

TITLE 17

REFUSE AND TRASH DISPOSAL¹

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17-101. Definitions. (1) "Refuse" as used herein shall mean garbage, rubbish, ashes, substances, and materials originating from preparation of food, cooking or consumption of food, market refuse, and waste from the handling and sale of produce. Sewage, body wastes, or recognizable industrial by-products from residences and establishments, public and private, are not included within the meaning of this definition.

(2) "Garbage" shall mean all putrescible wastes, except sewage and body wastes, including vegetable and animal offal and carcasses of dead animals, but excluding recognizable industrial by-products from public and private residences and establishments.

(3) "Rubbish" shall mean all putrescible waste materials except ashes from all public and private residences and establishments.

(4) "Ashes" shall mean the waste product from coal, wood, and other fuels used for cooking and heating from all public and private residences and establishments.

(5) "Collector" means any person, firm, corporation, or political subdivision that collects, transports, or disposes of any refuse within the corporate limits.

¹Municipal code reference

Property maintenance regulations: title 13.

(6) "Health officer" shall mean the health authority of the City of Dickson or his authorized representative. (1980 Code, § 8-201)

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. (1980 Code, § 8-202)

17-103. Storage. Each owner, occupant, or other responsible person using or occupying any building or other premises within the City of Dickson where refuse accumulates or is likely to accumulate, shall provide and keep covered an adequate number of refuse containers which are approved by the sanitation superintendent. The refuse containers shall be strong, durable, and rodent and insect proof. They shall each have a capacity of not less than ten (10) nor more than forty-five (45) 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 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. (1980 Code, § 8-203, as amended by Ord. #1059, June 2000)

17-104. Location of containers. Where alleys are used by the municipal 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 municipal 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. (1980 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. Provided, however, that this section shall not apply to collectors who have complied with the requirements of the health department and to whom a permit has been issued to collect refuse and garbage. (1980 Code, § 8-205)

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 city council shall designate. Collections shall be made regularly in accordance with an announced schedule. (1980 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. (1980 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 city council is expressly prohibited. All disposal of refuse and garbage shall be by methods approved by the sanitation superintendent.

Prior to feeding of garbage or refuse to swine, it shall be heated to a temperature of 212 degrees F. for not less than thirty (30) minutes under conditions approved by the health officer. Animal offal and animal carcasses are to be cremated or buried. Any other method of disposal shall be in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. (1980 Code, § 8-208)

17-109. Unauthorized containers to be confiscated. Any storage container not meeting with specifications as prescribed in this chapter may be confiscated at the direction of the sanitation superintendent. Provided, however, that prior to the removal of such container, the sanitation superintendent must give the owner thirty (30) days written notice therein setting out the basis for such action. (1980 Code, § 8-209)

17-110. Violations and penalties. Any violation of this chapter may be punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Any penalty assessed for violations of this chapter shall not prevent the forced removal of prohibited conditions. (1980 Code, § 8-210)