Introduced September 8, 2026, by Councilman Brownfield, seconded by Councilwoman Denham, (by request of Administration)

Item No. 26-09-3668

ORDINANCE NO. 4310

An ordinance authorizing a fuel surcharge on residential waste collection services provided by Coastal Environmental Services of LA, LLC.

WHEREAS, Coastal Environmental Services of LA, LLC ("Coastal") is currently contracted with the City of Slidell to provide, as a fee service for City residents, residential waste collection services (currently garbage collection and recycling).

WHEREAS, Section 23-2(c) of the City's Code states that, "Should the council approve any petition by its garbage contractor for a rate increase due to material and unforeseen changes in the cost of operations which are not otherwise the basis for any rate adjustment, it may add all or a portion of said rate increase to the residential unit fee provided for in this section."

WHEREAS, similarly, Section 10.B of the collection contract between the City and Coastal provides:

> **Changes in Operation.** No sooner than January 1, 2026, CES may petition the City for additional rate and price adjustments on the basis of material or unforeseen changes in the cost of operations which are not otherwise the basis of any other rate adjustment herein, including but not limited to changes in the cost of diesel fuel above $3.40 per gallon, CPI increases greater than 5%, changes in the cost of disposal or changes in the disposal facility (each only to the extent not reflected in any CPI increase). At the time of any such petition, CES shall provide the City with all documents and records in reasonable form and sufficient detail to reasonably establish the necessity of any requested rate adjustment. The City shall not unreasonably withhold, condition, or delay its consent to any requested rate increase.

WHEREAS, based on the significant increase in the cost of diesel fuel over the months, Coastal submitted a request to the City for a fuel surcharge to be included in its per Residential Unit service rate.

WHEREAS, the Council believes Coastal's request is reasonable, substantiated, and based on material and unforeseen changes in Coastal's cost of operations which appear unlikely to decrease in the near-term.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to account for the likely fluctuations in diesel fuel prices from month to month when approving a fuel surcharge for each billing period.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that a fuel surcharge of not to exceed Two Dollars and No/100 ($2.00) per Residential Unit is authorized to be paid by the City to Coastal per month for any month in which (i) diesel fuel is above, on average, Three Dollars and 40/100 ($3.40) per gallon, (ii) the fuel surcharge is requested and adequately supported by Coastal to the City's finance department, and (iii) the requested fuel surcharge is approved by the City's finance department, until such time as the Council authorizes the termination/modification of said fuel surcharge or the collection contract with Coastal expires/terminates, whichever is earlier. The actual amount of any monthly future surcharge (not to exceed Two Dollars and No Cents ($2.00) per Residential Unit) shall be the amount approved by the City's finance department each month based upon adequate supporting documentation submitted by Coastal. Nothing herein shall be construed to require the approval of a fuel surcharge for an authorized

month if adequate support for same is not submitted by Coastal. This fuel surcharge shall be in addition to the standard monthly fee for collection services paid by the City.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that, for any month in which the fuel surcharge is authorized and approved as set forth above, beginning with the bill for September 2026 waste collection, each Residential Unit in the City receiving Coastal's waste collection services shall be assessed, billed, and responsible for the payment to the City of a fuel surcharge of not to exceed Two Dollars and No/100 ($2.00) per month, based upon the amount approved by the City's finance department (if any) for the requisite month (subject to billing in arrears), which surcharge shall be in addition to the standard monthly fee for collection services set forth in in Section 23-2(a) of Chapter 23 of the City's Code of Ordinances.

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of September, 2026.

Leslie Denham
Vice President of the Council
Councilwoman at-Large

Randy Fandal
Mayor

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

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