

TITLE 17

REFUSE AND TRASH DISPOSAL

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17-101. Refuse defined. Refuse shall mean and include garbage, rubbish, leaves, brush, 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. (1977 Code, § 8-101)

17-102. Premises to be kept clean. All persons within the city are required to keep their premises in a clean and sanitary condition, free from accumulations of refuse except when stored as provided in this chapter. (1977 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, except that this maximum capacity shall not apply to larger containers which the city handles mechanically. Furthermore, except for containers which the city handles mechanically, the combined weight of any refuse container and its contents shall not exceed seventy-five (75) pounds. No refuse shall be placed in a refuse

container until such refuse has been drained of all free liquids. (1977 Code, § 8-103)

17-104. 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 refuse collectors, containers shall be placed adjacent to and back of the curb, or adjacent to and back of the public sidewalk, or ditch or street line if there is no curb, no earlier than after sundown, the night before the calendar day scheduled for the collection of refuse therefrom. By the end of the calendar day of collection, after such containers have been emptied, the containers shall be moved by the owner or occupant of the premises to a place on the premises behind the front building line. (1977 Code, § 8-104, as replaced by Ord. #317, § 1, Nov. 1994)

17-105. 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. (1977 Code, § 8-105)

17-106. Collection. All refuse accumulated within the corporate limits shall be collected, conveyed, and disposed of under the supervision of such officer as the board of commissioners shall designate. Collections shall be made regularly in accordance with an announced schedule. (1977 Code, § 8-106)

17-107. 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. (1977 Code, § 8-107)

17-108. Disposal. 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. (1977 Code, § 8-108)

17-109. Placement of brush and/or refuse. Brush and/or refuse, not suitable for collection from cans or similar containers, shall not be placed out for collection earlier than the weekend immediately prior to the scheduled date of collection thereof at a location consistent with section 17-104. (as added by Ord. #317, § 2, Nov. 1994)

17-110. Violations and penalty. Violations of this chapter shall subject the offender to a penalty of up to one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each offense. Each day a violation is allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense. (as added by Ord. #317, § 3, Nov. 1994)