

**TITLE 17**

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

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**17-101. Refuse defined.** Refuse shall mean and include garbage, and 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. (1980 Code, § 8-201)

**17-102. 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 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 this municipality 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 maximum capacity shall not apply to larger containers which the

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Property maintenance regulations: title 13.

<sup>2</sup>Ord. #05-46, Aug. 2005, establishing rates for solid waste collection is available in the city recorder's office.

municipality handles mechanically. Furthermore, except for containers which the municipality 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 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)

**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 municipality 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. (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 board of mayor and aldermen 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 board of mayor and aldermen is expressly prohibited. (1980 Code, § 8-208)

**17-109. Burning.** It shall be unlawful for any person to burn or attempt to burn refuse on private or public property within the corporate limits without a permit from the chief of the fire department. A permit will be issued only when adequate safeguards are taken by the applicant therefor to insure that the fire will not spread or create a nuisance. (1980 Code, § 8-209)

**17-110. Unauthorized use of receptacles.** It shall be unlawful for any person to place, or permit another to place, any garbage or trash in any receptacle, at any refuse collection point or in any refuse container used in the City Container Collection Service from the premises at which the receptacle or collection point is located. Refuse from outside the city limits shall not be placed in the refuse containers.

It shall be unlawful for any person to place or deposit, or permit another to place or deposit, prohibited refuse in city containers or to dump anything on the ground at these locations.

Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$100.00 for each offense; and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. (Ord. #96-4, Sept. 1996)

**17-111. Placement and leaving of grass clippings upon streets prohibited.** (1) No person shall place grass clippings upon the streets of the Town of Halls, through the operation of mowing equipment or otherwise, and allow the grass clippings to remain upon the streets of the Town of Halls in any quantity that impedes the drainage of water or the flow of water through the storm sewer system of the Town of Halls.

(2) A civil fine in the amount of forty dollars (\$40.00) shall be imposed for any violation of this section. (as added by Ord. #09-07, Oct. 2009)