

## TITLE 17

### REFUSE AND TRASH DISPOSAL<sup>1</sup>

#### CHAPTER

#### 1. REFUSE.

#### CHAPTER 1

#### REFUSE

#### SECTION

- 17-101. Refuse defined.
- 17-102. Premises to be kept clean.
- 17-103. Storage.
- 17-104. Location of containers.
- 17-105. Disturbing containers.
- 17-106. Collection.
- 17-107. Collection vehicles.
- 17-108. Disposal.
- 17-109. Businesses contracting with private companies.
- 17-110. Residential garbage service user fees.

**17-101. Refuse defined.** Refuse shall mean and include household garbage, rubbish, and refuse as those terms are generally defined except that dead animals and fowls, body wastes, hot ashes, rocks, concrete, bricks, leaves, brush, and similar materials are expressly excluded therefrom and shall not be stored therewith. (1989 Code, § 8-201, as amended by Ord. #98-12-03, March 1998)

**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. (1989 Code, § 8-202)

**17-103. Storage.** Each owner, occupant, or other responsible person using or occupying any building or other premises within this town where refuse accumulates or is likely to accumulate, shall provide and keep covered not more than three (3) refuse containers for households and not more than five (5) refuse containers for each business establishment. The refuse containers shall be strong, durable, and rodent and insect proof. They shall each have a capacity

---

<sup>1</sup>Municipal 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 picked up by commercial contractors. Furthermore, 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. Refuse will be picked up on a once a week basis for all households and businesses. (1989 Code, § 8-203)

**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 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. (1989 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. (1989 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 town council shall designate. Collections shall be made regularly in accordance with an announced schedule. (1989 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. (1989 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 town council is expressly prohibited. (1989 Code, § 8-208)

**17-109. Businesses contracting with private companies.** Any business that wishes to contract with a private company will be given credit for one cubic yard of refuse. (1989 Code, § 8-209)

**17-110. Residential garbage service user fees.** (1) Fees established, definition, collection rules and regulations. (a) There is hereby established a residential garbage service user fee to be charged to and collected from each household in the Town of Oliver Springs, Tennessee on a monthly basis.

(b) Household is defined, for the purpose of this section, as all residential living units within the Town of Oliver Springs, whether occupied or not, to which garbage and refuse pick up service is furnished by the Town of Oliver Springs, and available for use, whether utilized or not, and for which pick up service is not otherwise required to be provided as a commercial unit (or apartment development is excess of six (6) units.)

(c) Where the service is provided to multi-unit dwellings or businesses each unit or business shall pay the monthly collection fee charge and the city administrator is authorized to assess a separate per unit fee for each container. The city administrator may require businesses with large amounts of garbage, at his discretion, to make private arrangements for garbage service.

(d) The residential garbage service user fee is established at a rate set by the Oliver Springs Town Council.

(e) The city administrator is authorized and directed to institute collection mechanisms, rules, and regulations and means as shall be deemed by the city administrator to be efficient, appropriate and expedient to effect collections.

(2) Penalty for non payment. It is unlawful to refuse or neglect to pay the monthly residential garbage service user fee when billed. Each user shall be given ten (10) days from the billing date to make payment to the town. (as added by Ord. #02-08-06A, Aug. 2002, as amended by Ord. #2018-06-08, June 2018 **Ch3\_2-7-19**)