractor, and all associated functions (disposal, maintenance, billing, etc.). The compactor users will pay the standard residential collection rate per unit or the actual compactor costs, whichever is higher, but use the compactor(s) to deposit their trash, garbage, or refuse.

SECTION 3. Codification. 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 Mexico Beach Land Development Code and the Mexico Beach City Code. Section numbers may be assigned and changed whenever necessary or convenient.

SECTION 4. Repeal. 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 5. Survival. 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 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was introduced and had first reading at the meeting of the City Council on the 26 day of March, 2024. PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at the meeting of the City Council of the City of Mexico Beach, Florida, this April , 2024.

Michele Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy Brunson, City Clerk