

FACT SHEET

**CITY OF SHREVEPORT,
LOUISIANA**

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 74 Sections 33 and 57 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Shreveport, Louisiana relative to Solid Waste Collection Enforcement and Penalties and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

DATE
May 19, 2025

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT
Public Works

COUNCIL DISTRICT

SPONSOR

PURPOSE

To update the enforcement and penalty provisions under Chapter 74 of the Code of Ordinances to improve compliance with solid waste regulations by clarifying the 24-hour notice requirement prior to issuing citations for noncompliance, and by adding costs of administration and removal to the penalties for a collection violation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Chapter 74 of the Code of Ordinances governs the collection and disposal of solid waste within the City of Shreveport. Section 74-33 provides for a warning sticker with a 24-hour period to cure before a citation can issue. Section 74-57 creates a tiered penalty structure to escalate fines for repeated violations.

This ordinance allows the form of the 24-hour notice to be a placard or other posting and adds costs for administration and removal to the penalty, along with the fine. These amendments aim to enhance code enforcement efforts, deter ongoing violations, and support the Department of Public Works in maintaining cleaner and safer neighborhoods.

TIMETABLE

Introduction: May 23, 2025
Final Passage: June 10, 2025

ATTACHMENT(S)

SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

None

ALTERNATIVES

(1) Adopt the resolution as submitted, or (2) Amend the resolution, or (3) Reject the resolution.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of this ordinance is recommended.

ORDINANCE NO. _____ OF 2025

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 74 SECTIONS 33 AND 57 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA RELATIVE TO SOLID WASTE COLLECTION ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY:

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport has determined that additional tools are necessary to ensure compliance with solid waste disposal regulations under Chapter 74 of the Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the clarification of the mandatory 24-hour notice requirement provides a fair and reasonable opportunity for residents and businesses to resolve noncompliance issues before penalties are imposed; and

WHEREAS, including reimbursement for costs along with the tiered penalty structure for repeat violations will encourage compliance, promote consistency in enforcement, and enhance the effectiveness of the City’s sanitation code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary and in the public interest to amend Sections 74-33 and 74-57 of the Code of Ordinances to reflect these changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that Section 74-33. – Enforcement, Subsections (a) and (b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (a) Residences and commercial establishments. Failure on the part of any resident or authorized commercial establishment to comply with the provisions of this chapter, may subject the owner/occupant to a citation.
- (b) Prior to the owner/occupant receiving a citation, a 24-hour notice shall be placed on the item that is not in compliance. The 24-hour notice shall identify the non-compliance issue. The owner/occupant shall have 24 hours to correct the issue. If the non-compliance issue is not corrected within 24 hours after the time the 24-hour notice identifying the noncompliance issue has been placed on or near the item(s), the owner/occupant shall be subject to citation and penalty pursuant to subsection 74-57(b). The 24-hour notice shall be in the form of a sticker, placard, or other posting.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Section 74-57 – Penalty, Subsection (b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (b) Collections. Persons failing to abide by this chapter and associated rules and regulations shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction shall pay costs associated with administration and removal, and shall be fined \$500.00 for the first offense; and fined \$750.00 for the second offense which occurs within a 12-month period of the first offense; and \$1,000.00 for the third offense which occurs within a 12-month period of the first offense. Each day that the violation is allowed to continue by the owner shall constitute a separate offense.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED If any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of the Shreveport City Charter Section 4.23.

THUS DONE AND ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office