

## TITLE 17

### REFUSE AND TRASH DISPOSAL<sup>1</sup>

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**17-101. Refuse defined.** "Refuse" shall mean and include garbage, rubbish, and refuse as those terms are generally defined, except that dead animals and fowls, body wastes, hot ashes, rocks, concrete, bricks, and similar materials are expressly excluded therefrom and shall not be stored therewith. (1964 Code, § 8-101)

**17-102. Premises to be kept clean.** All persons within the municipality are hereby required to keep their premises in a clean and sanitary condition, free from accumulations of refuse. (1964 Code, § 8-102)

**17-103. Storage.** Each owner, occupant, or other responsible person using or occupying any building or other premises within this city where refuse accumulates or is likely to accumulate, shall provide and keep covered an adequate number of refuse containers. The refuse containers shall be strong, durable, and rodent and insect proof. They shall each have a capacity of not less than twenty (20) nor more than thirty-two (32) gallons. Furthermore, the combined weight of any refuse container and its contents shall not exceed thirty-five (35) pounds. No refuse shall be placed in a refuse container until such refuse has been drained of all free liquids. Tree trimmings, hedge clippings, and

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code references

Littering: title 11, chapter 7.

Property maintenance regulations: title 13.

similar materials shall be cut to a length not to exceed four feet (4') and shall be securely tied in individual bundles weighing not more than thirty-five (35) pounds each and being not more than two feet (2') thick before being deposited for collection. (modified)

**17-104. Disturbing containers.** No unauthorized person shall uncover, rifle, pilfer, dig into, turn over, or in any other manner disturb or use any refuse container belonging to another. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the use of public refuse containers for their intended purpose.

**17-105. Collection vehicles.** The collection of refuse shall be by means of vehicles with beds constructed of impervious materials which are easily cleanable and so constructed that there will be no leakage of liquids draining from the refuse onto the streets and alleys. Furthermore, all refuse collection vehicles shall utilize closed beds or such coverings as will effectively prevent the scattering of refuse over the streets or alleys.

**17-106. Disposal.** All refuse accumulated within the corporate limits shall be collected, conveyed, and disposed of regularly and in accordance with the operating hours of the solid waste convenience centers. The disposal of refuse in any quantity by any person in any place, public or private, other than at the site or sites designated for refuse disposal by the board of commissioners is expressly prohibited. (modified)

**17-107. Violations and penalty.** Violations of this chapter shall subject the offender to a penalty under the general penalty provision of this code. Each day a violation is allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense.