

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-9

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE BOARD OF ALDERMEN AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE 88-5, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY SECTION 8 OF ORDINANCE 82-2 AND SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE 2012-1, TO PUT IN PLACE A CEILING OF \$33.00 PER MONTH FOR THE GARBAGE COLLECTION FEE IN ST. LUCIE VILLAGE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 82-2, as previously amended by Section 8 of ordinance 88-5, is an ordinance establishing utilities tax/surcharge for garbage service to residents in the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida, to be added to the residents' bills from the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority for service; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 88-5 amended Ordinance 82-2 to impose a ceiling of \$20.00 per month for the utilities tax/surcharge and further provided for adjustment of said fees within that limit by a majority vote of the Board of Aldermen; and

WHEREAS, the ceiling was subsequently raised to \$25.00 by Ordinance 2012-1 which provided for adjustments of fees by resolution; and

WHEREAS, due to increases in the cost of garbage collection, the fee actually imposed has been raised from time to time and the fee currently being charged, pursuant to Resolution 2012-2, is \$22.75 per month; and

WHEREAS, that amount is no longer sufficient to meet the cost of providing garbage service to the residents of the Village, which cost (including the cost of billing) has recently increased to \$28.96 effective October 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen determines that it is necessary to raise the ceiling on the rate being charged to Village residents; and

WHEREAS, this matter is before the Board of Aldermen on an emergency basis, since the Village is already incurring increased costs in providing the service; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen has approved this ordinance by more than a two-thirds majority.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida hereby ordains:

1. Section 8 of Ordinance 82-2, as previously amended by Section 1 of Ordinance 88-5 and Section 1 of Ordinance 2012-1, is hereby amended to read as follows:

The Board of Aldermen may, by resolution duly adopted, increase the garbage collection fee in an amount not to exceed \$33.00 per month.

2. Except as specifically amended above, the remaining provisions of Ordinance 82-2 shall remain in full force and effect.

3. This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Lucie Village on this _____ day of _____, 2022.

APPROVED:
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF
ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA

BY: _____
William G. Thiess, Mayor

ATTESTED:

By: _____
Mary Fowler, Clerk

I, Mary Fowler, Clerk of the TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of Ordinance 2022-9 which was duly introduced, read and adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, held this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Mary Fowler, CLERK