

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-4

WHEREAS, the Township of Towamensing has an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION, CONVEYANCE AND REMOVAL BY THE TOWNSHIP OF TOWAMENSING OF GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND ASHES: DEFINING MEANING OF TERMS AS USED IN THIS ORDINANCE: IMPOSING CERTAIN DUTIES UPON HOUSEHOLDERS AND OTHERS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF," being Ordinance No. 80-2 of the Township of Towamensing; and

WHEREAS, Section 6 of said Ordinance provides that "the fees for the collection and disposal of refuse placed for collection at the side of the street or alley from which collection is made shall be determined by Resolution of the Township Supervisors"; and

WHEREAS, the Supervisors of Towamensing Township, by this Resolution desire to establish the rates, including discounts and penalties to be charged for the garbage collection services provided by the Township in 2025.

WHEREAS, the fee must be paid for any property improved with a building, whether or not the building is used or unused, occupied or unoccupied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that fees shall be as follows:

A. BASE RATE FOR A SINGLE SENIOR CITIZEN.

A "single senior citizen" shall mean an individual 62 years of age or older who resides alone and produces no more than two (2) twenty (20) gallon bags of garbage per week. If full payment is received any time between February 1, 2025 and February 28, 2025, inclusive, the fee which a single senior citizen shall pay for the 2025 garbage collection service is \$200.00.

B. BASE RATE FOR SENIOR CITIZEN COUPLES.

"Senior Citizen Couples" shall mean two individuals, both of whom are 62 years of age or older, who reside together and who together produce no more than three (3) twenty (20) gallon bags of garbage per week. If full payment is received any time between February 1, 2025 and February 28, 2025, inclusive, the fee which two senior citizens shall pay for the 2025 garbage collection service is \$220.00.

C. BASE RATE FOR ALL OTHER PERSONS.

"All other persons" shall mean all persons, other than those referred to in Sections A and B above and D, E and F below. If full payment is received any time between February 1, 2025 and February 28, 2025, inclusive, the fee which all other persons shall pay for the 2025 garbage collection service is \$295.00. In the event such other person produces more than four (4) twenty (20) gallon bags of garbage per week, there will be an additional charge of \$6.00 per bag. Said charge for additional bags shall be paid in full within thirty (30) days of invoice from the Township. Any charges for additional bags which are not paid within thirty (30) days of invoice from the Township, shall bear interest at the rate of fifteen (15%) percent per year until paid in full.

D. BASE RATE FOR ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

If one or more of the heads of the household of the family residing in the home for which the garbage collection service is provided is on active military duty, the fee set forth in Section C above shall be reduced from \$295.00 to \$200.00 provided full payment is received any time between February 1, 2025 and February 28, 2025, inclusive. All other provisions of Section C above shall apply to this Section D. In order to qualify for this discount, the Township Secretary must be provided with a written statement signed by the person who will be on active military duty that he/she is a head of

household and that he/she will be on active military duty during the calendar year and a:

1. Active-duty identification card and a set of active-duty orders covering the period requesting the military discount; or
2. Card for reservists on active duty and a set of active-duty orders covering the period requesting the military discount.

E. BASE RATE FOR DISABLED VETERANS.

If one or more of the heads of the household of the family residing in the home for which the garbage collection service is provided, is a disabled veteran for any portion of the calendar year, the fee set forth in Section C above shall be reduced from \$295.00 to \$200.00 provided full payment is received any time between February 1, 2025 and February 28, 2025. All other provisions of Section C shall apply to this Section E. In order to qualify for this discount:

1. The veteran must have been honorably discharged or released under honorable conditions from the armed forces of the United States for service in a war or armed conflict in which the United States was engaged; and,
2. As a result of the military service, the veteran is blind or paraplegic or has sustained the loss of two (2) or more limbs, or has a service-connected disability declared by the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs or its successors to be a total or 100% permanent disability; and
3. Each year the Applicant desires to receive the discount, the Applicant must provide the Township Secretary with documentation from the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs evidencing 1 and 2 above.

F. BASE RATE FOR HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, CONTRACTORS AND OTHER BUSINESSES OR INSTITUTIONS (HEREINAFTER COLLECTIVELY CALLED "BUSINESSES.")

If full payment is received within 30 days of receipt of invoice, the fee which a business shall pay for the 2025 garbage collection service shall be as shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof. If full payment is not received within the 30-day time period a \$20.00 per month service fee will be charged for each month or part of a month after the first 30 days. Commercial accounts are billed either annually in January 2025 or twice a year in January and July 2025.

G. DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT.

If the fees set forth above are paid in full on or before January 31, 2025, there shall be a \$5.00 discount from the base rate. Thus, the base rates set forth in A, B, C, D and E would be discounted from \$200.00, \$220.00 or \$295.00 to \$195.00, \$215.00 and \$290.00, respectively.

H. SERVICE CHARGE FOR LATE PAYMENT.

If the fees set forth above are paid after February 28, 2025, \$20.00 shall be added to the base rate for the first month or part of a month after February 28, 2025, and \$6.00 shall be added for each month or part of a month thereafter.

I. LARGE ITEMS, TIRES/RIMS.

In addition to the rates above, there shall be a fee of (1) \$12.00 per large item; (2) \$8.00 for each standard sized car or pick-up truck tire with or without the rim; and (3) \$15.00 for larger size tires/rims up to and including a tractor trailer size tire. These items must be paid for at the time of disposal. Large items will also be accepted at the Township's Spring & Fall cleanup event.

J. ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR "BAD CHECKS".

In addition to any and all other fees provided for in this Resolution, there shall be an

additional charge of \$30.00 for any checks which are dishonored, returned for not sufficient or insufficient funds, or are otherwise "bad checks".

RESOLVED, this 10th day of October, 2024.

TOWNSHIP OF TOWAMENSING

ATTEST:

Secretary