TITLE 17

REFUSE AND TRASH DISPOSAL

CHAPTER 1

REFUSE

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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, ashes, rocks, concrete, bricks, medical waste, and similar materials are expressly excluded therefrom and shall not be stored therewith. (Ord. # 93-752, Nov. 1993)

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. (1984 Code, § 8-202)

17-103. **Storage.** Each owner, occupant, or other responsible person using or occupying any building or other premises within this 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, and rodent and insect proof. They shall each have a capacity of not less than twenty (20) nor more than thirty-two (32) gallons, except that this

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1 Municipal code reference
Property maintenance regulations: title 13.
maximum capacity shall not apply to larger containers which the city handles mechanically. Furthermore, except for containers which the city handles mechanically, 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 limbs, brush, etc., shall be prepared by the owner or producer and deposited for collection by the city in accordance with such regulations as the city manager shall prescribe.

Such refuse as cardboard boxes and cartons may also be collected by the city although not stored in refuse containers if they are securely bundled together and otherwise prepared and deposited in accordance with regulations prescribed by the city manager. (1984 Code, § 8-203)

17-104. Location of containers. (1) Where alleys are used by the city 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 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.

(2) Provided further, in the event that any owner, occupant or other responsible person whose residence is more than five hundred feet (500') from the nearest public street or roadway may request that their container be picked up at their residence, in which case an additional refuse collection service fee of seven dollars and fifty cents ($7.50) per month will apply. The residential pickup fee shall be added to the refuse collection service fee described in § 17-109 of the Mount Pleasant Municipal Code, and shall be billed and collected in the same manner thereof. In addition, any owner, occupant or responsible person utilizing this service shall be required to sign and deliver to the City of Mount Pleasant a release and indemnification in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof as if written herein. (1984 Code, § 8-204, as amended by Ord. #2011-925, May 2011)

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

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1Exhibit A "Release and Indemnification" is available in the office of the city recorder.
the use of public refuse containers for their intended purpose. (1984 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 manager shall designate. Collections shall be made regularly in accordance with an announced schedule.

The city will not collect refuse unless it is properly stored in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and such regulations as the city manager shall prescribe. (1984 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. (1984 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 board of commissioners is expressly prohibited. (1984 Code, § 8-208)

17-109. **Refuse collection service fee.** The following monthly fee schedule for refuse collection services within the city is hereby established:

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Commercial and industrial rates do not include the rental fee for the metal dumpster. This rental fee will be added to the collection fees shown above based on dumpster size.

The monthly fee shall be collected as a separate and distinct line item set forth in the monthly water and sewer bills mailed to the city water customers and is levied against all water accounts within the city. Billing and payment
terms as well as termination or discontinuance of service relative to nonpayment shall be in accordance with §§ 18-111 and 18-112 of the Mount Pleasant Municipal Code as detailed with respect to water and sewer bills. (1984 Code, § 8-209, modified, as amended by Ord. #2011-932, June 2011)
CHAPTER 2

GARBAGE SERVICE FEE REGULATIONS

SECTION
17-201. Definitions.
17-203. Billing.
17-204. Permit required.
17-205. Penalties.

17-201. Definitions.  (1) "Apartment complexes." All apartment complexes or multifamily housing developments, (exclusive of condominium developments where the separate housing units are individually owned), which have or consist of multiple dwelling units, whether contiguous or not. Each sub-unit of an apartment complex or multifamily housing developments shall be considered to be a separate "residential unit."

(2) "Commercial unit." All premises, locations or entities, public or private, requiring garbage or refuse collection which are not within the definition of a residential unit or a small commercial unit.

(3) "Residential unit." A dwelling, including individually owned condominium units, within the corporate limits of the city occupied by a person or a group of persons comprising not more than one (1) family. A residential unit shall be deemed occupied when either water or domestic light and power services are being supplied thereto. Apartment dwelling(s) and multifamily housing developments, whether single or multi-level construction, of contiguous or separate single family dwelling units shall be treated as several and separate residential units, each apartment being a separate sub-unit, for the purposes of this chapter.

A "small commercial unit" shall consist of a premises, location or entity, public or private, requiring refuse collection within the corporate limits of the city which does not generate, on a sub-unit basis in the case of multi-unit small commercial units, more than one hundred ninety-two (192) gallons of waste or garbage for any sub-unit located therein within any seven day period and as to which all of the refuse, garbage, etc., generated, thereby on a weekly basis will fit into no more than two (2) ninety-six (96) gallon containers. For the purposes of this chapter a small commercial unit shall be defined to be and treated as a "residential unit." (Ord. #2009-905, Dec. 2009)

17-202. Applicability. Solid waste fees as outlined in this title shall be assessed all users, including commercial, industrial, residential and civic clubs, schools, churches or other church-owned properties or other properties where the solid waste service is available. No properties, residents, businesses, or organizations shall be exempt from the fees unless the unit is not connected to
either a public water service, natural gas service, or electricity service. No
properties shall have the option of refusing the service or refusing to pay the
basic solid waste fees assessed by the city unless service is provided by a
permitted solid waste hauler as provided herein. Such fees may be altered,
amended or changed by resolution or ordinance. Failure to pay solid waste fees
assessed by the city shall further be grounds for termination of utility service.
(Ord. #2009-905, Dec. 2009)

17-203. Billing. It shall be the responsibility of the director of public
works to maintain a master billing register outlining the charges to residents,
businesses and schools, churches or other church-owned properties. The city
manager shall reconcile, or cause the reconciliation, of the billing register with
the actual receipts on a quarterly basis and is authorized to make appropriate
additions and deletions to the billing register at any time that the city manager
becomes aware of any inconsistency. (Ord. #2009-905, Dec. 2009)

17-204. Permit required. It shall be unlawful for any solid waste
hauler to operate within the city without a permit issued by the city manager.
Permit fees to any solid waste hauler authorized to operate within the city by
permit, including reporting and accounting for operations within the city by any
such waste hauler, may be established or changed by resolution or ordinance.
(Ord. #2009-905, Dec. 2009)

17-205. Penalties. Violators of the provisions of this chapter shall be
cited to city court and shall be subject to a fifty dollar ($50.00) fine per day of
violation. (Ord. #2009-905, Dec. 2009)