

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. (1978 Code, § 8-201)

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. (1978 Code, § 8-202)

17-103. Storage. Each owner, occupant, or other responsible person using or occupying any building or other premises within the Town of Mountain 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

¹Municipal code reference

Property maintenance regulations: title 13.

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 town handles mechanically. Furthermore, except for containers which the town 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. Tree trimmings, hedge clippings, and similar materials shall be cut to a length not to exceed four (4) feet and shall be securely tied in individual bundles weighing not more than seventy-five (75) pounds each and being not more than two (2) feet thick before being deposited for collection. (1978 Code, § 8-203)

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. (1978 Code, § 8-204)

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. (1978 Code, § 8-205)

17-106. Collection. All refuse accumulated within the corporate limits shall be collected, conveyed, and disposed of by the Town of Mountain City. Collections shall be made regularly in accordance with an announced schedule. No pick up of garbage or refuse will be made unless the proper containers are used and meet all other requirements of this chapter. (1978 Code, § 8-206)

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. (1978 Code, § 8-207)

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 mayor and aldermen is expressly prohibited. (1978 Code, § 8-208)

17-109. Service fees. A service fee of \$1.00 per month is assessed to all non-tax paying corporations, organizations and institutions within the corporate limits of the Town of Mountain City that are furnished refuse removal services. Apartments or multi-unit housing projects are assessed \$1.00 per month for each occupied unit. (1978 Code, § 8-209)

17-110. Billing and collection. The refuse removal assessment will be billed and collected by the town recorder jointly with the monthly water bills and shall be adjusted periodically to reflect costs fluctuations for providing this service. (1978 Code, § 8-210)

17-111. 1994-1995 solid waste policy--fees--guidelines. The Town of Mountain City will impose the following fee schedule to all residential, small business and commercial business with dumpster service, effective July 01, 1994. The need to impose this fee has come about because of the continued increase in landfill tipping fees and anticipated higher fees at the new transfer station to be operational by year's end.

FEE SCHEDULE

\$2.00 per month per residential (To include each unit if more than one unit per water meter; i.e. - 1 meter serving 4 units = 4 x \$2.00 per month = \$8.00 monthly).

\$5.00 per month per small business (Small business defined as any business which generates less than 60 gallon (2 trash cans) per week.

\$10.00 per month per medium business (Medium business defined as any business which generates less than 120 gallon (4 trash cans) per week.

*NOTE - Any business which generates more than 120 gallon (4 trash cans) per week MUST purchase a DUMPSTER to continue their garbage service and at that time will be charged the dumpster fee.

Dumpster Fees

Charge will be based on size and frequency dumped. Fee will be comparable to BFI/Roll-it the private hauler within the city. Each local business with dumpster has the choice of private hauler or city service. The city recorder will set fee based on BFI/Roll-it fees if business desires to stay with city service.

The above solid waste fees will be added to each customer's water bill and due and payable with water bill. All delinquent accounts will be assessed the customary late fee of 10% as applied to water bills.

Also, effective July 01, 1994, the city will refuse to empty or service any business or anyone else using 55 gallon barrels or drums. The customers will be responsible for clean up around or for the overflow that ends up on the ground because dumpsters or containers were over-filled. The owner will be responsible for securing or protecting their dumpsters from illegal use or individuals. The owner will be responsible for keeping dumpster site clear from building or etc., allowing the truck to pick up and dump without hinderance. The owner will be responsible for any and all maintenance or replacement when dumpster becomes worn out or in-operable. (Ord. 886, May 1994)