

February 23, 2011 - CITY PUTS END TO \$2.50 GARBAGE FEE

Beginning today, Shreveport residents will no longer be charged a \$2.50 garbage fee. The City Council voted on February 8 to lift the fee, which began appearing on water bills after January 1, 2011. Despite the good news, it is important to note all customers billed between January 1, 2011 and February 22, 2011 have to pay the fee. Any customers billed today and thereafter should not see the fee reflected on their water bills.

Below is a brief Q&A about the issue:

Q. When did this fee take effect?

A. January 1, 2011.

Q. When was it eliminated?

A. City Council repealed the fee on February 8, 2011. However, the new ordinance did not become law until today (February 23, 2011).

Q. Why can't the city refund or credit customers who have already been billed?

A. The city must attempt to collect all fees that are legally assessed. So that means the city has to assess and collect the fee for the period of time the old law was in effect.

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