AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING THOSE PORTIONS OF CHARLESTON COUNTY CODE SECTION 2-137
DEALING WITH FEES IN THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

Section 1.0 Purpose of Amendment, Findings

County staff have undertaken analyses of the current costs of supplying various services and compared that cost with the present amount of the user fee. Additionally, staff have reviewed projections regarding the remaining life of the construction and demolition debris landfill and financial issues related to other solid waste facilities and services. As a result, County Council finds that it is in the best interests of the county that certain fees be increased in order to more accurately reflect a portion of the actual cost of providing the services, to enhance the useful life of current solid waste facilities, and to provide operational flexibility to the Solid Waste Department.

Section 2.0 Text Change

1. The portion of Section 2-137 entitled “Solid Waste” is hereby amended to read as follows:

Solid Waste
Rate structure
(1) Waste assessed a county waste disposal user fee..............................................$0.00
(2) Waste not assessed or charged a county waste disposal fee
   a. Construction debris, vegetative matter, other allowed special waste, etc.,
      per ton.................................................................$30.00
   Exemption: an exemption from landfill fees shall be provided once per month for private citizens who are residents of the County, for the disposal of allowed construction debris, vegetative matter and the like from lands within the county. Proof of Charleston County residency must be demonstrated at the time of disposal. This exemption shall be administered through regulations promulgated by the Solid Waste Department as approved by the County Administrator.
   b. Tire grinding and disposal (@Bees Ferry Landfill) per ton..................$90.00
   c. Other Solid Waste (as defined in Chapter 10, Article 4) not assessed a county waste disposal fee, per ton.................................$66.00

2. County Council hereby establishes the fees for the above-listed services and authorizes the specified fee amount to be charged by the appropriate department of the county government prior to the service being performed. All prior ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby superseded.

Section 3.0 - Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2007.