

TITLE 17

REFUSE AND TRASH DISPOSAL¹

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17-101. Premises to be kept clean. All residents and persons responsible for property within the City of Belle Meade are hereby required to keep their premises in a clean and sanitary condition, free from accumulations of refuse and litter as herein defined, except when stored or contained or otherwise kept in compliance with the provisions hereof. (1987 Code, § 8-201, as replaced by ord. 88-9)

17-102. Definitions. Refuse and litter shall mean and include garbage, trash, rubbish, mineral and building waste, and dead animals and fowls, but shall not include body waste.

(1) "Garbage" is defined as putrescible animal and vegetable wastes resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food.

(2) "Trash" is defined as non-putrescible solid waste, both combustible and noncombustible, including paper, wrappings, cartons and containers of wood, paper, metal, plastic and glass.

(3) "Rubbish" is defined as tree and hedge trimmings, yard and lawn clippings, leaves, grass, weeds and similar vegetable matter.

(4) "Mineral and building wastes" shall mean and include ashes, clinkers, scrap concrete, scrap brick, scrap cinder block, scrap masonry stone,

¹Municipal code reference

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scrap glass, scrap metal, scrap roofing, scrap wallboard and scrap lumber from structures or buildings.

(5) "Dead animals and fowls" refers to those to which death was caused by external injury or disease. (1987 Code, § 8-202, as replaced by ord. 88-9)

17-103. Storage. Each owner, occupant, or other person responsible for or occupying any dwelling or other premises legally used in the City of Belle Meade where refuse accumulates or is likely to accumulate shall provide and keep covered an adequate number of refuse containers of metal, or serviceable plastic containers, which shall be strong, durable and capable of being closed so as to be rodent and insect and rain proof. Each container shall have a capacity of not less than twenty (20) nor more than thirty-two (32) liquid gallons. Provided, however, that this maximum capacity shall not apply to such larger containers as may be handled mechanically by the city, or by a person, firm or corporation under contract with the city or other authorized collector. Further, except for such mechanically handled containers, the combined weight of any refuse container and its contents shall not exceed seventy-five (75) pounds.

(a) No garbage or trash shall be placed in a container for collection until such refuse shall have been drained of all free liquids.

(b) All tree trimmings and hedge clippings of diameter not larger than one inch (1"), and not longer than two feet (2'), all yard and lawn trimmings, including cut weeds, grass, leaves, and other similar vegetable matter, shall be placed in plastic bags of sufficient strength to be securely tied and lifted by hand without breaking, and not exceeding fifty (50) pounds in weight; tree trimmings and hedge clippings larger than one inch (1") in diameter and longer than two feet (2') in length but no larger than four inches (4") in diameter and four feet (4') in length shall be gathered and assembled in a neat fashion so as to make collection and disposal of same as quick and efficient as possible. All tree trimmings, hedge clippings, yard and lawn clippings, leaves and other vegetable matter shall be assembled and collected separately from the garbage and trash as hereinabove defined.

(c) Mineral and building wastes shall be assembled and kept in a neat pile in the rear of the premises for only so long as is necessary to arrange for the collection and removal of same.

(d) Dead animals and fowls shall be carefully removed to the rear of the premises where found and the person responsible for the premises shall immediately notify the chief of police of the city, and follow his instructions in regard to further steps for disposal of such dead animals or fowls. (1987 Code, § 8-203, as replaced by Ord. #8-9, and amended by Ord. #2014-1, Feb. 2014)

17-104. Location of containers. Containers of garbage and trash shall be placed at the rear of the occupied premises in a location readily accessible to collectors using the automobile driveway serving the premises.

Containers of rubbish, and collections of same too large to be placed in containers, shall be placed as near as possible to the street providing access to the premises, but upon the private property as near as possible to the scheduled time for collection and disposal of same, as hereinafter provided. (1987 Code, § 8-204, as replaced by ord. 88-9)

17-105. Disturbing containers or rubbish placed for collection. No unauthorized person shall uncover, rifle, pilfer, dig into, turn over, or in any other manner disturb or use any container of refuse belonging to, or any refuse placed for collection upon the property of, another person. (1987 Code, § 8-205, as replaced by ord. 88-9)

17-106. Collection. All refuse, except mineral and building wastes, and dead animals and fowls, as hereinabove defined, accumulated within the City of Belle Meade shall be collected, conveyed, transported and disposed of as shall be provided by the city, and under the supervision and direction of such person as the board of commissioners shall designate.

Collection of garbage and trash shall be accomplished once weekly, as is presently provided. Collection of rubbish shall be accomplished by special arrangement, initiated by request of the person responsible for the maintenance of the premises, as needed. All mineral and building wastes shall be removed by the person responsible for the premises at his expense and in accordance with his arrangements, and as promptly as possible. The removal of dead animals and fowls shall be accomplished by the owner of the premises upon which found under the direction of the chief of police. (1987 Code, § 8-206, as replaced by Ord. #88-9, and amended by Ord. #2014-1, Feb. 2014)

17-107. Collection vehicles. The collection of all refuse as hereinabove provided by the City of Belle Meade shall be conducted by means of vehicles with beds constructed of impervious materials which are readily cleanable and so constructed as to prevent leakage of liquids draining from the refuse upon the streets and highways. Further, the collection vehicles shall utilize closed beds for other containers so as effectively to prevent scattering the contents over the streets and highways. All such vehicles shall be of such construction as to comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations of all areas through which same must travel in the accomplishment and purposes for which used. (1987 Code, § 8-207, as replaced by ord. 88-9)

17-108. Disposal. The disposal of all refuse in any quantity by any person, in any place, public or private, other than at a site designated by the

board of commissioners, or other governing body authorized to approve such site, is prohibited. (1987 Code, § 8-208, as replaced by ord. 88-9)