ORDINANCE NO. 1650

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 24, SECTION 165, FEES FOR GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND RECYCLABLES COLLECTION TO THE BLUFFTON CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, the Common Council ("**Council**") of the City of Bluffton ("**City**") has authority under the Acts of the Indiana General Assembly to make all necessary regulations for the preservation of the rights, property, health, safety and welfare of its citizens and the Council finds that the interests of the citizens of the City would be best served by an amendment to the Bluffton City Code ("**Code**") to add the fees for the collection of garbage, rubbish and recyclables.

WHEREAS, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 1641 to add a new Section 8.24.165 to the Code setting rates for the collection of garbage, rubbish and recyclable materials for the City.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1641 failed to include rates for the following service areas within the City: Downtown Food establishments; Downtown Businesses; and the Wells County Court House and Auxiliary Court House.

WHEREAS, the Council now desires to amend Section 8.24.165 to add rates for the collection of garbage, rubbish and recyclable materials with respect to Downtown Food establishments; Downtown Businesses; and the Wells County Court House and Auxiliary Court House.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUFFTON, INDIANA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Title 8, Chapter 24, Section 165 is hereby amended and replaced in its entirety as set forth in "**Exhibit A**" attached hereto.

Section 2: Title 8, Chapter 24, Section 165 is hereby added to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bluffton, Indiana as set forth in "**Exhibit A**" attached hereto.

Section 3: This amendment to the Code of the City of Bluffton is to be enforced as an Ordinance of the City of Bluffton, Indiana.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force upon adoption and publication as required by law.

[Signatures are on the following page.]

Adopted by the Common Council of the City of Bluffton, Indiana, this 21 day of January, 2025, by the following vote:

Councilperson	AYES 6	NAYS 0	ABSENT
Scott A. Mentzer			
Rickey D. Elwell	Zoom unable to vote		
Janella J. Stronczek			
Joshua D. Hunt			
Chandler T. Gerber			
Blake A. Fiechter			
Sarah J. Reed			

Mayor John S. Whicker, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Bri Lautzenheiser, City Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Bluffton, Indiana, at 5:30 o'clock p.m. this 21 day of January, 2025.

Bri Lautzenheiser, City Clerk-Treasurer

Approved by me this 21 day of January, 2025.

Mayor John S. Whicker

This instrument was prepared by Anthony O. Crowell, Attorney for the City of Bluffton, Indiana, 128 East Market Street, Bluffton, Indiana 46714. I affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redact each Social Security Number in this document, unless required by law. (Anthony O. Crowell)

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EXHIBIT A

8.24.165 FEES FOR THE COLLECTION OF RUBBISH, GARBAGE, AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS WITHIN THE CITY.

Definitions applicable to this Section 165:

"Downtown": the geographical area the perimeter boundary of which is established by the center lines of the following streets – Washington, Scott, Marion & Wabash Streets.

"Residential Unit": Is a single-family dwelling. Each residential unit in a multi-family structure consisting of three (3) or less residential units (such as a condominium, apartment or other grouped housing structure) shall be treated as a separate Residential Unit. A multi-family structure consisting of four (4) or more residential units must contract for a waste dumpster for the collection of rubbish, garbage and recyclable materials.

"Downtown Food Business": a business conducted in a permanent structure in the Downtown and serves food and/or beverages to the public.

"Downtown Business": a business conducted in a permanent structure in the Downtown and which is not a Downtown Food Business.

Service Charges for the collection of rubbish, garbage and recyclable materials within the City of Bluffton, Indiana shall be collected in accordance with 8.24.160 SERVICE CHARGES and shall be in an amount per household as follows:

Monthly Fees Per Residential Unit for the
Collection of Rubbish, Garbage, and recyclable materials:

Year	2025	2026	2027	2028
Monthly Fee	$20.86	$21.90	$22.99	$24.15

Monthly Fees Per each Downtown Food Business for the
Collection of Rubbish, Garbage, and recyclable materials:

Year	2025	2026	2027	2028
Monthly Fee	$50.25	$52.64	$55.14	$57.78

Monthly Fees Per each Downtown Business for the
Collection of Rubbish, Garbage, and recyclable materials:

Year	2025	2026	2027	2028
Monthly Fee	$23.77	$24.90	$26.08	$27.33

Monthly Fees for the Wells County Courthouse for the
Collection of Rubbish, Garbage, and recyclable materials:

Year	2025	2026	2027	2028
Monthly Fee	$240.71	$252.16	$264.16	$276.79