Introduced March 23, 2004, by Councilwoman Burkhalter, seconded by Councilwoman Livaudais (both by request of Administration)

#### Item No. 04-03-2405

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 3178**

An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Section 23 Solid Waste, so as to comport with the recently approved garbage contract and related matters.

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell recently approved a garbage contract with Coastal Waste Services, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Section 23 of the Code of Ordinances was largely made obsolete by the approval of the garbage contract; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is intended to make Section 23 consistent with the garbage contract and with the methods by which the City does business in this area.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that Section 23 Solid Waste is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

# "Sec. 23-1. Adoption of Contract.

The Contract dated December 16, 2003, by and between the City and Coastal Waste Services, Inc., effective May 1, 2004, as it may be from time to time amended or superceded is hereby incorporated by reference. Unless otherwise specified in this Section, the terms of the said Contract shall control the collection of solid waste within the City's limits.

#### Sec. 23-2. Collection fee.

(a) Each residential unit within the City shall be charged the sum of \$7.22 per month for the collection of solid waste and recyclable materials.

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- (b) The fee specified herein shall be adjusted to reflect changes in the cost of doing business, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers, (CPI) published by the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. At the start of the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2005, and every fiscal year thereafter, the fee shall be adjusted by a percentage amount equal to the percentage in the CPI for the previous calendar year or five percent (5%) whichever is less.
- (c) Each residential unit shall be sent a bill at the address of the unit or at such other address as the owner shall indicate to the City. The owner is responsible for the payment of the bill. If the bill for the services is not paid within 60 days of its due date, the City shall serve separate 30-day notices by certified mail to the owners as listed on the property tax rolls.
- (d) Thereafter, the contractor may withhold solid waste collections serviced to the unit, and the City shall have, when duly recorded in the records of St. Tammany Parish, a lien and privilege upon the real property of such owners for the reimbursement of such expenses including attorney's fees, and such amount shall be carried as an assessment against the property upon the tax rolls and may be collected in the same manner as are all taxes of the City.
- (e) When solid waste collection services are withheld to a unit because of nonpayment of fees due, it shall be the duty of the resident and owner separately to have the solid waste removed from the premises weekly and to see that no undue

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accumulation has occurred. Failure to do so is hereby deemed a misdemeanor punishable as provided in Section 1-12 of this Code.

#### Sec. 23-3. Commercial units.

All commercial units within the City limits shall provide containers capable of containing a week's accumulation.

Each commercial unit within the City limits shall provide for collection of garbage generated by such unit not less frequently than weekly.

#### Sec. 23-4. Hours of collection.

Collection of residential refuse shall not commence before 6:00 o'clock a.m., and shall be completed by 8:00 o'clock p.m. on any single collection day. Emptied garbage cans, recycle bins and uncollected material exceeding collection standards shall be removed from the street right-of-way by noon on the day following that day on which the collection vehicle has completed collections in the particular geographical collection area. Failure to remove the garbage can, recycle bin or other material by noon on the day following collection shall be considered littering. The Slidell Police Department and the Slidell Department of Building Safety shall have the authority to enforce this provision regarding hours for the removal of garbage cans, recycle bins, and other materials for collection.

Collection of commercial refuse or commercial recyclables may not be conducted where the dumpster or other commercial refuse container is within 200 feet of any private residence between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Where the dumpster

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or other commercial refuse container is more than 200 feet from residential property, then the collection times stated above do not apply. For the purposes of this provision, collection of commercial refuse or commercial recyclables at apartments, apartment houses or complexes, condominium, and/or co-ops will be classified as commercial collection.

# Sec. 23-5. Disposal of waste not classified as garbage or trash.

- (a) Building debris such as plaster, roofing, concrete and brickbats resulting from construction, repair or remodeling of any building or appurtenances on private property will not be removed by the solid waste collectors. The owner must cause this waste to be privately removed.
- (b) Any person desiring to dispose of any waste, debris or rubbish from dwellings, business establishments or other places, due to regular business or from rebuilding or remodeling or new construction or other substances not coming within the definition of garbage or trash provided in this article and who desires to place the same between the curbline and the sidewalk line for collection by private collectors, or by himself, must securely tie, wrap or place the same in a container so that the substance cannot be scattered upon the streets of the city. Such waste, debris, rubbish or other substance shall not be left between the curbline and the sidewalk more than six hours.

(Code 1966, § 11-29)

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#### Sec. 23-6. Tampering with containers.

It shall be unlawful for any person to molest, remove, handle or to otherwise disturb the garbage containers or the contents which have been placed on city property for servicing by the solid waste collectors, provided that this section does not apply to the owner, occupant, lessee or tenant of the residence or dwelling so placing the container and contents.

(Code 1966, § 11-31)

# Sec. 23-7. Placing substances in streets, sidewalks, alleys and ditches.

- (a) It is hereby declared unlawful for any person to throw, place or cause to be placed on any sidewalk or on paved street or in the gutter on any paved street or on any unpaved street or in the drainage ditches adjoining any unpaved street, or in any drainage ditch or drainage space, any nails, tacks, bottles, rocks, bricks, paper, trash or other debris of any kind, or any other substance whatsoever, provided that this subsection does not apply to regularly designated maintenance crews of the city or public utility companies as provided by law.
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, any person placing or throwing in any street or alley any dead cats, chickens, rats or other animals, tainted meat, decayed fruits or vegetables, filthy water, human or other excrement, or anything of like nature, or any substance in any manner other than as provided in this chapter, shall be guilty of causing a nuisance.

(Code 1966, §§ 11-32, 15-1, 15-2)

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## Sec. 23-8. Dumping on private property.

It shall be unlawful for any person to dump, or cause to be dumped, any garbage, trash or refuse upon any property other than his own without written consent of the owner of such property.

(Code 1966, § 11-34; Ord. No. 3016, 7-10-2001)

# Sec. 23-9. Tampering with recyclable materials.

- (a) *Prohibited acts.* No person, other than the current resident of the property on which the items are placed, or an authorized carrier, shall remove, pick up, or transfer recyclable materials left at curbside. Materials left at curbside in either specifically marked recovery containers or any other type of container are to be picked up by a designated carrier for the purpose of removal of recyclable materials. Materials referred to, and to be left at curbside in specifically marked containers, will include recyclable materials included in the city's recycling program.
- (b) *Penalty.* Each removal of items from a location shall constitute a separate violation of this section. Unauthorized persons removing materials or bins other than those persons designated in subsection (a) of this section shall be fined as follows:
- (1) Upon first conviction of violation of this section, the person shall be fined \$25.00 for each such violation.
- (2) Upon second conviction of violation of this section, the person shall be fined \$100.00 for each violation.

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(3) Upon third and subsequent convictions of violation of this section, the person shall be fined \$200.00 for each such violation.

(Code 1966, § 11-36.1)

# Sec. 23-10. Disposal of refrigerators, deep freezers and similar air-tight containers.

It shall be unlawful for any person, organization, firm or corporation to abandon or place out-of-doors on any lot, tract, parcel of ground, right-of-way, or area where children may be playing or have access in the city limits, any icebox, refrigerator, deep freezer or any other container of any kind which has an airtight door, or which may not be released for opening from the inside of such icebox, refrigerator, deep freezer or container, or any abandoned, unattended or discarded icebox, refrigerator, deep freezer or any other container of any kind which is airtight and has a snap lock or other device thereon without first removing such snap lock or door from such icebox, refrigerator or container.

(Code 1966, § 11-37)

State Law References: Similar provisions, R.S. 14:324.

# Sec. 23-11. Hauling swill through streets.

All persons hauling or conveying swill, slop and like refuse through the streets of the city shall carry the same in closed metal containers, securely covered, so that the contents may not be spilled or odors emitted therefrom.

(Code 1966, § 11-38)

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#### Sec. 23-12. Christmas tree lots.

- (a) Every person who engages in the sale of non-artificial Christmas trees shall remove all trees from the premises upon which they are offered for sale which are remaining on such premises on December 27 of the year they are offered for sale.
- (b) The tree removal required in subsection (a) shall be accomplished no later than seven days from the said December 27 date.
- (c) In addition to the persons engaged in the sale of non-artificial Christmas trees, the owner of the property upon which such trees are offered for sale shall be subject to the provisions of this section.
- (d) Failure of any person who is subject to this section to comply with the provisions hereof shall result in the denial of a permit to engage in the sale of Christmas trees the following year in addition to all other applicable penalties.
- (e) All persons who apply for a permit to engage in the sale of Christmas trees shall deposit with the city the sum of \$1,000.00 in the form of cash or cashier's check made payable to the City of Slidell. In the event remaining trees are not removed as required by this section, the deposit shall be automatically forfeited. The deposit shall be returned to the person to whom the permit was issued within 24 hours of verification by the city of compliance with this section.

(Ord. No. 3053, 2-26-02)"

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# ADOPTED this 27th day of April, 2004.

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