

TITLE 17

REFUSE AND TRASH DISPOSAL¹

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17-101. Supervision of collection and disposal. The street and sanitary department shall be responsible for the collection and disposal of all refuse and the general sanitation of the city and shall be under the supervision of the street and sanitary committee of the City of Pulaski. (1977 Code, § 8-101)

17-102. Definitions. "Refuse" shall mean and include all garbage, rubbish, and waste, as those terms are generally defined, except that dead animals and fowls (other than household pets) and body wastes are expressly excluded therefrom and shall not be stored therewith. (1977 Code, § 8-102)

17-103. Premises to be kept clean. All persons within the city are required to keep their premises in a clean and sanitary condition, free from

¹Municipal code reference

Property maintenance regulations: title 13.

accumulations of refuse except when stored as provided in this chapter. (1977 Code, § 8-103)

17-104. Storage. Each owner, occupant, or other responsible person using or occupying any building or other premises within the city where refuse accumulates, or is likely to accumulate, shall provide and keep covered an adequate number of refuse containers. Refuse containers shall have a capacity of 90 gallons and shall be constructed so as to be compatible with the mechanical garbage collection compactors and the combined weight of any refuse container and its contents shall not exceed 400 pounds. These containers shall be of the type approved by the City of Pulaski and shall be strong, durable, on wheels, and rodent and insect proof. No refuse shall be placed in a refuse container until such refuse has been drained of all free liquids.

No garbage pickup will be made by the city of any 55 gallon metal drums. (1977 Code, § 8-104)

17-105. Location of containers. Where alleys are used by the city refuse collectors, containers shall be placed on or within six (6) feet of the alley line in such a position as not to intrude upon the traveled portion of the alley. Where streets are used by the city's refuse collectors, containers shall be placed adjacent to and back of the curb, or adjacent to and back of the ditch or street line if there be no curb, at such times as shall be scheduled by the city for the collection of refuse therefrom. As soon as practicable after such containers have been emptied (which in no event shall be longer than twenty-four (24) hours) they shall be removed by the owner to within, or to the rear of, his premises and away from the street line until the next scheduled time for collection. (1977 Code, § 8-105)

17-106. 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 anti-litter cans for the deposit of refuse commonly recognized as litter. (1977 Code, § 8-106)

17-107. [Deleted]. This section was deleted by Ord. #3, 2000. (1977 Code, § 8-107, as deleted by Ord. #3, 2000, July 2000)

17-108. Frequency of collection. The street and sanitary department is authorized and directed to prepare schedules for regular collection of refuse throughout the city. Refuse shall be collected in accordance with announced schedules and as often as reasonably necessary to protect against health and fire hazards. (1977 Code, § 8-108)

17-109. Service fees for collection, removal, and disposal.

(1)(a) Residential units; per unit \$9.20 per month

Indigents: Those residents whose income is less than \$500.00 per month may execute an affidavit of income which shall be approved by the city recorder and no charge shall be made upon the execution of the affidavit. Income shall mean the total combined income of all members of the household regardless of the source.

Commercial Polycart Users

<u>Number of carts</u>	<u>Frequency of Service per week</u>					
	1x	2x	3x	4x	5x	6x
1 cart	\$ 24.18	\$ 29.62	\$ 35.05	\$ 40.49	\$ 45.92	\$ 56.79
2 carts	\$ 35.05	\$ 40.49	\$ 45.92	\$ 51.36	\$ 56.79	\$ 67.66
3 carts	\$ 45.92	\$ 51.36	\$ 56.79	\$ 62.23	\$ 67.66	\$ 73.10
4 carts	\$ 56.79	\$ 62.23	\$ 67.66	\$ 73.10	\$ 78.53	\$ 83.97
5 carts	\$ 67.66	\$ 73.10	\$ 78.53	\$ 83.97	\$ 89.40	\$ 94.84
6 carts	\$ 78.53	\$ 83.97	\$ 89.40	\$ 94.84	\$ 100.27	\$ 105.71
8 carts	\$ 100.27	\$ 105.71	\$ 111.14	\$ 116.58	\$ 122.01	\$ 127.45
10 carts	\$ 122.01	\$ 127.45	\$ 132.88	\$ 138.32	\$ 143.75	\$ 149.19

Residential Polycart Users**Number of carts**

1 cart	\$10.00
2 carts	\$17.60
3 carts	\$25.21

<u>Dumpster Size</u>	<u>Frequency of Service per week</u>					
	1x	2x	3x	4x	5x	6x
3 yard	\$ 35.05	\$ 56.79	\$ 67.66	\$ 78.53	\$ 89.40	\$100.27
4 yard	\$ 45.92	\$ 67.66	\$ 78.53	\$ 89.40	\$100.27	\$111.14
6 yard	\$ 56.79	\$ 78.53	\$ 89.40	\$100.27	\$111.14	\$122.01
8 yard	\$ 67.66	\$ 89.40	\$100.27	\$111.14	\$122.01	\$132.88
12 yard	\$ 89.40	\$111.14	\$122.01	\$132.88	\$143.75	\$154.62

(b) There is hereby added to the duties of the street and sanitation committee the obligation of overseeing this service. In addition to the duties hereinafter set out it shall survey, on a continuing basis, the needs of each customer and make regulation concerning the need for mechanical dumpsters in order that the city may more efficiently handle refuse, with prime consideration being given to the need for the sanitary storage of refuse.

(c) Any user who is aggrieved by the service charge assessed him may submit the grievance to the street and sanitation committee of the board of mayor and aldermen for consideration of the particular circumstances involved and, if in the opinion of the committee the request for an adjustment is warranted, the committee shall so inform the user and the city recorder of the adjustment, provided however, that any user submitting a request under this section shall continue to pay the regular rates until the adjustment is approved by the committee.

(d) Billing of service fee. The service fee for collection and removal of refuse by the city shall be included as a separate item each month on the bills rendered by the Pulaski Electric System for electricity, water and sewer, and gas bills. The aforesaid charges shall be rendered on the first utility bills sent from and after April 12, 1994 and for each month thereafter, and said bills shall bear the same delinquent payment rate as do all other utility bills for the City of Pulaski.

(e) Refuse removal shall be discontinued for failure to pay the service fee by the delinquency date prescribed for by the utility bill.

(2) There are hereby established fees and charges for the use by all parties using the Pulaski Landfill:

(a) A fee of \$22.00 per ton shall be charged for all persons using the landfill.

(b) There is a minimum bill of \$5.00 for 300 pounds or less. The foregoing fees apply to residents of the City of Pulaski and Giles County, Tennessee alike and no persons, firms, or corporations outside Giles County may use the landfill for any purpose.¹

One (1) 3 cubic yard LoDal container or its equivalent 14.00

One (1) 2 cubic yard LoDal container or its equivalent 10.00

One (1) Dempster-Dumpster container or its equivalent \$28.00

(3) Nothing herein shall be construed as allowing any nonresidents of Giles County to use the city landfill facilities. This includes individuals, partnerships, corporations, and any organization dealing commercially in the disposal of garbage. (1977 Code, § 8-109, as amended by Ord. #14, 1997, Dec. 1997, Ord. #16, 1999, Oct. 1999, and Ord. #3, 2013, Feb. 2013)

17-110. Special collection services. The street and sanitary department may provide other collection and removal services to meet unusual circumstances and conditions, in accordance with regulations and fees recommended by it and approved by the municipal governing body. (1977 Code, § 8-110)

17-111. Disposal sites; rules and regulations; fees. It shall be unlawful for any person to dispose of refuse at any place other than a refuse disposal site designated by the municipal governing body. Refuse disposal sites shall be available for use subject to reasonable rules and regulations and disposal fees. No unauthorized person shall be allowed on the premises for any purpose such as scavenging or shooting of rodents. (1977 Code, § 8-111)

17-112. Special rules, regulations, and charges authorized for certain refuse. Collection, removal, and disposal of the following types of refuse shall be subject to reasonable rules and regulations and special charges recommended by the street and sanitary department and street and sanitary committee:

- (1) Building or construction debris.
- (2) Trees, tree trimmings, leaves, lawn clippings, etc.
- (3) Dangerous materials or substances such as poisons, acids, or caustics, or refuse which is highly infectious or combustible.
- (4) Junk automobiles and other bulk items.

A fee of forty dollars (\$40.00) per ton shall be charged for all persons using the demolition landfill. (1977 Code, § 8-112, as amended by Ord. #8, 2015, Nov. 2015)

¹For a summary of landfill annual costs see the attachment to Ord. #9, 1991 of record in the office of the recorder.

17-113. Exceptions. Nothing in this chapter shall prevent: (1) Any refuse producer from collecting, removing, and disposing of his own refuse, provided he does so in such manner as not to create a nuisance and provided further that he pays all applicable disposal fees.

(2) Any refuse producer or owner from selling or giving salvageable materials to licensed junk dealers for collection, removal, and disposal. (1977 Code, § 8-113)

17-114. Implementing authority of street and sanitary department. The collection, removal, and disposal of refuse from premises in the city shall be under the supervision and control of the street and sanitary department. It shall recommend to the governing body such reasonable rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, as it deems to be necessary or desirable, which shall become effective when approved by resolution of the governing body. (1977 Code, § 8-114)

17-115. Violations. Any person violating or failing to comply with any provision of this chapter or any lawful regulation of the street and sanitary department shall be subject to a penalty under the general penalty clause for this municipal code.

It shall further be a violation of this chapter if any nonresident of the City of Pulaski is found dumping in any dumping receptacle provided by various commercial establishments within the corporate limits for the disposition of their garbage which ultimately ends up in the landfill or, is found bringing garbage and placing the same in any area of the City of Pulaski in any private garbage or refuse receptacle intended for ultimate disposition in the landfill. This provision is cumulative with other ordinances of the City of Pulaski concerning refuse and litter. (1977 Code, § 8-115)