

TITLE 17

REFUSE AND TRASH DISPOSAL

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17-101. Purpose. This chapter is determined and declared to be a sanitary measure for the protection and promotion of the health, safety and welfare of the Citizens of White House, Tennessee. (1979 Code, § 8-201, as replaced by Ord. #05-35, Nov. 2005, and Ord. #23-03, March 2023 *Ch20_08-17-23*)

17-202. Definitions. (1) "Apartment units." The term "apartment units," as hereinafter referred to in this chapter shall mean and include all multi-family

dwellings where more than one (1) family unit is in one (1) complex located in the city limits of the City of White House and shall include duplexes and triplexes as well as multi-unit apartments and shall include government subsidized apartments.

(2) "Back door service." All handicapped, disabled, or elderly (over the age of sixty-five (65)) customers, who have provided verification to the owner/collector from a physician as to their inability to transport carts to the curbside, may place carts at their front doorstep to be visible from the street, or at a location as may be determined by the owner/collector. Back door service is provided at no additional charge to owner or persons with a disability and with no able-bodied person in the household.

(3) "Bulk rubbish." The term "bulk rubbish," as hereinafter referred to in this chapter shall include but not be limited to wooden and cardboard boxes, crates, furniture, bedding, appliances, and certain other household items, such as stoves, water tanks, washing machines, furniture bedding and other refuse items which by their size and shape cannot be readily placed in city approved cart.

(4) "Cart." The term "cart," as hereinafter referred to in this chapter shall mean containerized carts distributed and owned by the City of White House and its current collector provided to the residents of the City of White House.

(5) "Collector." The term "collector," as hereinafter referred to in this chapter shall mean a qualified contractor, its designee, or private collecting company, that collects, transports, or disposes of any refuse within the corporate limits of the City of White House, Tennessee.

(6) "Construction waste." The term "construction waste," or "Construction and Demolition" (C&D) as hereinafter referred to in this chapter shall include but not be limited to materials from construction, demolition, remodeling, and construction site preparation, including but not limited to rocks, brick, dirt, roofing, wood, debris, fill, plaster, guttering and all types of scrap materials.

(7) "Commercial waste." The term "commercial waste," as hereinafter referred to in this chapter shall include solid waste resulting from the operation of any commercial, industrial, institutional, or agricultural establishment, and multiple housing facilities or any entity that produces more refuse than will fill no more than two (2) ninety six (96) gallon carts per week. Commercial establishments shall be responsible for removal of their solid waste or shall contract with a private collector having a valid permit or license to do business within the city.

(8) "Cooking waste." The term "cooking waste," as hereinafter referred to in this chapter shall include putrescible and non-putrescible materials originating from the preparation, cooking, and consumption of food.

(9) "Dumpster." The term dumpster, as hereinafter referred to in this chapter shall mean two (2) yards or higher capacity receptacles, usually constructed primarily of steel.

(10) "Electronic waste," sometimes called "e-waste," includes all devices that require electricity to operate. If it plugs in, charges up, or takes batteries, it's considered e-waste when it breaks. Please check local and state regulations for proper disposal.

(11) "Ferrous metal." The term "ferrous metal," as hereinafter referred to in this chapter shall include but not be limited to metals, white goods, appliances, including, but not limited to stoves, metal roofing, siding and other metal items.

(12) "Garbage." The term "garbage," as hereinafter referred to in this chapter shall include putrescible wastes, except sewage and body wastes, including vegetable and animal offal (organs) and carcasses of dead animals, but excluding recognizable industrial by-products.

(13) "Owner." Hereinafter referred to the City of White House.

(14) "Public services director." The person (or his designee) hired by the city for the position of public services director and has the responsibility of overseeing the public services department, including refuse collection and/or sanitation division.

(15) "Producer." Either the person responsible for the ashes, garbage, refuse, industrial waste, and any other waste material or the occupant of the place or building in which such is produced or in which the person responsible for such has a place of business or residence.

(16) "Recyclables." The term "recyclables," as hereinafter referred to in this chapter shall include magazines, office paper, brown paper bags, paperboard, junk mail, phone books, newspapers, aluminum cans, tin or steel cans, cardboard, plastic bottles and containers #1-7, or others that may from time to time be added or removed by the City of White House as markets and innovations allow.

(17) "Refuse." The term "refuse," as hereinafter referred to in this chapter shall include garbage, rubbish, ashes, and all other combustible and non-combustible materials, market refuse, waste from the handling and sale of produce and other similar unwanted materials, but shall not include sewage, bulk rubbish, body wastes or recognizable industrial byproducts. Refuse shall also mean and include all garbage, rubbish and waste as those terms are generally defined except that dead animals, fowls and body wastes are expressly excluded therefrom and shall not be stored there within.

(18) "Residential units." The term "residential units," as hereinafter referred to in this chapter shall mean solid waste resulting from the maintenance and operation of dwelling units, excluding multiple housing facilities. The City of White House shall be the sole provider of residential solid waste collection in the city limits.

(19) "Rubbish." The term "rubbish," as hereinafter referred to in this chapter shall include non-putrescible waste materials that are not recyclable.

(20) "Small commercial customers." The term "small commercial customers" as hereinafter referred to shall mean commercial customers not requiring dumpster service. An entity that produces more than two (2) ninety six (96) gallons carts per week of refuse will not be considered a "small commercial customer". Small commercial establishments may participate in the city's refuse collection program, remove their own solid waste, or contract with a private collector having a valid permit or license to do business within the city.

(21) "Yard waste." The term "yard waste," as hereinafter referred to in this chapter shall include but not be limited to grass clippings, leaves, tree and shrubbery trimmings, and other related yard waste materials. (1979 Code, § 8-202, as replaced by Ord. #05-35, Nov. 2005, Ord. #05-35, Nov. 2005, and Ord. #23-03, March 2023 *Ch20_08-17-23*)

17-103. Rules and regulations to implement. The public services director may make such necessary or desirable rules and regulations as are consistent with the provisions of this chapter to aid in its administration and to ensure compliance and enforcement. (1979 Code, § 8-203, as replaced by Ord. #05-35, Nov. 2005, amended by Ord. #07-18, June 2007, and Ord. #16-23, Jan. 2017, and replaced by Ord. #23-03, March 2023 *Ch20_08-17-23*)

17-104. Premises to be kept clean. All persons within the city are required to keep their premises in a clean and sanitary condition, free from the accumulation of refuse except when stored as provided in this chapter. It shall be the duty of every person in possession, charge, or control of any premises of a residential establishment, where refuse is created or accumulated to keep or cause to be kept at all times in carts, specified herein, for the deposit of refuse generated on the premises.

All persons are hereby required to store such refuse in garbage carts or dumpsters between the intervals of collection or to dispose of such material in a manner prescribed by the provisions of this chapter so as to not cause a nuisance or become injurious to the public health and welfare.

No person should place any refuse in any street, alley or other public place, or upon any private property whether owned by such person or not, within the city except it be in proper carts or dumpsters for collection or under express approval granted by the public services director. Nor shall any person throw or deposit any refuse in any stream or other body of water.

Any unauthorized accumulation of refuse on any premises is hereby declared to be a nuisance and is prohibited. The planning and codes department shall be notified when unauthorized refuse is found and to be accumulating on any premises.

No person shall cast, place, sweep or deposit anywhere within the city any refuse in such a manner that it may be carried or deposited by the elements

upon any street, sidewalk, alley, sanitary sewer system, drain, stormwater system, stream, ditch, greenway, or other public place, or into any occupied premises within the city. (1979 Code, § 8-204, as replaced by Ord. #05-35, Nov. 2005, amended by Ord. #16-23, Jan. 2017, and Ord. #23-03, March 2023 *Ch20_08-17-23*)

17-105. Garbage dumpster and cart. Each owner, occupant, or producer using or occupying any building or other premises within the City of White House where garbage, refuse, or trash accumulates or is likely to accumulate, shall provide and keep covered an adequate number of garbage or refuse dumpsters or carts for the storage of such refuse.

(1) Policy for garbage cart collection. The City of White House hereby establishes a policy for the collection of refuse through a contractor with the use of a semi-automated/automated garbage system. The policy of placement of the carts and contents shall be as follows:

(a) This policy shall apply for all single-family residential customers, condominiums, town homes, multi-family dwellings, certain apartment units and government subsidized apartment units and small commercial establishments that can be served by the regular residential collection truck as follows:

(i) All refuse must be placed in the cart with lid closed and placed at the curb on public city street before 5:30 A.M. on the designated collection day and removed the same day. If possible, please have your cart(s) out and ready to be serviced the night before your scheduled pickup date.

(ii) One (1) pickup per week will be provided

(iii) One (1) cart for garbage/refuse and one (1) cart for recycling shall be given to each customer. One (1) additional cart for garbage/refuse can be purchased at the standard monthly rate. If the allowable number of carts is insufficient, other arrangements must be made for the removal and disposal of the refuse.

(iv) Disturbing cart(s). No unauthorized person shall uncover, rifle, pilfer, dig into, turn over, or in any other manner disturb any refuse cart belonging to another.

(v) Condition of cart(s). When refuse is placed in or taken from the carts, the lids shall promptly be replaced. Each cart shall be kept clean and free of odor.

(vi) All trash must be bagged and fit inside your cart with the lid closed.

(vii) Place your cart at least three feet (3') away from all objects including your second cart (if applicable), mailbox, car or trees. The lid opening should face the street with the wheels of the cart toward your house. Do not place cart in road to obstruct the flow of traffic. (1979 Code, § 8-205, as replaced by Ord. #05-35,

Nov. 2005, amended by Ord. #16-23, Jan. 2017, and replaced by Ord. #23-03, March 2023 *Ch20_08-17-23*)

17-106. Swill, handling of. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation conducting any hotel, restaurant, or any public eating place to deposit, throw or place swill or other refuse food matter in the sanitary sewer system, stormwater system, alley, street, or other public place or to deposit, throw or place any swill upon any private property, trails, or streams, regardless of the ownership, unless the swill is enclosed in vessels or tanks of approved type by the public services director and which shall be watertight and shall have tightly fitting covers, which covers shall not be removed except when necessary for depositing or removing swill. Vessels and tanks shall be kept readily accessible for collection. (1979 Code, § 8-206, as replaced by Ord. #05-35, Nov. 2005, and Ord. #23-03, March 2023 *Ch20_08-17-23*)

17-107. Disposal of garbage and other refuse. All disposal of refuse shall be by method or methods approved by the city and such disposal shall also conform to all laws of the State of Tennessee regulating the disposal of refuse. (1979 Code, § 8-207, as replaced by Ord. #05-35, Nov. 2005, and amended by Ord. #16-23, Jan. 2017, and replaced by Ord. #23-03, March 2023 *Ch20_08-17-23*)

17-108. Collection, contraction of. The City of White House, as the need arises, may advertise for bids for a contract covering the exclusive right to collect, remove and dispose of all domestic refuse from the city or any specific portion thereof under such terms and conditions as the owner may set in the bidding specifications. The contract shall be for a period of not more than two and five (2 and 5) year increments totaling ten (10) years. Advertising shall precede bid opening by at least thirty (30) days. The board of mayor aldermen may reject any and all bids and may award the contract based upon any of the following factors:

- (1) Bid price.
- (2) Qualification, reputation, education, training, experience and financial ability of the bidder and its key employees and owners.
- (3) The place of residence and accessibility of the owners, managers, supervisors and/or the other employees. (1979 Code, § 8-208, as replaced by Ord. #05-35, Nov. 2005, and Ord. #23-03, March 2023, *Ch20_08-17-23*)

17-109. Refuse collection. No company or person shall haul refuse within the city other than in a vehicle having a tight refuse compartment including a tight cover so that no leakage of liquids onto the street or blowing of trash and paper shall occur. Refuse collected by the City of White House or its designated agent shall become the property of the City of White House upon

collection. (1979 Code, § 8-209, as replaced by Ord. #05-35, Nov. 2005, amended by Ord. #16-23, Jan. 2017, and Ord. #23-03, March 2023 **Ch20_08-17-23**)

17-110. Disposal or burning. It shall be unlawful for any person to burn, dump, or in any manner dispose of garbage, refuse, rubbish, swill, ashes or other waste upon any streets, alleys, public places, trails or streams, or private property within the city. The disposal of refuse in any quantity by any person in any place, public or private, other than at a site or sites designated for refuse disposal is expressly prohibited. (1979 Code, § 8-210, as replaced by Ord. #05-35, Nov. 2005, and Ord. #23-03, March 2023 **Ch20_08-17-23**)

17-111. Cart weight. Residential users of trash pickup shall not load carts to a weight in excess of fifty (50) pounds. (1979 Code, § 8-211, as replaced by Ord. #05-35, Nov. 2005, and Ord. #23-03, March 2023 **Ch20_08-17-23**)

17-112. Animals. Animal owners shall restrain any animal known to be vicious so that they cannot reach refuse cart or intercept collector coming onto the property to pick up refuse. (1979 Code, § 8-212; as replaced by Ord. #05-35, Nov. 2005, and Ord. #23-03, March 2023 **Ch20_08-17-23**)

17-113. Fee schedule. Refuse collection fee. Each customer who owns or rents property within the corporate limits shall pay a refuse collection fee of twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) per month per container for curbside pickup. Any commercial business with more than two (2) containers must contract refuse pickup with a private hauler. (as added by Ord. #05-35, Nov. 2005, amended by Ord. #07-18, June 2007, Ord. #14-12, June 2014, Ord. #16-23, Jan. 2017, Ord. #20-09, June 2020 **Ch19_01-20-22**, Ord. #21-07, June 2021 **Ch19_01-20-22**, and replaced by Ord. #23-03, March 2023 **Ch20_08-17-23**, and Ord. #23-11, June 2023 **Ch20_08-17-23**)

17-114. Oversized wastes. Oversized wastes including but not limited to Christmas trees, appliances, and mattresses are not included in regular refuse service. (as added by Ord. #05-35, Nov. 2005, and replaced by Ord. #23-03, March 2023 **Ch20_08-17-23**)

17-115. Disposal of waste. All persons or companies collecting solid wastes within the City of White House are directed to deliver the solid waste at such places as designated by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of White House. The term "solid waste" shall include trash, garbage, chipped tree limbs, leaves and other waste products which would otherwise be transported to a landfill or other suitable dumping site for disposition. (as added by Ord. #23-03, March 2023 **Ch20_08-17-23**)

17-116. Hours of collection located near residential buildings. No person shall empty or remove any carts used for the accumulating of garbage or handling of rubbish between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. when said containers are located within one hundred feet (100') of any building or structure used for residential purposes. Carts used for commercial purposes installed or placed after the effective date of this ordinance shall have contact information in a clearly visible location on such cart. Provided, however, the prohibition of such activity shall not be applicable when specifically permitted by the director of public services. (as added by Ord. #23-03, March 2023 *Ch20_08-17-23*)

17-117. Nurserymen – duty to remove trash. Every nurseryman, commercial tree and landscaping service, non-resident, or other person who cuts trees or trims shrubs or grass as an independent contractor of the occupant of the premises, shall remove or cause to be removed all such trash from the premises serviced by him. If you hire or solicit someone to cut your brush, be sure that the cost of hauling the brush, yard waste and other debris away is included in the price and that it is hauled away by the company. (as added by Ord. #23-03, March 2023 *Ch20_08-17-23*)

17-118. Fee schedule. (1) Garbage/refuse and recyclable collection fee. Each customer who owns or rents property within the corporate limits shall pay a refuse and recyclable collection fee of nineteen dollars (\$19.00) per month. Residents may add a second refuse cart and pay an additional nineteen dollars (\$19.00) per month. Any commercial business with more than two (2) carts must contract refuse pickup with a private hauler.

(2) Residents and commercial accounts that have city provided solid waste disposal service shall be permitted two disposal drop-offs per calendar year at the public services convenience center, not including bulk rubbish. The material load shall be limited to a pickup truck, or a trailer no larger in size than four by eight feet (4' x 8'). Proper ID is required at time of drop-off. This convenience center provides a suitable way for White House residents to dispose of excess residential trash, recyclables, compostable, and other waste items that are not accepted in our curbside trash program. Vehicles with commercial tags will not be allowed to enter.

(3) Once the two (2) permitted dumps are used the fee schedule for bringing refuse to the public services facility, not including bulk rubbish is as follows:

Single item: \$15.00

Pick-up truck load or 4' x 8' trailer: \$50.00

(4) Residents that have city provided refuse service are allowed to bring brush and limbs to the public services facility at no additional charge. Bio-degradable brown paper lawn/leaf bags are available at the public works facility at no additional charge. Limit ten (10) bags per household on any given day.

(5) Semi-annually the city holds a bulk rubbish drop-off day from 8 A.M. to 12 P.M. that occurs on the second Saturday in January and June. Residents that have city provided solid waste disposal service shall be allowed to dump with proper ID.

(6) Recycling drop-off is open during regular business hours Monday through Thursday 7:15 A.M. to 5:15 P.M. to all White House residents to recycle metal (tin cans, iron, aluminum, steel, copper, brass). A separate roll off for recycling according to the signage that states "metal only" is located at the convenience center/public services facility. (as added by Ord. #23-03, March 2023 *Ch20_08-17-23*)

17-119. Littering prohibited. (1) General prohibition. No person shall throw, deposit or accumulate litter in or upon any public place or private premises as hereinbefore defined within the city, except while such person is temporarily engaged in clearing the public place or private premises of litter or improving the public place or private premises.

(2) Litter on streets prohibited. No person or persons shall leave, discard, deposit, throw away or cause to be left, discarded, deposited or thrown away, any container of any type material, waste, food paper, wood, trash or any refuse upon any street, on/off ramps, alley, gutter, sidewalk or greenway.

(3) Deposit of sweepings upon street prohibited. It is unlawful for any person, firm, company or corporation to deposit upon any sidewalk or street within the city any sweepings from any sidewalk, stairway or other opening leading to the street or sidewalk. All such sweepings or materials from any sidewalk or any other opening leading to the street or sidewalk within the city shall be removed in a pan, shovel or other container and placed in a receptacle for rubbish.

(4) Littering parks prohibited. No person shall throw or deposit litter in any park within the city except in public receptacles and in such a manner that the litter will be prevented from being carried or deposited by the elements upon any part of the park or upon any street or other public place. Where public receptacles are not provided, all such litter shall be carried away from the park by the person responsible for its presence and properly disposed of elsewhere as provided herein.

(5) Depositing litter on occupied private property prohibited. No person shall throw or deposit litter on any occupied private property within the city, whether owned by such person or not; except, that the owner or person in control of private property may maintain authorized private receptacles for collection in such a manner that litter will be prevented from being carried or deposited by the elements upon any street, sidewalk or other public place or upon any private property.

(6) Deposit of litter on vacant lots prohibited. No person shall throw or deposit litter on any open or vacant private property within the city, whether owned by such person or not.

(7) Debris dropped from vehicles prohibited on streets. No person shall throw, deposit or drop, or cause to be thrown, deposited or dropped, any dirt, debris, boulders, pebbles, hardpan, rock, glass or any material whatsoever on any street in the city, or permit any dirt, debris, pebbles, hardpan, rock, boulders, or glass to drop, roll or leak from any vehicle on any street in the city. It is unlawful for any person to place upon the surface of the street, alley or public place in the city any nails, broken glass, sharp implements, crushed rock, or any other substance tending to cause injury to the tires of vehicles passing along such street, alley or public place. In the event that such debris is deposited on any street in the city, the director of public services shall require the person responsible to immediately remove the debris and clean the street right-of-way. In the event that the city undertakes to affect such cleanup, the cost thereof shall be charged to the person responsible.

(8) Throwing litter from vehicles prohibited. No person, while a driver or passenger in a vehicle, shall throw or deposit litter upon any street or other public place within the city, or upon private property.

(9) No person shall throw or deposit litter in any fountain, pond, lake, stream, or any other body of water in a park or elsewhere within or partly within the city.

(10) Scattering waste paper, lunch remains, etc. To leave or scatter about any boxes, empty or otherwise, waste paper, remains of lunches, newspaper or rubbish of any kind, except that such material and matter may be left and deposited in receptacles provided for such purpose.

(11) Every person operating a tow vehicle on public or private streets or alleys is responsible for the pickup and removal of all residue from vehicle collision scenes, from which such operator is engaged in the removal of damaged vehicles. Such pickup shall be done at the time of the vehicle removal. (as added by Ord. #23-03, March 2023 *Ch20_08-17-23*)

17-120. Prohibited substances and practices. (1) The following substances are hereby prohibited and shall not be deposited in garbage carts or dumpsters:

(a) Flammable liquids, solids or gases, such as gasoline, benzene, alcohol or other similar substances.

(b) Any material that could be hazardous or injurious to collector or owner which could cause damage to city/collector equipment.

(c) Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste which shall include materials from construction, demolition, remodeling, construction site preparation, including but not limited to rocks, trees, debris, dirt, bricks, fill, plaster, and types of scrap building materials.

(d) Hot materials such as ashes, cinders, etc.

(e) Human or animal waste shall be prohibited from being placed in garbage container.

(f) Infectious waste, hypodermic needles, syringes, Pasteur pipettes, broken glass, scalpel blades, etc. used in patient care or which have come into contact with infectious agents unless placed in approved medical waste containers.

(g) Animal carcasses, body parts (including fluids), and bedding of animals.

(h) The city does not take any type of electronics including but not limited to TVs, computers, office equipment, audio and visual equipment, telephones and cell phones. If it plugs in, charges up, or takes batteries, it cannot be accepted.

(i) No carpet, padding or associated materials shall be accepted.

(j) No household hazardous waste shall be accepted.

(k) Prohibited substances encompasses the refuse service and convenience center located at the public services facility.

(2) No appliance or machinery containing any gaseous substances will be taken.

(3) The following unlawful practices are hereby prohibited:

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, other than the occupant-user, to move, remove, upset, scatter, tamper, use, carry away, deface, mutilate, destroy, damage, or interfere with the garbage cart.

(b) It shall also be unlawful for any person to dump waste or grass upon any street, alley, or public place or public way.

(c) The disposal of refuse in any quantity by any person in any place, public or private, other than at a site or sites designated for refuse disposal is expressly prohibited. (as added by Ord. #23-03, March 2023 ***Ch20_08-17-23***)

17-121. Back door service. Application for back door service can be picked up at the public services department or filled out online at the city's website. All requests must be approved by the public services director. Requests can be made by any resident who:

(1) Qualifies as defined by or in the § 17-102(2).

(2) Any resident that is located three-hundred feet (300') or more from the street

(3) Any resident that can clearly show that they have an uncommon reason for the request. (as added by Ord. #23-03, March 2023 ***Ch20_08-17-23***)

17-122. City empowered to collect refuse. The city is hereby empowered to carry out all the terms and provisions of this chapter and to collect and dispose of refuse in the manner provided herein. (as added by Ord. #23-03, March 2023 ***Ch20_08-17-23***)

CHAPTER 2

BRUSH COLLECTION – BULK/RUBBISH PICK-UP

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17-201. Purpose. This chapter is determined and declared to be a sanitary measure for the protection and promotion of the health, safety and welfare of the Citizens of White House, Tennessee. (as added by Ord. #23-03, March 2023 *Ch20_08-17-23*)

17-202. Definitions. (1) "Bulk rubbish." The term "bulk rubbish," as hereinafter referred to in this chapter shall include but not be limited to wooden and cardboard boxes, crates, furniture, bedding, appliances, and certain other household items, such as stoves, water tanks, washing machines, furniture bedding and other refuse items which by their size and shape cannot be readily placed in city approved containers.

(2) "Brush collection." Brush collection takes place throughout the year but may be altered during leaf collection periods. The city defines brush as tree trimmings, shrubbery (with no roots), limbs, etc., generated by routine maintenance of a property by the homeowner.

(3) "Collector." The term "collector," as hereinafter referred to in this chapter shall mean a City of White House, qualified contractor, its designee, or private collecting company, that collects, transports, or disposes of any refuse within the corporate limits of the City of White House, Tennessee.

(4) "Electronic waste" sometimes called "e-waste," includes all devices that require electricity to operate. If it plugs in, charges up, or takes batteries, it's considered e-waste when it breaks. Please check local and state regulations for proper disposal.

(5) "Knuckle boom or grapple truck." Hereinafter is referred to a truck that has a grapple loader or boom that is used for loading brush and bulky material.

(6) "Owner." Hereinafter referred to the City of White House

(7) "Producer." Either the person responsible for the ashes, garbage, refuse, industrial waste, and any other waste material or the occupant of the

place or building in which such is produced or in which the person responsible for such has a place of business or residence.

(8) "Yard waste." The term "yard waste," as hereinafter referred to in this chapter shall include but not be limited to grass clippings, leaves, tree and shrubbery trimmings, and other related yard waste materials. (as added by Ord. #23-03, March 2023 **Ch20_08-17-23**)

17-203. Leaf and limb removal service. (1) It shall not be the responsibility of the refuse collecting agency of the city to shovel or pick up leaves or lawn clippings. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to bag their lawn clippings and leaves in a city approved, eco-friendly, compostable bag. The city shall make the approved eco-friendly bags available to the residents at no additional cost. The approved bags will be made available at the public services facility (725 Industrial Drive). Bagged material that is not in the city approved bags shall not be collected, or accepted, at the public services drop-off facility. Furthermore, it shall not be the responsibility of the collecting agency of the city to remove any trunks or limbs of trees unless said brush shall have been cut into lengths of not more than six feet (6'). The trunks or limbs of trees measuring six inches (6") or more in diameter shall be cut into lengths of no more than two feet (2') and of a weight of no more than fifty (50) pounds, and all of said material shall be piled at curbside. The city pickup based on availability for limb and leaf collection at a maximum of once per month.

(2) Brush piles must be piled straight, and placed behind or on the curb for collection.

(3) Do not place brush on center medians or islands.

(4) Do not place brush next to objects such as fences, guy wires, and poles or under trees. Equipment is restricted in those areas.

(5) Brush may not be mixed with other debris. If mixed with dirt, rocks, lumber, etc., brush will not be collected until properly separated

(6) Do not obstruct or place brush on sidewalks, or pedestrian walkways. (as added by Ord. #23-03, March 2023 **Ch20_08-17-23**)

17-204. Bulk/rubbish pick-up service. Residents that have refuse service with the city are subject to call the public services office for bulk pick-up items. Public services director or his designee will approve or disapprove pickup based on availability and items being removed. (as added by Ord. #23-03, March 2023 **Ch20_08-17-23**)

17-205. Fee schedule. Customer requested fee for pickup and disposal at the Public Services Facility:

Single item = \$30.00

Pick-up truck load = \$100.00 (as added by Ord. #23-03, March 2023 **Ch20_08-17-23**)

17-206. Nurserymen – duty to remove trash. Every nurseryman, commercial tree and landscaping service, non-resident, or other person who cuts trees or trims shrubs or grass as an independent contractor of the occupant of the premises, shall remove or cause to be removed all such trash from the premises serviced by him. If you hire or solicit someone to cut your brush, be sure that the cost of hauling the brush, yard waste and other debris away is included in the price and that it is hauled away by the company. (as added by Ord. #23-03, March 2023 *Ch20_08-17-23*)

17-207. Prohibited practices. (1) Using plastic bags for grass and leave clippings.

(2) Placing brush, clippings and/or leaves in medians or where they can be washed into a storm sewer, catch basin or stream and clog up drainage systems.

(3) Blow or sweep leaves, grass clippings, and other yard debris onto city streets, sidewalks or bike lanes.

(4) Stack brush against mailboxes, trees, fences, utility poles, guardrails or other stationary objects.

(5) Put lumber, household trash and other types of debris in your brush pile.

(6) Bamboo over eight feet (8') long

(7) Limbs more than four inches (4") in diameter or longer than six feet (6').

(8) Tree stumps more than six inches (6") in diameter or longer than two feet (2') not exceeding fifty (50) pounds. Stumps with dirt and root balls will not be collected.

(9) Brush piles too far from the curb or city right-of-way will not be collected.

(10) Electronics will not be accepted at the city's bulk drop off sites. (as added by Ord. #23-03, March 2023 *Ch20_08-17-23*)

17-208. Permitted practices. (1) Set brush and/or yard waste out before the scheduled start date in your area where your garbage is collected (at the curb or in the alley).

(2) Place leaves and grass clippings in biodegradable paper bags only.

(3) Only place limbs, branches and true yard waste by the curb for brush crews.

(4) Large branches can only be up to six inches (6") in diameter and two feet (2') long.

(5) Tree stumps up to six inches (6") in diameter and two feet (2') in length. Stumps must be free of dirt and root balls.

(6) Limit one (1) knuckle boom truck load on the week of scheduled service. The owners current grapple truck measures nineteen feet (19') length,

nine feet (9') width, and five feet (5') in height. (as added by Ord. #23-03, March 2023 ***Ch20_08-17-23***)