

ORDINANCE NO. 6352

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FAIRBANKS GENERAL CODE CHAPTER 66
TO ESTABLISH A GARBAGE COLLECTION DISCOUNT FOR RESIDENTS
WHO RECEIVE FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)
AND AMENDING THE CITY SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES**

WHEREAS, aside from apartment buildings or complexes which include more than four apartment units and commercial accounts, the property owner of each residence within the city must pay the City's residential rates for solid waste collection per FGC 66-21; and

WHEREAS, the City's residential rates for solid waste collection are established each year and set forth in the City's Schedule of Fees as required under FGC 66-22; and

WHEREAS, FGC 66-23 currently provides that qualified senior citizens can receive a discount on the City's residential rates for solid waste collection; and

WHEREAS, the City's current Schedule of Fees, adopted by Resolution No. 5216 and effective July 1, 2026, provides that the Senior Rate for the City's residential rates for solid waste collection is 75% of the single-family dwelling rate; and

WHEREAS, based on the United States Social Security Administration's SSI Recipients by State and County, 2024, and SSI Monthly Statistics, April 2026, there are approximately 631 individuals currently receiving SSI payments living in the Fairbanks North Star Borough; and

WHEREAS, the City would like to extend the same discount for solid waste collection provided to senior citizens residing in the city to individuals on SSI.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, as follows:

SECTION 1. Fairbanks General Code Chapter 66, Article II, is amended as follows [new text in **bold/underlined** font; deleted text in ~~strikethrough~~ font]:

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Sec. 66-23. - Senior citizen rate.

- (a) A qualified senior citizen may apply to the office of the city clerk or the city finance department for the senior citizen rate. The senior citizen rate will be as provided in the city's schedule of fees and charges for services and will become effective the first billing quarter following a qualified filing.

- (b) The term "qualified senior citizen" as used in this section is defined as a person at least 65 years of age or a person at least 60 years of age who is the widow or widower of a person who was receiving the senior citizen rate at the time of their death. The widow or widower must file a new application for the senior citizen rate and must meet the requirements of subsection (c).
- (c) To receive the senior citizen rate under this section, a qualified senior citizen must:
 - (1) Be an owner of record of the property receiving the solid waste service.
 - (2) Occupy the property as a permanent place of abode. If the qualified senior citizen owns multiple properties, only their primary residence will be eligible for the senior rate.
 - (3) File for the senior citizen rate with the city clerk or the city finance department, provide proof of age, and have the application signature notarized. A qualified senior citizen need not file such an application for successive years.
 - (4) Maintain all city accounts in current status. The senior citizen rate will be revoked if a city account(s) is delinquent. The senior citizen rate will be reinstated without requiring a new filing when the account(s) is brought into current status.
 - (5) If living in a residence provided service pursuant to section 66-21(a)(2), all residents must be qualified.
- (d) Annually, the city finance department will audit a minimum of ten percent of the accounts receiving the senior citizen rate to determine eligibility and compliance with this section.
- (e) The qualified senior citizen receiving a senior citizen rate or their designated representative is responsible for notifying the city clerk or finance department of any change in ownership, residency, or permanent place of abode. Any account that is receiving the senior citizen rate for any period during which it is not eligible will be billed for the ineligible period at the regular collection rate and charged interest at the current rate for delinquent accounts.

Sec. 66-24. - Rate for qualified individuals receiving Federal Supplemental Security Income.

- (a) A qualified individual receiving federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) may apply to the office of the city clerk or the city finance department for a discounted rate. The discounted rate will be as provided in the city's schedule of fees and charges for services and will become effective the first billing quarter following a qualified filing.**
- (b) The term "qualified individual receiving federal Supplemental Security Income" as used in this section is defined as a person who provides**

current proof that they are receiving federal Supplemental Security Income payments.

(c) To receive the discounted rate under this section, a qualified individual must:

- (1) Be an owner of record of the property receiving the solid waste service.
- (2) Occupy the property as a permanent place of abode. If the qualified individual owns multiple properties, only their primary residence will be eligible for the discounted rate.
- (3) File for the discounted rate with the city clerk or the city finance department, provide proof of eligibility, and have the application signature notarized. The qualified individual needs to file such an application each year.
- (4) Maintain all city accounts in current status. The discounted rate will be revoked if a city account(s) is delinquent. The discounted rate will be reinstated without requiring a new filing when the account(s) is brought into current status.
- (5) If living in a residence provided service pursuant to section 66-21(a)(2), all residents must be qualified.

(d) The discount available in this section for individuals receiving federal supplemental security income payments cannot be combined with the discount for seniors available under FGC 66-23.

(e) The qualified individual, or their designated representative, receiving a discounted rate under this section is responsible for notifying the city clerk or finance department of any change in ownership, residency, or permanent place of abode. Any account that is receiving the discounted rate for any period during which it is not eligible will be billed for the ineligible period at the regular collection rate and charged interest at the current rate for delinquent accounts.

Sec. 66-2425. - Charge for collection of oversized items; other charges.

- (a) A customer shall be assessed an additional charge for the collection of any oversized items which cannot be collected during the routine weekly collection, and which require a special trip by the public works department. Oversized item collection can be requested with the public works department, the fee is listed in the schedule of fees.
- (b) A customer shall be assessed an additional charge for failing to properly dispose of home medical wastes, hazardous wastes, and ashes, per section 66-42, and for failing to maintain their container or receptacle in a proper

manner per section 66-62(c) after a second notice from the director of public works.

Sec. 66-2526. - Customer service policies.

- (a) Charge for service. It shall be the duty of the chief financial officer to keep accounts of solid waste customer accounts, to enter on such accounts all charges and penalties, and to establish billing dates for such service.
- (b) Billings, due dates, and delinquent dates. The charges for services shall be billed during the first month of the service quarter. The billing shall be due on the last business day of the first month in the quarter of service. Failure of any person to pay the charges by the due date shall cause such charges to become delinquent. Failure to receive mail shall not be recognized as a valid excuse for failure to pay bills when due. A maximum legal rate of interest charge, but no more than 18 percent per annum, shall be added to the delinquent balance as of the first day of the third month in the billing cycle.
- (c) Automatic recurring bank payments. Citizens may enroll in the automated clearing house (ACH) service for payment of quarterly bills from a personal checking or savings account. ACH transactions will be posted to customer accounts on the last day of the billing month. Non-sufficient funds (NSF) will result in a charge on the customer's account.
- (d) Action to collect delinquent accounts. Delinquent accounts are subject to lien filings. All costs incurred by the city to record and release the lien will be applied to the owner's account. The lien will be released when the account is paid in full. Property owners involved in a Fairbanks North Star Borough foreclosure proceedings will retain ownership during the redemption period and responsibility of the charge for services.
- (e) Property owner liable for payment of solid waste service fees. The owner of record of the real estate receiving service shall be chargeable for the service and such fees shall be a lien against the real estate.

SECTION 2. As provided herein, a discounted fee for Garbage Collection for Individuals Receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments, incorporating the same discount currently used in the Senior Rate, 75% of the single-family dwelling rate, is to be added to the City's Schedule of Fees and Charges for Services.

SECTION 3. The effective date of this ordinance is six days after adoption.

Mindy O'Neall, City Mayor

AYES: Tidwell, Therrien
NAYS: Marney, Cleworth, Ringstad, Sprinkle
ABSENT: None
FAILED: July 13, 2026

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Thomas A. Chard II, City Attorney

CITY OF FAIRBANKS
FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST:

Ordinance or Resolution No: 6352

Abbreviated Title: ORDINANCE GARBAGE COLLECTION DISCOUNTS FOR SSI RECIPIENTS

Department(s): GENERAL

Does the adoption of this ordinance or resolution authorize:

1) additional costs beyond the current adopted budget? Yes _____ No x

2) additional support or maintenance costs? Yes _____ No x

If yes, what is the estimate? see below

3) additional positions beyond the current adopted budget? Yes _____ No x

If yes, how many positions? _____

If yes, type of positions? _____ (F - Full Time, P - Part Time, T - Temporary)

II. FINANCIAL DETAIL:

EXPENDITURES:	ANNUAL
TOTAL	\$ -

	x
FUNDING SOURCE:	ANNUAL
GENERAL FUND (GARBAGE COLLECTION)	\$ (63,100)
TOTAL	\$ (63,100)

This fiscal note reflects the maximum amount of discount based on the number of Social Security Income recipients (ages 18-64) in the Fairbanks North Star Borough. The discount would be \$25.00 per quarter.

Prepared by Finance Department: Initial mb Date 6/12/2026