

Ordinance To Impose Special Charges For Waste and Recycling Management

Ordinance No: 2023-2

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Town of Union
Waupaca County

SECTION I – PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to ensure and preserve the health and safety of the people and sanitation of the town by storing, collecting, transporting, and disposing of garbage/waste materials, as well as recyclables. Wisconsin’s mandatory recycling law requires people to separate recyclable materials from regular solid waste; therefore the town promotes to reduce, reuse, repair, and to recycle to help cut down on the amount of waste we generate and throw away and to conserve our natural resources, landfill space, and energy.

No person shall dump or dispose of garbage, trash, waste materials in town ditches or in receptacle totes that are not assigned to their property, to do so is punishable by law.

The Town of Union will provide garbage and recycling services to eligible residential properties through the contracted agreement entered into with Green For Life Environmental Services; however, due to increased costs of services for the town, it is no longer feasible for the Town of Union to pay for garbage and recycling costs from the real estate tax money collected and it is necessary to add a special charge to the real estate tax bills of property owners for services rendered.

SECTION II - AUTHORITY

The Town Board of the Town of Union, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority under § 74.01(4), Wisconsin statutes, to enact this ordinance to impose a special charge against real property to compensate for all or part of the costs to a public body of providing services to the property.

SECTION III – ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance, adopted by a majority of the town board on a roll call vote with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given, provides for the authority for the town to prepare and enact such an ordinance.

SECTION IV – COSTS

The Town of Union has entered into a ten (10) year contracted agreement with Green For Life Environmental Services to provide waste management and recycling services. Beginning with services rendered January 1, 2023, all eligible residential properties shall be charged \$16.00 per month for waste management and recycling services, to include two 90/95 gallon totes – one for garbage and one for recycling. The property owner may request additional totes, provided they

pay an additional monthly fee. Garbage services will be provided weekly and recycling services will be provided once monthly, on the third week of the month.

The rates of Solid Waste Collection shall be increased on every year anniversary of the contract by 3% or the Trash & Sewer Consumer Price Index, whichever is greater.

Fuel surcharge will only apply in the event fuel prices rise above \$4.00 per gallon. For every .25 cent rise in pricing the surcharge will increase by 1%. If the price of the fuel decreases to an average amount below \$4.00, no fuel surcharge shall be applied. The rate shall be based on the monthly average cost of Ultra Low Sulfur No. 2 Diesel Fuel, Midwest Region, for the previous quarter as published by the United States Government, with date, available at <http://tonto.eia.doe.gov>

SECTION V – SUMMARY

Notice of the need of a special charge being assessed was included in a newsletter that was mailed with the real estate tax bills mailed in December 2022. The special charges for 2023 will begin with January 1, 2023, services rendered and will be applied to the real estate tax bill at the end of the year. If such charges are not paid at the time real estate taxes are due, the special charge shall be considered delinquent and become a lien as provided in Wisconsin Statutes 66.0627(4) and shall automatically be extended upon the current or next tax roll as provided by Wisconsin Statutes 66.0627(4).

The town clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required under s. 60.80, Wisconsin statutes.

Adopted this 6th day of February 2023

Chairman, Gary Schoen

Supervisor #1, Walter Strebe

Supervisor #2, Marcella Wentworth

Attest: _____
Town Clerk, Sharon Olsen