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Definitions

Section 230.010. Definitions. [R.O. 2011 §8.12.010; Ord. No. 6733 §1(Exh. A (part)), 2008]

For the purposes of this Chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this Section:

ASHES — A non-putrescible solid waste consisting of the residue from the burning of wood, coal, coke or other combustible materials.

OWNER(S) — Any individual, who alone, jointly or severally with others, institution, partnership, corporation or other legal entity that is the record title owner of the property according to the St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, and such owner(s) shall be bound to comply with the provisions of this Chapter.

PERSON — An individual, corporation, partnership, or other legal entity who has care, custody and possession of the property, including, any owner, lessee or occupant of any lot or premises within the City, and shall include any agent, servant, representative or employee.

PROHIBITED SOLID WASTE — Solid waste which is not to be placed in any solid waste container and is not to be collected by City, unless otherwise noted herein. Prohibited solid waste includes explosives; highly flammable or dangerous material, including gun powder and photographic plates; substances saturated with inflammable petroleum products; poisons; acids; pathological, biological and infectious wastes; substances which constitute hazardous, toxic or special waste under Federal or State laws or regulations; radioactive materials; dead animals; human or animal waste; major appliances, including, but not limited to, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, ovens, dishwashers, microwave ovens, air conditioners and television sets; lead-acid automotive, truck or boat batteries; motor oil; tires; wrecked, dilapidated, disabled or derelict motor vehicles; and solid waste generated by contractors; and such other matter as may be designated by the Director of Public Works and Parks. Prohibited solid waste also includes solid waste too bulky to fit within the required solid waste container and yard waste, but such solid waste, and other prohibited solid waste as determined by the Director of Public Works and Parks, shall be disposed of as provided in this Chapter or by regulation of the Director of Public Works and Parks. The disposition of prohibited solid waste shall be at the owner's expense unless otherwise allowed.

RECYCLABLES — Those materials recovered from the waste stream and shall include, but not limited to, newspapers and inserts, telephone books, corrugated cardboard, paperboard, mixed office

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paper, magazines and catalogues, plastic shopping bags, gift wrap paper, brown paper bags, junk mail, paperback books, aluminum cans, steel food cans, steel aerosol cans, glass bottles (all colors) and Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 plastic containers, small consumer electronics, wireless devices, textiles and all other recyclable materials designated by St. Louis County Waste Management Code, Chapter 607.

RESIDENCE OR RESIDENTIAL — With regard to the collection and disposal of solid waste accumulated in the City, refers to single-family, two-family, three-family, and four-family residences located within the City; all other solid waste collection and disposal services shall be "non-residential".

RUBBISH — Non-putrescible solid wastes, consisting of both combustible and non-combustible wastes such as paper, cardboard, tin cans, ashes, wood, metal, plastics, glass, bedding, crockery and similar materials.

SCAVENGING — The removal of items from a solid waste container by persons other than the City and persons authorized under this Chapter to use the solid waste container.

SOLID WASTE — Garbage, refuse and other discarded materials including, but not limited to, solid and semi-solid waste materials resulting from industrial, commercial, agricultural, governmental and domestic activities, but does not include hazardous waste as defined in Sections 260.360 to 260.432, RSMo., recovered materials, overburden, rock, tailings, matte, slag or other waste material resulting from mining, milling or smelting.

YARD WASTE — Leaves, grass clippings, yard and garden vegetation and Christmas trees. The term does not include stumps, roots or shrubs with intact root balls.

Section 230.020. Scope of Chapter — Director of Public Works and Parks To Enforce. [R.O. 2011 §8.12.020; Ord. No. 6733 §1(Exh. A (part)), 2008]

- A. The City shall be the exclusive collector of residential solid waste and shall collect such solid waste at such intervals of time that is deemed necessary for the public's health and safety. The City may collect non-residential solid waste as determined by the Director of Public Works and Parks. Prohibited solid waste shall not be collected by the City unless authorized by this Chapter or the Director of Public Works and Parks. In collecting solid waste, the City may use City personnel and equipment or may contract for such collection.

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B. The Director of Public Works and Parks shall enforce this Chapter to the extent provided herein and shall have the authority and responsibility to:

1. Establish and revise regulations concerning the storage, collection, conveyance, and disposal of all solid waste accumulated within the City, including the frequency of collection and the type and location of solid waste containers, and
2. Grant exceptions to such regulations and the requirements of this Chapter, when strict compliance is not necessary to promote the intent of this Chapter and when such exceptions alleviate unnecessary hardship or practical difficulty.

C. The Director of Public Works and Parks shall establish collection routes and schedules for residential and non-residential solid waste. The Director of Public Works and Parks shall promulgate regulations regarding solid waste management.

**Section 230.030. Ordinance Violations — Public Nuisance.
[R.O. 2011 §8.12.030; Ord. No. 6733 §1(Exh. A (part)), 2008]**

- A. It is unlawful for any person to store, collect, convey, or dispose of solid waste except as provided by or permitted in this Chapter, or to use any land, premises or property within the City for the dumping or disposal of any solid waste, except at a City-authorized facility.
- B. No person shall, with the intent of avoiding the requirements of this Chapter, deposit solid waste into any solid waste container other than a container issued by the City to, or for the benefit of, said person or the property at which said person resides, except as provided by Section 230.140(E)(1) or otherwise provided by the Director of Public Works and Parks.
- C. No person shall cast, place, sweep, or deposit anywhere within the City any solid waste into any water or watercourse or in such a manner that it may be carried or deposited by the elements upon any street, sidewalk, alley, sewer, parkway, or other public place, or into any occupied premises within the City. No person shall sweep, cast or deposit any yard waste into any street or storm sewer except as permitted under Section 230.100.
- D. No person shall treat or dispose of solid waste through incineration, burying, littering, or in any manner other than as permitted in this Chapter.

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- E. Owners, lessees, and occupants shall maintain in a clean and orderly condition that part of the premises which extends between side yard lot lines, extending from the back property line or centerline of the alley to the curb line of the fronting street.
- F. It is unlawful for any person to accumulate, permit the accumulation of, or transport solid waste in open beds of trucks or otherwise in such a manner as to permit solid waste to be carried or deposited in or on any private property, or any watercourse, or on any street, sidewalk, alley, sewer, parkway, or other public place.
- G. Ownership of solid waste set out for collection by the City shall be vested in the City, and scavenging in or from any solid waste container or in or from any container designated for recyclables is prohibited.
- H. Any person violating any provision of this Chapter, or any regulation of the Director of Public Works and Parks, shall upon conviction be subject to punishment as provided in Section 100.190 of the Municipal Code. Whenever any act is prohibited by this Chapter, or by any rule or regulation adopted hereunder, such prohibition shall extend to and include the causing, securing, aiding, or abetting of another person to do said act.
- I. It is unlawful for any person to cause, allow, or maintain for a period in excess of eight (8) days any accumulation of solid waste in or on any premises, structure, lot, land, or property within the City, and such accumulation is declared a public nuisance abatable pursuant to Chapter 220, Article I and II of the Municipal Code. The cost of any such abatement may be added to the annual real estate bill for the property and collected in the same manner and procedure for collecting real estates taxes as provided in Section 220.100 of this Title.

**Section 230.040. Private Collectors. [R.O. 2011 §8.12.040;
Ord. No. 6733 §1(Exh. A (part)), 2008]**

- A. *"Private collectors"* are contractors using the streets of the City for the transportation of solid waste, whether for non-residential solid waste accumulated within the City or any solid waste generated outside the City. Private collectors shall:
 - 1. Use a water-tight vehicle provided with a tight cover and so operated as to prevent offensive odors escaping therefrom and solid waste from being blown, dropped or spilled, and

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2. Comply with all applicable provisions of this Chapter and all regulations promulgated by the Director of Public Works and Parks.
3. No private collector shall operate between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. of the following day except by permit issued by the Director.

The Director of Public Works and Parks shall have the authority to make such other reasonable and necessary regulations, consistent with the provisions of this Chapter concerning such individual and non-residential storage, collection, transfer, and disposal of solid waste.

ARTICLE II
Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Generally

**Section 230.050. Preparation of Solid Waste For Collection.
[R.O. 2011 §8.12.100; Ord. No. 6733 §1(Exh. A (part)), 2008]**

All solid waste, before being placed in containers for collection, shall have drained from it all liquids. Ashes shall be thoroughly cooled before being placed in a solid waste container. All yard waste shall be separated from all other solid waste and disposed of pursuant to Section 230.090. No person shall dispose of human waste except through the sanitary sewer system, except for disposable plastic diapers which may be placed in solid waste containers if placed in double plastic bags and sealed to prevent offensive odors from escaping therefrom. No person shall dispose of animal waste in solid waste containers unless placed in double plastic bags and sealed to prevent offensive odors from escaping therefrom.

**Section 230.060. Solid Waste Containers — Requirements.
[R.O. 2011 §8.12.110; Ord. No. 6733 §1(Exh. A (part)), 2008]**

- A. All solid waste containers shall be kept clean and closed while storing solid waste and shall be maintained in good condition. Permanent containers shall be leak-proof, free of rust, and without ragged or sharp edges or any other defects liable to hamper or injure the person handling the contents thereof. Disposable containers as permitted by the Director of Public Works and Parks shall be manufactured of either polyethylene or paper approved and intended for indoor and outdoor storage of solid waste.
- B. No person shall damage, destroy, deface, or alter the appearance of any solid waste container.
- C. The City shall provide residential solid waste containers, including containers for single-stream recycling, and all solid waste containers provided by the City are and shall remain the property of the City, except as provided under Section 230.140(E)(1).

**Section 230.070. Types of Solid Waste Containers —
Replacement. [R.O. 2011 §8.12.120; Ord. No. 6733 §1(Exh. A
(part)), 2008; Ord. No. 6788 §1, 7-20-2009]**

- A. *One- To Two-Family Residential Buildings.* For one- and two-family buildings, roll-out plastic carts shall be provided for said waste storage and collections, except where collections are from the alley. Carts shall have a capacity of either sixty (60) or ninety (90) gallons or other size as designated by the Director of Public

Works and Parks. The use of sixty (60) gallon carts shall be limited to units occupied by no more than two (2) persons, one (1) of whom is at least sixty-five (65) years of age. Carts shall have wheels, handles, and a hinged, tight-fitting lid capable of containing solid waste and reducing odors, and shall be compatible with existing City equipment for mechanical lifting and dumping. Carts shall weigh, with contents when full, not in excess of two hundred (200) pounds. Mechanical box-type containers shall be used for alley collections or where permitted by the Director of Public Works and Parks.

B. *Three- To Four-Family Residential And Non-Residential Buildings.* For three-family and four-family residential buildings, and for non-residential buildings, solid waste shall be stored in a mechanical box-type container or other type containers as designated by the Director of Public Works and Parks. Mechanical box-type containers shall

1. Have a capacity of one and one-half (1½) cubic yards or greater,
2. Have a hinged, tight-fitting lid capable of containing solid waste and reducing odors, and
3. Be equipped with lugs and brackets, permitting City sanitation trucks or private contract haulers to mechanically pick up and remove the content. Roll-out plastic carts may be used for three-family and four-family residential buildings where permitted by the Director of Public Works and Parks.

C. Public solid waste containers may be placed in public places, and the placement of and collection of solid waste from said containers shall be as authorized by the Director of Public Works and Parks. Public solid waste containers placed on City sidewalks, streets, parks and other public places shall be used only for such solid waste as persons may have for disposal while passing along the streets or using the City's parks or other public places. Such containers shall not be used for the disposal of solid waste accumulated in residences or places of business unless a permit is issued by the Director of Public Works and Parks.

D. The Director of Finance shall establish, impose and assess against all property owners benefiting from the City's solid waste collection services a fee reflecting the total cost of replacing roll-out plastic carts, recyclables containers, and dumpsters, and may adjust the fee from time to time as necessary. The fee shall be in addition to the solid waste collection fee established and imposed

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by the City Council pursuant to Section 230.110(A), but shall be deemed a solid waste collection service fee for billing, collection, enforcement and all other purposes in Article III of this Chapter. All fees collected by the Finance Director pursuant to this Subsection shall be deposited in a fund and used solely for replacing roll-out plastic carts, recyclables containers, and dumpsters.

**Section 230.080. Location of Solid Waste Containers. [R.O.
2011 §8.12.130; Ord. No. 6733 §1(Exh. A (part)), 2008]**

- A. No person shall place any solid waste in or on any street, alley, or other public place, or upon any private property, whether owned by such person or not, within the City except in a solid waste container provided by the City or otherwise permitted by this Chapter or the Director of Public Works and Parks.
- B. *Collection From Street.* If the solid waste collection vehicle makes the collection from the street, roll-out plastic carts, recyclables carts, disposable containers, bags and bundled brush and tree trimmings shall be placed on the sidewalk, or if no sidewalk exists or placement on the sidewalk is impracticable, in the street, but as close to the curb as practicable for efficient and safe collection. Solid waste shall not be placed out for collection earlier than 4:00 P.M. on the day before the scheduled collection. Solid waste containers must be restored behind the building line no later than 9:00 P.M. on the day of collection.
- C. *Collection From The Alley.* If the solid waste collection vehicle makes the collection of solid waste from the alley, a mechanical box-type stationary container or containers shall be located, clear of traffic, adjacent to the alley line and shall be located so as to be accessible to collection equipment; however, recyclables containers, yard waste, bulky items, and any other materials designated by the Director of Public Works and Parks shall be collected only from the street except as exempted by the Director of Public Works and Parks.
- D. *Storage Of Solid Waste Containers.* Roll-out plastic carts, recyclables carts, disposable containers, bags and bundled brush and tree trimmings shall be stored behind the building line when not placed out for collection. "Building line" means the line parallel to the front lot line and passing through the nearest point of the principal building. "Principal building" means the structure in which the principal use on the lot is located.

Section 230.090. Yard Waste, Recyclables and Prohibited Solid Waste. [R.O. 2011 §8.12.140; Ord. No. 6733 §1(Exh. A (part)), 2008]

- A. All yard waste shall be separated from all other solid waste, and no person shall dispose of yard waste other than as permitted herein.
 1. Leaves and grass clippings shall be stored in thirty (30) gallon biodegradable paper bags approved by the Director of Public Works and Parks. Each yard waste bag shall exhibit a yard waste sticker, which may be purchased at City Hall or other designated locations. The Director shall establish a sticker fee which shall defray the costs of collection. The Director may designate and publish time periods when yard waste stickers will not be required.
 2. All tree trimmings, hedge clippings and similar material shall be cut to lengths not to exceed four (4) feet and securely tied in bundles not more than two (2) feet thick before being deposited for collection. A limit of six (6) bundles will be collected from a single household per week. Ties should be heavy twine or similar material but not wire. The City will not collect tree stumps or tree trunks.
 3. Plastic bags shall not be used for yard waste.
- B. The City shall offer single-stream residential recycling services and shall provide separate recycling containers or roll-out carts. The Director of Public Works and Parks shall promulgate regulations regarding the City's recycling program.
- C. The City may offer collection services, or permit private contractor collections, for yard waste collection, in which case the Director of Public Works and Parks shall promulgate regulations regarding same or shall authorize the specific disposition of same, which may be at the cost of the disposer.

Section 230.100. City Leaf Collection — Street Cleaning. [R.O. 2011 §8.12.150; Ord. No. 6733 §1(Exh. A (part)), 2008]

- A. The City may sweep and collect leaves placed in the street for collection. The Director of Public Works and Parks may establish leaf collection times which may vary by area or zone. Only leaves from a property adjacent to the street may be placed, swept, or deposited into the street, and such leaves may be placed, swept, or deposited into the street only by or at the direction of the

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owner, lessee, or occupant of such property. No person shall place, sweep, or deposit leaves into a street more than three (3) days before the first (1st) day of the established leaf collection time period or after the last day of the established leaf collection time period for that area or zone. All leaves placed, swept or deposited into the street shall be in piles along the curb or edge of the street adjacent to the property where the leaves fell.

B. The work of sweeping and cleaning by machine or manual labor of the gutters, paved streets, and avenues of the City shall be done as authorized by the Director of Public Works and Parks. The Director of Public Works and Parks may order the temporary closing of a City street or a portion thereof for the purpose of sweeping and cleaning up leaves, litter and other solid waste. Notice of the temporary closing shall be given twenty-four (24) hours in advance by posting same along the street on signs, electronic message boards or other means in the immediate vicinity together with a warning that parking of vehicles in the designated areas is prohibited and a violation of this Chapter.

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Fees — Collections — Enforcement

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Section 230.110. Fees and Billing. [R.O. 2011 §8.12.200; Ord. No. 6733 §1(Exh. A (part)), 2 (Exh. B), 2008; Ord. No. 6753 §1(Exh. A), 2008; Ord. No. 6787 §1, 7-20-2009]

A. The City Council shall by ordinance from time to time establish and impose fees for the City's solid waste collection services to reimburse the City for the reasonable costs of service delivery and a schedule of such fees shall be maintained on file by the City Clerk. The Director of Finance may assess fees to reimburse the City for the costs of collection and disposal of prohibited solid waste, non-residential solid waste, nuisance abatement or other special services. **[Ord. No. 7013 § 1, 7-25-2016]**

**University City Refuse Collection Rates Effective
September 1, 2016**

Type	Monthly Rate
a. Single- or two-family units and buildings with three (3) or more units with curb line pickup, per unit, per ninety (90) gallon cart	\$17.95
Senior rate (available to a residential unit occupied by no more than two (2) persons, one (1) of whom is at least sixty-five (65) years of age), per unit, per sixty (60) gallon cart	\$15.15
b. Single- or two-family units with alley line mechanical box pickup, per unit	\$19.34
Senior rate	\$16.69
c. Three (3) or more units with alley line mechanical box pickup, per unit	\$12.70
d. Three (3) or more units with mechanical box pickup and waste reduction, per unit	\$7.58
e. Public or private institutions with City service	Rates to be determined based on service needs
B. All such fees shall be assessed against the owner of the property benefiting from the City's solid waste collection services. While the fees may be paid by others residing at the property, the owner of the property shall be ultimately responsible for assessed fees,	

and the owner shall have no defense under this Chapter that some other person is responsible for payment of the fees.

- C. The Director of Finance shall be responsible for billing and collecting said fees and shall bill the same on a semi-annual or other basis in such method and manner as the Director of Finance deems most effective. The bill for a newly constructed residence shall be prorated for the first (1st) bill only. The Director of Finance shall enforce this Chapter to the extent provided herein and shall have the authority and responsibility to establish and revise regulations for such purposes.
- D. Any owner receiving collection services from the City shall receive a credit against the fees imposed for each full month of unit vacancy, provided that:
 - 1. The owner files an application for credit with the Director of Finance no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the end of the current billing period;
 - 2. The unit has been registered with the City as a vacant property pursuant to Section 240.020 of this code;
 - 3. The unit was vacant during the current billing period, and the vacancy lasted at least three (3) consecutive months, including any vacancy time that carried over from the previous billing period; and
 - 4. No solid waste from the unit was collected by the City during the vacancy.

**Section 230.120. Delinquent Fees — Penalty. [R.O. 2011
§8.12.210; Ord. No. 6823 §1, 8-9-2010]**

If fees remain unpaid thirty (30) days after the beginning of the service period for which the bill is rendered, then such bill shall be delinquent and subject to a penalty of five percent (5%). For each month the bill remains unpaid thereafter, and up to the date of certification of any special tax bill pursuant to Section 230.150, an additional penalty of two and one-half percent (2½%) shall be applied to the accumulating balance of the delinquent bill.

**Section 230.130. Delinquent Fees — Collection Policies —
Hearing and Appeal. [R.O. 2011 §8.12.220; Ord. No. 6733
§1(Exh. A (part)), 2008]**

- A. The Director of Finance is authorized to establish collection policies for delinquent fees, penalties, and interest, including, but

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not limited to, payment plans and, if approved by the City Council, the waiver of penalties and interest and amnesty programs.

B. Any owner who disputes the validity or amount of the fees or penalties charged under this Chapter may request in writing a hearing before the Director of Finance not later than ten (10) business days following the date of the notice of delinquency provided for in Section 230.140, which said notice shall also include notice of the right to a hearing. A hearing request shall assert specific grounds for review, and the Director of Finance shall hold a hearing within ten (10) business days following the date of the request. The Director of Finance shall render a decision on the appeal within fifteen (15) business days of the hearing. The Director of Finance's decision shall be in writing and supported by findings establishing the basis for the decision. Any person aggrieved by the final determination of the Director of Finance may file a petition for review pursuant to Chapter 536, RSMo., as amended, in the Circuit Court of the County of St. Louis. Such petition shall be filed within thirty (30) days of the Director of Finance's final determination.

Section 230.140. Delinquent Fees — Solid Waste Collection Stopped — Self-Disposal. [R.O. 2011 §8.12.230; Ord. No. 6733 §1(Exh. A (part)), 2008]

A. If a bill becomes delinquent, the Director of Finance shall provide written notice of not less than thirty (30) days to the owner receiving collection services that all such services shall be halted or otherwise denied if the outstanding charges remain unpaid as of a date certain.

B. If a bill for non-residential collection remains unpaid as of the noticed date, the City shall halt collection services.

C. If a bill for residential collection remains unpaid as of the noticed date and the collection service is provided by roll-out plastic cart(s), the City shall halt all collection services as of the date noted and shall confiscate any cart or recycling container serving the delinquent account. The Director of Finance shall provide written notice to the owner that collection services have been halted, and such notice shall include notice of the self-disposal policy established in Subsection (E) of this Section.

D. If a bill for residential collection remains unpaid as of the noticed date and the collection service is provided by a mechanical box-type container, the Director of Finance shall provide written

notice that the owner is no longer authorized to dispose of solid waste in said container and that any such use of the container is unlawful, and such notice shall also include notice of the self-disposal policy established in Subsection (E) of this Section. In addition, the City shall halt collection of recyclables and yard waste and shall confiscate any recycling container serving the delinquent account.

E. Any person(s) who resides at the property whose residential service is halted, whether previously served by cart or by mechanical box-type container, shall be required to transport and self-dispose of accumulated solid waste at least once each week as provided herein.

1. The person(s) may purchase not more than four (4) plastic solid waste containers, which shall be leak-proof with snug-fitting lids, and which shall contain the solid waste and accompanying odors. The size and type of such containers shall be determined by the Director of Public Works and Parks. Such containers shall be stored as provided in Section 230.080(D). The person shall dispose of the solid waste by hauling it to a licensed landfill duly approved by the Director of Public Works and Parks. The person may also purchase disposal bags from the City, in which case the person shall deliver the collected solid waste to the City's transfer station during normal business hours.
2. No person(s) whose service has been halted shall contract with a private collector for the disposal of residential solid waste or dispose of such solid waste in any manner other than self-disposal as provided in this Section.
3. The person(s) who self-disposes of solid waste shall maintain weekly receipts from either the duly approved landfill or the purchase of disposal bags as evidence of self-disposal compliance, and said receipts shall reflect the disposal of a quantity of residential solid waste commensurate with a household of the size listed in the person's corresponding occupancy permit. Any person(s) who fails to display such receipts on request, and any person displaying receipts reflecting a quantity of solid waste less than that associated with a household of the size listed in the person's occupancy permit, shall be presumed to be in violation of the self-disposal policy and shall be subject to prosecution. Persons whose service has been halted shall be subject to audit by the City to ensure compliance with this Section.

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4. Any person whose service has been halted shall self-dispose of yard waste and recyclables as provided by the Director of Public Works and Parks.
5. Any owner whose service has been halted shall not be entitled to resumption of service until all sums due have been paid. Such person shall also be subject to an administrative fee established by the Director of Finance to recoup the costs of reinstating the service and redelivering the necessary solid waste container(s), which fee shall be paid in advance of service reinstatement.

Section 230.150. Delinquent Fees — Special Tax Bill Issued To Person Failing To Pay Bill. [R.O. 2011 §8.12.240; Ord. No. 6779 §1, 4-6-2009]

- A. The Director of Finance may certify a special tax bill against the property served if outstanding fees remain delinquent under Section 230.120 for at least ninety (90) days.
- B. The Director of Finance shall prepare and certify the special tax bill against the property. The bill shall identify the City as lien holder, the enabling ordinance, the legal description of the property assessed, the date of delinquency, and the amount of the assessment, including any accrued penalty and a reasonable administrative charge to be determined by the Director of Finance to reimburse the City for costs incurred in computing, making, certifying, and administering the bill. The Director may record the bill with the St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds, in which case the cost of recording shall also be included in the assessment.
- C. The tax bill shall be a first (1st) lien on the property from the date of its issuance until paid. It shall be *prima facie* evidence of the recitals therein contained and to its validity, and no mere clerical error or informality in the same or in the proceedings leading up to the issuance thereof shall be a defense thereto. Each special tax bill shall bear interest at a rate per annum determined by the Director of Finance, but not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law.

Section 230.160. Collections and Foreclosure Authorized. [R.O. 2011 §8.12.250; Ord. No. 6733 §1(Exh. A (part)), 2008]

If fees remain delinquent sixty (60) days following the certification of a special tax bill, the Director of Finance shall refer the matter

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to the City Attorney for collection, including, if deemed necessary by the City Attorney, the initiation of foreclosure proceedings. The delinquent party shall be liable to the City for all reasonable costs and attorney fees incurred.