

INTRODUCED BY:

Frank A. Mullens, Jr., Mayor

REFERRED TO:

ORDINANCE NO:

2376

APPROVED ON:

06/18/26

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CITY CODE SECTION 955.07 AND SIMPLIFY
AND REDUCE LATE FEES ON COMMERCIAL REFUSE ACCOUNTS**

WHEREAS, the City of South Charleston currently assesses a late fee equal to ten percent of the total balance due on any delinquent commercial refuse account that was not paid in full within thirty days from the original billing date; and

WHEREAS, assessing a late fee on the total balance compounds the fee because it is added every time on the total balance due rather than only once; and

WHEREAS, the City does not require excessive fees for commercial accounts that are late mostly due to clerical errors and wishes to simplify the fee when the City starts using new billing software on July 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the late fee for delinquent commercial refuse charges should be a flat ten percent of the amount not paid within thirty days of the original billing date;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA, THAT ARTICLE 955, SECTION 955.07, SUBSECTION (b) BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:


By striking out the words "total balance due" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "amount not paid within thirty days from the original billing date".

This ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

ATTEST:



Margie Spence, City Clerk



Frank A. Mullens, Jr., Mayor

This ordinance was prepared by Moore & Associates PLLC, City Attorney.