

ORDINANCE NO.: _____

AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 36-68 (b) and create Subsections 36-38 (c), -(1), and -(2) of the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse, regarding the Brush Site.

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse previously defined and established an operational Brush Site as part of Public Works, operated by the Street Department, most recently updated August 14, 2023 via Chapter 36, Article III, Sections 36-56, -64, and -68 of the Municipal Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, said legislation did establish various aspects of the Brush Site, including definitions, standards, and guidelines for operations, but did not include establishment of user-based fees and funding; and

WHEREAS, after decades of permitted operation, serving thousands of residents and owners or property in the City of La Crosse, and producing tons of compost, woodchips, and sustainable power fuel, it is prudent to continue to assess observed conditions, performance, and capacity, and to consider and implement appropriate practices for resiliency and the long-term future of services for the general health, safety, and welfare of the City of La Crosse.

THE COMMON COUNCIL of the City of La Crosse do ordain as follows:

SECTION I: Subsection 36-68 (b) is hereby amended added as follows:

(b) Large items shall not be placed for collection by the City. Disposal of large items shall be the sole responsibility and at the sole expense of the parcel owner. ~~Brush may be taken to a Board of Public Works approved brush site from City properties and in accordance with City policies and procedures for use of the brush site. Non-woody yard waste shall be composted on site of its origination or delivered to a City yard waste site during open hours. City residents may arrange for private yard waste services from a private contractor at their sole expense.~~

SECTION II: Subsections 36-68 (c), (1), and (2) are hereby created as follows:

(c) Brush may be taken to a Board of Public Works approved brush site from City properties and in accordance with City policies and procedures for use of the brush site. Non-woody yard waste shall be composted on site of its origination or delivered to a City yard waste site during open hours. City residents may arrange for private yard waste services from a private contractor at their sole expense.

(1) The establishment of user permit fees shall be per Appendix C – fee schedule.

(2) The collection of revenue shall be directed to a designated fund, from which any expenditures shall be restricted to maintenance, equipment, supplies, and security (non-labor) for Brush Sites established by the Board of Public Works.

SECTION III: Should any portion of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this division shall not be affected.

SECTION IV: This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Mitch Renolds, Mayor

Nikki M. Elsen, City Clerk

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