

TITLE 17

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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. (Ord. # 77-2, § 3)

17-102. Premises to be kept clean. All persons within the town 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. (Ord. # 77-2, § 3)

17-103. Storage. Each owner, occupant, or other responsible person using or occupying any building or other premises within this town where refuse

¹Municipal code reference

Property maintenance regulations: title 13.

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. 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. Tree trimmings, hedge clippings, and similar materials shall be cut to a length not to exceed four (4) feet. (Ord. # 77-2, § 3)

17-104. Location of containers. Where alleys are used by the town 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 town 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 town for the collection of refuse therefrom. As soon as practicable after such containers have been emptied 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.

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.

17-106. Collection.¹ All refuse accumulated within the corporate limits shall be collected, conveyed, and disposed of under the supervision of such officer as the governing body shall designate. Collections shall be made regularly in accordance with an announced schedule. (Ord. # 77-2, § 3)

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.

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 governing body is expressly prohibited. (Ord. # 77-2, § 3)

¹The schedule for collection (and all amendments) is available in the town recorder's office.

17-109. Refuse collection fees. Refuse collection fees shall be at such rates as are from time to time set by the governing body by ordinance or resolution.¹

17-110. (Reserved for future use.)

17-111. Sanitation fee; penalty. The city shall charge for and collect a sanitation fee for the collection of garbage and other related services and the fee shall be established as follows:

(1) Residential fee. Residents of the Town of Graysville occupying residential property shall pay eight dollars (\$8.00) per meter per month for sanitation user's fee per residence.

(2) Professional, churches and schools. These establishments being served by the Town of Graysville shall be charged a sanitation user's fee of eight dollars (\$8.00) per meter per month. (Professional being defined as a location where a person or persons exercises their vocation or calling, occupation or employment and involves skill, education, special knowledge and compensation for profit, but the labor and skill involved are predominantly mental or intellectual, rather than physical or manual).

(3) Commercial fee. These establishments being served by the Town of Graysville shall be charged a sanitation user's fee of eight dollars (\$8.00) per meter per month. (Commercial being defined as a place where commodities are exchanged, bought or sold).

(4) Industrial. These establishments being served by the Town of Graysville shall be charged a sanitation user's fee of eight dollars (\$8.00) per meter per month. (Industrial being defined as a structure or establishment which produces articles from new or prepared materials by giving materials new forms qualities, properties or combination whether by hand, labor or machines).

(5) Billing. The Town of Graysville shall bill each user on a monthly basis by adding to the present water charges and using the same billing cycle as is used for those services. A late charge of ten percent (10%) per month shall be charged for non-payment.

(6) Penalty. Should any user fail to pay the user's fee then the Town of Graysville shall collect this fee by suit or as otherwise provided in the municipal code for the Town of Graysville, Tennessee. The user upon default of the monthly payment shall be responsible for any and all costs incurred including court costs, attorney fees and other expenses incurred in the collection of the service fee by the Town of Graysville, their agents or assigns.

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¹Administrative ordinances and resolutions are of record in the office of the town recorder.

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17-112. Burning permit: The open burning of any garbage, trash, rubbish, leaves, grass, combustible material by any person, firm or corporation without first having obtained a permit and permit number from the city recorder or his designee, is hereby prohibited.

The city recorder or his designee in granting or denying such permission shall take into consideration the atmosphere conditions, the site of the proposed burning in relation to proximate structures, the availability of fire suppression equipment at the site, the attendance of a competent person during the burning, and any other local conditions that might make such a fire hazardous. (as added by Ord. #1994-1, June 1994)

17-113. Burning permit; penalty. Should section 17-112 be violated by any person by burning without a permit and permit number, then such violation shall be considered a misdemeanor and subject to fine and penalties as set forth in the code for misdemeanor violations. (as added by Ord. #1994-1, June 1994, modified)

17-114. Brush collection policy. (1) Brush will be collected from April 1 to the first week in November. Collection route will follow the garbage collection route. Brush pick up for Monday's garbage route will be the first Thursday of every month and brush pick up for Tuesday's garbage route will be the fourth Thursday of every month. Should an act of God take place; the public works department will collect all brush within ten (10) days of the event regardless of the collection route.

(2) Brush must be brought to the curbside and not placed in the street, on sidewalks, or where it blocks utility meters, poles, or fire hydrants. Brush placed beneath overhead obstructions, such as tree limbs or utility cables or next to fences will not be collected. Leaves or other debris may not be mixed with brush.

(3) Lumber or construction waste materials will not be collected. Any brush left by tree trimming contractors will not be collected.

(4) The ordinance adding this section shall take effect from and after its final passage, the public welfare requiring it. (as added by Ord. #2009-02, July 2009)