

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-496**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A CREDIT TO SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING GENERATORS FOR MISSED PICK UP BY THE ATLANTIC COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

**WHEREAS**, on August 28, 2028, City Council of the City of Vineland adopted Ordinance 2018-48 authorizing the execution of a Solid Waste and Recycling collection contract (Contract) with the Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA) for the collection of solid waste and recycling materials from qualified property owners (Generators) on a twice-weekly basis for solid waste and weekly basis for recycling materials; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the onslaught of the COVID pandemic, the ACUA lost many employees and found it difficult to maintain a workforce large enough to service the residents of the City of Vineland in accordance with the terms of the Contract; and

**WHEREAS**, for the months of August and September of 2021, the ACUA has missed 6 collection days from the Generators and in accordance with the Contract with the ACUA, a fine is permitted for missed collection days; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing that the ACUA has experienced the same employment shortage problem that many businesses in the State of New Jersey are facing but also recognizing the inequities in paying for a service that has not occurred, it is recommended by the Director of Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator that the City deduct from its next monthly bill the sum of \$205,020.00 as a fine which represents the cost for the 6 missed days and provide a credit to all qualified Generators who have paid their share of the collection costs ; and

**WHEREAS**, there are 17,085 Generators who pay \$24.00 per month towards collection and a credit of 50% of that amount for the missed days has been agreed upon by the ACUA as a fine in the total amount of \$205,020.00: and

**WHEREAS**, City Council deems it to be fair to credit all qualified Generators the sum equal to 50% of the monthly cost of collection on their next bill for solid waste and recycling collection services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Vineland that the Director of Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator as well a Finance and Tax Collection recognize a credit of \$12.00 per qualified Generator towards their next due bill for Solid Waste and Recycling collection and that the sum of \$205,020.00 be deducted from the monthly invoice from the Atlantic County Utilities Authority for collection services.

Adopted:

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk