

DRAFT ORDINANCE 2026-392

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH REFUSE COLLECTION FEES IN TITLE 17 OF
THE MUNICIPAL CODE**

WHEREAS Tennessee Code Annotated Title 68, Chapter 211, authorizes counties and municipalities to enact ordinances establishing and assessing garbage and solid waste collection fees; and

WHEREAS the Town of Walden has determined that refuse collection fees are necessary for sound financial operations; therefore, and

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN THE TOWN OF WALDEN, TENNESSEE:

Section 1: To add sections 17-101 and 17-102 as follows:

17-101. Refuse Collection Fees. Each customer who owns or rents property within the Town limits shall pay a refuse collection fee. Refuse collection fees shall be at such rates as are from time to time set by the Board of Mayor and Alderman by ordinance or resolution. Until the passage of such ordinance or resolution setting the same, the initial fee per property is \$26.20 per home per month with a 3% increase on an annual basis.

17-102. Billing and Receipt of Payment. The Hamilton County Trustee is hereby authorized to bill and receive payment of refuse collection fees. The fees may be billed and collected through the Hamilton County property tax billing system, by direct billing by the Town, by direct billing to the Town from the Hamilton County Trustee, through a utility bill or written collection agreement where lawfully available, or by any other lawful method approved by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and accepted by the applicable collecting or administering entity.

Section 2: This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as required by law, the public welfare requiring it.

First Reading 5/12/2026

Final Reading and public hearing 6/9/2026

Yea:

Yea:

Nay:

Nay:

Mayor Lee Davis

Recorder Stacy Stewart