

TITLE 17

REFUSE AND TRASH DISPOSAL¹

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17-101. Collection, storage, and disposal regulated. It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, or corporation to collect, store, or dispose of any human, animal or vegetable refuse, including any industrial waste, on any premises within the city except as set forth under the provisions of this chapter. (1979 Code, § 8-201)

¹Municipal code reference

Property maintenance regulations: title 13.

See also Ord. #397, of record in the recorder's office. It does not expressly amend the municipal code and is, therefore, not included herein. The caption of Ord. #397 is: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF THE CITY OF PIGEON FORGE TO CONTROL THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF PIGEON FORGE AND COMMITTING SAID SOLID WASTE TO SEVIER SOLID WASTE, INC.

17-102. Storage of table scraps, etc. All table scraps, kitchen garbage, or other animal or vegetable refuse shall be stored in leak proof containers of a size not exceeding thirty (30) gallons and must be covered with a lid so as to prevent access by flies, mosquitoes, gnats, or other insects. (1979 Code, § 8-202)

17-103. Containers to be kept clean. Containers must be kept sufficiently clean or sanitary to avoid creation of offensive odors. (1979 Code, § 8-203)

17-104. Location of containers. All garbage containers must be placed in front of residences on regularly scheduled collection days for pickup by the city, at a location which is readily accessible to the city truck and crew. Upon request to the city manager, the city crew will be authorized to pick up containers in the rear of any house where the occupants, due to infirmity or illness, are unable to move the containers to their designated location for pickup by the city. (1979 Code, § 8-204)

17-105. Unlawful accumulations. It shall be unlawful to allow trash, garbage, or debris to accumulate on any premises so as to create an unsightly appearance or to cause the creation of unpleasant odors by souring, decay, or fermentation. (1979 Code, § 8-205)

17-106. Brush, leaves, loose trash. All brush and tree trimmings must be cut to maximum four foot lengths and tied in bundles if city pickup is required. Leaves must be baled or placed in containers. The city crew will not be required to pick up loose trash except due to spillage which occurs in the process of emptying containers. (1979 Code, § 8-206)

17-107. Placing on property of another or on street. It shall be unlawful for any person to place trash or garbage on the lands or buildings of another person or on any city street or right of way except for purposes of pickup as authorized by the owner or the city. (1979 Code, § 8-207)

17-108. Dumping into a public stream. It shall be unlawful to dump trash or garbage into any public stream. (1979 Code, § 8-208)

17-109. Allowing to be washed, blown about, or scattered. It shall be unlawful for any person to allow trash or garbage to be so placed as to permit it to be washed, blown by winds, or scattered by dogs or rodents over the lands or premises or another party or on city streets, rights of way, parks, or alleys. Any person or firm permitting or causing such trash or garbage to scatter shall cause the trash or garbage to be cleaned up promptly, and upon failure to do so the city shall have the cleanup performed and the owner of the trash or garbage shall pay the reasonable cost thereof. (1979 Code, § 8-209)

17-110. Restaurants, etc.; special requirements. Each restaurant, cafeteria, or other eating establishment is hereby required to purchase and use at its own expense one or more containers of the automatic loading and dumping variety suitable for pickup and dumping by the city's automatic loading truck. All automatic loading containers shall be placed for pickup on a concrete pad with dimensions not less than four feet by eight feet and such pad shall be so located that the city truck can run alongside the container for direct pickup. This requirement shall not shall not prohibit the owner of such restaurant or other place of business using such devices to store the container at another location when not spotted for pickup. (1979 Code, § 8-210)

17-111. When automatic loading containers are required. Any place of business or residence which regularly generates more garbage or trash than can be contained in six 30-gallon containers is hereby required to purchase an automatic loading container for pickup by the city, and to provide for a concrete pad as defined in the preceding section for pickup.

This section shall treat each resident of an apartment building as an individual resident unless a central garbage collection point is operated in which case it shall be required to install a container loader of suitable size.

Campgrounds shall be treated the same as motels and all garbage and trash shall be accumulated at no more than two points for pickup suitable sized container loaders. (1979 Code, § 8-211)

17-112. City manager to administer this chapter. The city manager is hereby authorized to administer provisions of this chapter and to take such steps as exist under law to require compliance herewith, including authority to obtain for the city an injunction or restraining order as necessary, and to cite violators into the city court under warrant. (1979 Code, § 8-212)

17-113. Pickup schedules. The city manager shall set such schedules for pickup as the businesses or residences may require, provided that all such schedules shall be consistent and nondiscriminating, and further provided that such pickup schedules shall not (without prior approval of the board of commissioners) be less than once per week for residences, five days per week for restaurants or other eating establishments, and three days per week for all other businesses. (1979 Code, § 8-213)

17-114. Refuse collection fees. Each customer shall pay a refuse collection fee. Refuse collection fee shall be at such rates as are from time to times set by the board of commissioners by resolution. (as added by Ord. #831, June 2007)

17-115. Violations. It shall be unlawful to willfully fail to pay the fee assessed by this chapter after the date said fee is delinquent, or to violate any other provision of this chapter. (as added by Ord. #831, June 2007)