

TITLE 17

REFUSE AND TRASH DISPOSAL¹

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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. (1968 Code, § 8-101)

17-102. Premises to be kept clean. All persons within the City of Lake 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. (1968 Code, § 8-102)

17-103. Storage. (1) Each owner, occupant, or other responsible person using or occupying any building or other premises within the 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, water proof, rodent and insect proof. Containers having ragged or sharp edges or other defects must be promptly replaced. Individual (can-type)

¹Municipal code reference

Property maintenance regulations: title 13.

containers shall be no larger than twenty-five inches in diameter and thirty inches in height (commonly known as thirty-five gallon containers). All individual (can-type) containers shall be made of galvanized or plastic material and shall be kept water tight at all times. The sanitation department may grant waivers in cases of hardship. Disposable containers for such refuse shall be cardboard cartons, plastic bags, or moisture resistant paper bags and containers shall have tops, ties, or other means of preventing spillage, scattering or blowing away of the solid waste, and be moisture proof and kept dry and be of sufficient strength to contain the solid waste without spillage during handling. They shall not exceed in size the approximate capacity of a thirty-five gallon regulation solid waste container which is considered the maximum size for manual lifting by a collector. Fifty-five gallon drums are specifically prohibited from use as containers for solid waste. No refuse shall be placed in refuse containers until such refuse has been drained of all free liquids.

(2) Large accumulations of magazines and newspapers shall be bundled and securely tied.

(3) Tree trimmings, hedge clippings, and similar material shall be cut to a length not to exceed four feet and shall be securely tied in individual bundles weighing no more than forty pounds each and being no more than two feet thick before being deposited for collection, provided it does not create an amount of solid refuse substantially greater than normal, so as to require the collector to make an extra trip to remove such solid refuse. (1968 Code, § 8-103)

17-104. Location of containers. Where alleys are used by the city's 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's 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 is no curb, at such times as shall be scheduled by the city 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. (1968 Code, § 8-104)

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. (1968 Code, § 8-105)

17-106. Collection fees. Solid waste collection shall be made regularly in accordance with an announced schedule. The following monthly fees are established for the removal or disposal of solid waste:

(1) Residential customers shall have one (1) pick-up per week at the curb, at the rate of ten dollars (\$10.00) per month.

(2) Small commercial customers shall be only those requiring sanitation services with a limit of two (2) thirty-five (35) gallon containers, one (1) pick-up per week, at the rate of thirty-one dollars (31) per month.

(3) There shall be no collection of solid waste for large or medium class commercial garbage, within the city limits of Lake City.

(4) Each apartment unit shall have one (1) pick-up per week at the residential rate of ten dollars (\$10.00) per month. (Ord. #356, July 1995, as amended by Ord. #370, June 1998; Ord. #385, Aug. 1999; Ord. #375, Feb. 2000; and Ord. #420, June 2004, as replaced by Ord. #432, June 2006)

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. (1968 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 mayor and council is expressly prohibited. (1968 Code, § 8-108)

17-109. Controlled burn permits. There shall be no open burning without first obtaining a permit. The permit may be granted in person from a firefighter from the fire department after an on site inspection. There is no fee for the permit.

(1) Burn permits shall not be issued on days when wind gusts exceed ten (10) mph, during rain, fog, or when weather conditions cause smoke to hang low.

(2) There shall be no burning of trash, rubbish, construction scraps, paper products, cardboard, plastics, wooden pallets, tires, shingles, etc.

(3) If smoke or ash from a controlled burn causes a nuisance to anyone, the caller will be contacted and instructed to extinguish the fire immediately.

(4) Anyone asking to burn must provide their name, street address, telephone number, and what material they wish to burn.

(5) The following requirements must be agreed upon:

(a) The fire must be further than fifty (50) feet from any structure.

(b) A water supply must be available. If not, a portable fire extinguisher must be kept nearby.

(c) All fires must be extinguished before dark.

(d) Fires shall never be unattended.

- (e) No flammable liquids are to be used or left close by.
- (6) The location of the controlled burn shall be broadcast over the fire department radio.
- (7) Should a complaint about a controlled burn be received, is shall be paged out and an engine shall respond to meet with the complainant. (1968 Code, § 8-109, as replaced by Ord. #438, April 2007)

17-110. Unauthorized agents using containers. No person, persons, firm, association, corporations, or agent thereof, existing outside of the corporate limits of the city shall place refuse or any material in any container belonging to the city, for the purpose of disposal or removal by the city's collection vehicle or a property owner on which the container sets.

Any person, persons, firm, association, corporation, or agent thereof, violating the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punishable under the general penalty clause for this code. (1968 Code, § 8-110)

17-111. Refuse generated by private enterprise. (1) The City of Lake City shall not be responsible for the collection and disposal of construction waste, bulk rubbish, brush, or any other forms of solid waste generated or produced by contractors, tree trimmers, or persons doing work for profit or personal gain.

(2) The board of mayor and council may designate a staff member to enforce the provisions of this section.

(3) This section shall not prohibit contractors or businesses or homeowners from receiving the normal refuse services outlined in the municipal code. (as added by Ord. #430, Nov. 2005)