

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA,
AMENDING SECTIONS 5.01.075 AND 5.01.080 OF THE CULVER
CITY MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR LATE
PAYMENT OF SOLID WASTE FEES

WHEREAS, the City of Culver City provides solid waste removal services throughout the City, which requires significant expenditures and operational costs on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, the Culver City Solid Waste disposal services system depends on revenues generated from customers and rate payers; and

WHEREAS, continued operations depend on prompt and full payments of fees and charges for the services rendered by the City to customers; and

WHEREAS, imposition of penalties for late or partial payments is necessary to ensure prompt payment and to avoid delinquent accounts; and

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed the existing penalties and administrative provisions related to imposition of penalties and granting of waivers and determined that adjustments are necessary to ensure that penalties and administrative procedures are fair, proportional, and appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Culver City DOES HEREBY ORDAIN as follow:

SECTION 1. Sections 5.01.075 and 5.01.080 of the Culver City Municipal Code are hereby amended to read as follows (deletions indicated by ~~strikethrough~~ text; additions indicated by underlined text):

§ 5.01.075 TIME OF PAYMENT OF CHARGES.

A. ~~Unless the City Council determines otherwise, p~~Payment of charges for solid waste handling services is due on or before the last day of the month following the month in which the service was rendered. Should the due date

1 occur on the weekend or legal holiday, the payment must be received by the City on
2 the first regular business day following the weekend or legal holiday.

3 **§ 5.01.080 DELINQUENT ACCOUNT.**

4 A. *Late charge.* ~~If payment is not received in the office of the City~~
5 ~~Treasurer on or before the due date established in § 5.01.075, the account shall be~~
6 ~~considered delinquent and a late charge of fifty percent (50%) shall be added to the~~
7 ~~face amount of the bill prepared during the month the account became delinquent.~~
8 Penalty for nonpayment of billing for solid waste refuse collections services shall be
9 established by resolution of the City Council and may be amended by the City
10 Council from time to time. This penalty provision shall not be construed to preclude
11 or limit the enforcement of the penalty provisions of this Chapter.

12 B. *Request for waiver.*

13 1. The City Manager, or designee, shall create written policies
14 and procedures for considering and approving a request for waiver of late charges.

15 2. The City Manager Chief Financial Officer, ~~or his/her designee~~,
16 and the Public Works Director, or their respective designees, have has the authority
17 to approve a request for waiver of late charges ~~in amounts up to two hundred and~~
18 ~~fifty dollars (\$250.00).~~

19 3. ~~The City Manager, or his/her designee, in consultation with~~
20 ~~the Chief Financial Officer and the Public Works Directors, has the authority to~~
21 ~~approve a request for waiver of late charges in amounts greater than two hundred~~
22 ~~and fifty dollars (\$250.00) but less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000).~~

23 4. ~~Any request for waiver of late charges in amounts of five~~
24 ~~thousand dollars (\$5,000) or greater may only be approved by the City Council. The~~
25 ~~City Council's determination regarding such request shall be final.~~

26 53. The City Manager's Chief Financial Officer's and the Public
27 Works Director's denial of a request for waiver may be appealed to the City Council
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1 City Manager. Appeals shall be submitted in writing and filed with the City Clerk
2 within fifteen (15) days of the denial of such request. The decision of the City
3 Manager shall be final.

4 C. *Penalties*. Delinquent accounts, including late charges, shall be
5 recoverable by civil action of the City. Willful failure to pay a delinquent account shall
6 be deemed a violation of this Code and be punishable as a misdemeanor.

7 D. *Suspension of service*. In addition to the penalties and remedies
8 established in this Section, the City Agent may suspend service to an account which
9 has been delinquent for longer than sixty (60) days, provided not less than thirty (30)
10 days written notice of the suspension has been given to the account holder at the
11 service address and full payment has not been received. Solid waste collection
12 services may be reinstated upon full payment of the delinquent account.

13 SECTION 2. Pursuant to Section 619 of the City Charter, this Ordinance
14 shall take effect 30 days after the date of its adoption. Pursuant to Sections 616 and
15 621 of the City Charter, prior to the expiration of 15 days after the adoption, the City
16 Clerk shall cause this Ordinance, or a summary thereof, to be published in the Culver
17 City News and shall post this Ordinance or a summary thereof in at least three
18 places within the City.

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SECTION 3. The City Council hereby declares that, if any provision, section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, phrase or word of this Ordinance is rendered or declared invalid or unconstitutional by any final action in a court of competent jurisdiction or by reason of any preemptive legislation, then the City Council would have independently adopted the remaining provisions, sections, subsections, paragraphs, sentences, phrases or words of this ordinance and as such they shall remain in full force and effect.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

FREDDY PUZA, Mayor
City of Culver City, California

ATTEST:

JEREMY BOCCHINO
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


HEATHER BAKER
City Attorney