



## **AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting November 17, 2020  
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting December 1, 2020

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**DATE:** October 23, 2020

**TO:** Peter Zaroni, City Manager

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Ordinance amending Chapter 21 of the Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances to establish the Super Bag Collection Service for residential waste collection following a successful 6 month pilot program and to enact a cost recovery fee of \$135.00 to be paid at time of bag purchase.

### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance amending Chapter 21 of the Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances to establish the Super Bag Collection Service for residential waste collection following a successful six month pilot program and to enact a cost recovery fee of \$135.00 to be paid at time of bag purchase.

### **SUMMARY:**

Approve amendments to Chapter 21 Code of Ordinances to establish a collection program and fee for the new Super Bag Program to be offered by the Solid Waste Services Department. The service is necessary to provide a collection program for household remodeling materials.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The Super Bag is a heavy duty, large, single-use bag purchased at the JC Elliott Collection Center for \$135. The Super Bags may be filled with residential remodeling and building materials, large bulky household items, yard and landscaping waste, or other waste from household projects. Customers call the City's Customer Call Center to schedule collection, which will be provided within three business days. The \$135 charge includes the bag, disposal, labor, equipment fuel, administrative costs, and sales tax.

On March 17, 2020, the City Council gave approval for Solid Waste Services to conduct a six-month pilot program to test the viability of the Super Bag collection program. A total of 60 Super Bags were sold between April 15 and October 15, 2020. The pilot program found that Super Bags were efficiently collected within two business days of scheduled requests, the physical characteristics of the bags were adequate to prevent tearing and spillage, and customers complied with the instructions regarding permitted materials and placement of the Super Bags for collection. At the current utilization rate, the department projects to sell 120 Super Bags in 12 months and generate a total of \$15,205 in revenue.

This amendment to the City Code of Ordinances provides legal authority for the enactment of the

City's Super Bag Collection Service.

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 21 of the Corpus Christi Code is amended by enacting new section 21-29 and subsection 21-40(a)(19) to establish the "Super Bag" residential waste collection service and enact a cost recovery fee to provide the service, with such new section and subsection to read as follows, with stricken language being deleted and underlined language being added:

**"Sec. 21-29. Reserved. Super Bag Collection Service.**

"(a) Any person may purchase collection service for a disposable "Super Bag" at the J.C. Elliott Citizens Collection Center during hours of operation. The cost of the Super Bag collection service (which includes use of the bag) is set out in Section 21-40(a)(19). A person may purchase and utilize the Super Bag collection service multiple times as needed.

"(b) A Super Bag may be placed outdoors on the person's residential property and filled for a period up to seven calendar days prior to scheduling collection. Placement of the Super Bag may not obstruct the street or sidewalk and must be within 15' of the curb.

"(c) The following items may be placed in a Super Bag: bulky items (excluding large household appliances), clean wood waste, clothes, construction/demolition materials (excluding asbestos-containing siding), rubbish generated from the premises, and yard waste.

"(d) The following items may not be placed in a Super Bag: food waste; hazardous waste including, but not limited to, toxic substances, materials containing asbestos, batteries, e-waste and electronics, fluorescent bulbs, fuels, propane, liquids, oil, and paint; hot materials; household appliances; medical waste; railroad ties; and tires.

"(e) Accumulations on the person's residential property of litter and solid waste outside of the Super Bag are not allowed, will not be collected, and may be subject to a citation and fine under other provisions of this Code.

"(f) It is the person's responsibility to contact the department to schedule collection service. In the event the person does not schedule collection within seven days of placing the Super Bag in the collection area, the department is authorized, pursuant to the purchase of the Super Bag collection service, to collect the Super Bag from the person's residential property for disposal following the seventh day.

**"Section 21-30. \* \* \***

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**"Sec. 21-40. - Charges—For collection services within the City of Corpus Christi.**

"(a) The following charges apply to the collection of solid waste from Solid Waste Operations Department customers located within the limits of the City of Corpus Christi. In addition to the charges listed below, each customer is liable for any applicable federal/state surcharges or fees specified in section 21-20 and state and city taxes. The charges for collection services are:

Type	Description	Minimum Charge Per Month or Fraction Thereof
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(19)	Super Bag Collection Service	\$124.71 each
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**ALTERNATIVES:**

Residents may continue hauling waste generated from home projects to the JC Elliott Collection Center for no charge or pay a contractor to haul the waste.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The charge for the Super Bag was established to completely offset the cost of the bag, disposal, labor, equipment fuel and administrative costs. There should be no fiscal impact.

**Funding Detail:**

Fund: 1020 - General Fund  
Organization/Activity: 12511 – Brush Collections  
Mission Element: 031  
Account: 309330 – Special Debris Pickup  
Revenue of \$15,205.00 per year

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The recommendation is to approve this item as presented.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance  
Pro Forma  
Instructions