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**ORDINANCE NO. 5479-2017**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RATE CHARGED FOR THE  
COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE, YARD  
WASTE, AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS, AUTHORIZING THE  
PERIODIC ADJUSTMENT OF THE RATE CHARGED FOR THE  
SERVICE, THE DECLARATION OF A RATE HOLIDAY, AND  
THE PROCESS BY WHICH SUCH IS DETERMINED.**

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 4915-2012 set the rate charged by the City, per residential unit, for the collection of solid waste, yard waste, and recyclable materials at \$21.50, per month, and subject to quarterly adjustment for a fuel surcharge based on the cost of diesel fuel; and

**WHEREAS**, the monthly rate charged by the City, per residential unit, is increased periodically by the same increase as the monthly fee paid by the City, per residential unit, to the vendor pursuant to the terms of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Solid Waste Fund has a balance in excess of that needed for continued operations; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of City Council and the Administration to return any excess cash balance in the form of a rate holiday; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of City Council and the Administration to define the process by which the rate charge, per residential unit, is adjusted annually and further rate holidays are approved.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE, LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The minimum target cash balance of the Solid Waste fund shall be approximately equal to two times the monthly service charge by the City's waste hauler.

**SECTION 2.** It is hereby declared that a rate holiday shall be granted for November and December 2017, where no user charge is to be billed by the City to its residential units.

**SECTION 3.** Annually, after September 30<sup>th</sup>, the City Auditor shall evaluate the financial position of the Solid Waste Fund and recommend whether or not a rate adjustment is necessary or if a rate holiday shall be declared.

**SECTION 4.** If a rate increase is deemed necessary, the City Auditor shall certify to City Council and the Mayor the increase necessary to maintain the desired cash carryover balance each year, supported by a five-year forecast of the Solid Waste Fund. The certified increase shall take effect with the billing cycle in January of the next calendar year unless City Council, by Ordinance, rescinds or adjusts the increase.

**SECTION 5.** If the City Auditor determines that the cash balance as of September 30, each year, is sufficient to maintain the desired carryover cash balance, supported by a five-year forecast, an adjustment or a rate holiday may be recommended for December of that year. The City Auditor shall submit his recommendation to the Mayor and the Mayor, upon review of the recommendation and the five-year forecast, shall approve or disapprove the rate holiday and report his action to City Council by the first meeting of November.

**SECTION 6.** The adjustment or rate holiday is not refundable in cash.

**SECTION 7.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were conducted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in accordance with all legal requirements, including §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 8.** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: August 21, 2017




PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST :



CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: Aug 24, 2017



MAYOR