

TITLE 17

REFUSE AND TRASH DISPOSAL¹

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17-101. Dumping of garbage.

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17-101. Dumping of garbage. It shall be a violation of this chapter if any non-resident of the City of Minor Hill is found dumping garbage in any dumping receptacle provided by various commercial establishments within the corporate limits for the disposition of their garbage which ultimately ends up in the City of Pulaski landfill or, is found bringing garbage and placing the same in any area of the City of Minor Hill in any private garbage or refuse receptacle intended for ultimate disposition in the landfill.

The penalty for violating this section shall be the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) together with costs. (Ord. #8-101, Sept. 1990)

17-102. Regulation of storage, collection, removal, and disposal of refuse; schedule of fees. (1) Definitions. (a) "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.

(b) "Residential" shall mean refuse accumulated by residences (single family dwelling units and multiple family dwelling units), including churches, and stored to be collected and disposed of by the city.

(c) "Commercial" is a commercial or small business establishment having no larger volume of waste than can be picked up once weekly with maximum containers being as follows: 3 - 32 gallon cans, OR 5 household sized plastic/sanitary bags (commonly 30 gallon size bags)

¹Municipal code reference

Property maintenance regulations: title 13.

(d) "Industrial" is any residence, church, business, industry, public facility or others that use dumpsters for their refuse disposal needs.

(e) "Refuse generator" is any residence, church, business, industry, public facility or others that generate refuse.

(2) Premises to be kept clean. All persons within the municipality are required to keep their premises in a clean and sanitary condition, free from accumulations of refuse except when stored as provided herein.

(3) Storage. Each owner, occupant, or other responsible person using or occupying any building or other premises within the City of Minor Hill 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 have a capacity of not less than twenty (20) nor more than thirty-five (35) gallons. Furthermore, the combined weight of any refuse container and its contents shall not exceed thirty-five (35) pounds. No refuse shall be placed in a refuse container until such refuse has been drained of all free liquids. The maximum number of refuse containers that will be collected by the city at any refuse generator's location per week is 3 - 35 gallon cans, or 5 household sized plastic/sanitary bags (commonly 30 gallon size bags)

(4) 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 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 of the resident's property if here 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.

(5) 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.

(6) Collection. All refuse accumulated within the corporate limits shall be collected, conveyed, and disposed of under the supervision of such officer as the board of mayor aldermen shall designate. Collections shall be made regularly in accordance with an announced schedule.

(7) 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 liquid draining from the refuse onto the streets and alley. Furthermore, all refuse collection vehicles shall utilize closed beds or such coverings as will effectively prevent the scattering of refuse over the streets and alleys.

(8) Disposal. The disposal of refuse in any quantity by any person in any place, public or private, other than at the sites designated for refuse disposal by the board of mayor and aldermen is prohibited.

(9) Schedule of fees for collection, removal and disposal. The board of mayor and aldermen shall establish, by resolution, a schedule of fees for collection, removal and disposal of all refuse for residential and commercial establishments. A copy of the schedule shall be kept in the city recorder's office for public inspection

(10) Billing of fees. The fee for collection, removal and disposal of refuse performed by the contractor shall be billed and collected by the City of Pulaski Electric Board, including such amounts that are delinquent, penalties and interest. Non-payment of fees will be cause for discontinuance or termination of service.

(11) Penalty. A 10% penalty will be applied to delinquent bills, and shall remain in effect until fees are paid in full.

(12) Violations and enforcement. Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be served by the city with written notice stating the nature of the violation and providing a seven (7) days' time limit for the satisfactory correction thereof. The offender shall within the period of time stated in such notice permanently cease and correct all violations.

(13) Prohibited substances and practices. The following substances are hereby prohibited from being deposited with solid waste collected by the city.

(a) Flammable liquids, solids or gases, such as gasoline, benzine, alcohol or other similar substances;

(b) Any material that could be hazardous or injurious to city employees or which could cause damage to city equipment and/or facilities,

(c) Hazardous waste as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated 68-2-12-104(7) and household hazardous waste as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated 68-211-802(a)(7);

(d) Construction waste consisting of materials from construction, demolition, remodeling, construction-site preparation, including but not limited to rocks, bricks, dirt, debris, fill, plaster, guttering, and all types of scrap materials;

(e) Human or animal excrement;

(f) Hot materials such as ashes, cinders, etc.;

(g) Infectious wastes including, but not limited to, those classified by the following:

(i) Isolation wastes - Wastes contaminated by patients who are isolated due to communicable disease as provided in the U. S. Center for Disease Control Guidelines for Isolation Precautions in Hospitals (July 1983).

(ii) Cultures and stocks of infectious agents and associated biological cultures and stocks of infectious agents,

including specimen cultures from medical and pathological laboratories, cultures and stocks of infectious agents from research and industrial laboratories, waste from the production of biological, discarded lice and attenuated vaccines;

(iii) Laboratory waste which has come into contact with cultures and stocks of etiologic agents or blood specimens. Such wastes includes, but is not limited to, culture dishes, blood specimen tubes, devices used to transfer, inoculate and mix cultures, paper and cloth which has come into contact with cultures and stock of etiologic agents,

(iv) Human blood and blood products - Waste human blood and blood products such as serum, plasmas and other blood components;

(v) Pathological wastes - Pathological wastes, such as tissues, organs, body parts, and body fluids that are removed during surgery and autopsy,

(vi) Discarded sharps - All discarded sharps (e.g. hypodermic needles, syringes, pasteur pipettes, broken glass, scalpel blades, etc.) used in patient care, medical research or industrial laboratories;

(vii) Contaminated animal carcasses, body parts and bedding - Contaminated animal carcasses, body parts and bedding of animals that were intentionally exposed to pathogens in research, in the production of biological or in the in-vitro testing of pharmaceutical.

(h) Human and/or animal remains.

(i) Automobile, truck and equipment batteries and tires. (as added by Ord. #17-102, Sept. 1995)