

CHAPTER 50: GARBAGE AND REFUSE

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 50.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

ASHES. Refuse resulting from the burning of wood, coal, coke and other combustible material.

BUILDING RUBBISH. Rubbish from construction, remodeling and repair operations on houses, commercial buildings and other structures, including but not limited to excavated earth, stones, brick, plaster, lumber, concrete and waste parts occasioned by installations and replacements.

BUSINESS BUILDING. Any structure, whether private or public, that is adapted for transaction of business, for rendering of professional services, for amusement or for the display or sale or storage of goods, wares, merchandise, articles or equipment, including hotels, apartment houses, rooming houses, office buildings, public buildings, stores, theaters, markets, restaurants, warehouses, sheds, barns and other structures, or premises used for or adapted to business purposes.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES. The Director of Public Services of the city or his or her agent.

GARBAGE. Animal, fruit and vegetable matter resulting from the handling, preparation, cooling and consumption of food, including a minimum amount of liquid necessarily incident thereto, and all cans, glassware, crockery, bags and other containers in which such matter has been kept or stored.

INDUSTRIAL WASTE. Sawdust, shavings, feathers, excelsior, cartons, boxes, metal, glass, paper, wood, textiles, chemicals, plastic or other waste material from processing plants, factories or manufacturing operations.

REFUSE. Solid waste, including, but not limited to garbage, rubbish and ashes.

RUBBISH. Refuse, exclusive of garbage and ashes, including but not limited to paper, rags, cartons, boxes, wood, excelsior, rubber, leather, tree, brush and hedge branches, cutting and trimmings, grass, leaves, tin cans, metal (not to exceed 50 pounds), small mineral matter, glass and dust.

WASTE. Useless, unused, unwanted or dis-carded material resulting from natural community activities, including solids, liquids and gases.

(^90 Code, § 9-1) (Ord. passed 6-11-74)

§ 50.02 ENFORCEMENT.

The Director of Public Services shall enforce the provisions of this chapter. He or she may call upon the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief or the County Health Department for assistance in obtaining compliance with any orders issued by him or her.

(^90 Code, § 9-10)

REGULATIONS

§ 50.15 LEAVES, SHRUBS, TRIMMINGS.

(A) No person shall throw, drop or deposit any leaves, shrubs or other debris into any catch basin or manhole in the city.

(B) Any person may have leaves removed by the city if such leaves are placed at the curbline so that they may be easily handled by the collector. No tree limbs, shrubs or other material shall be mixed with the leaves.

(C) Any person desiring to place tree trimmings, hedge cuttings, grass or similar materials for free collection shall cause the material to be placed at the curbline for such pickup. Free collection shall include nothing more than six inches in diameter and no more than 60 inches in length. Brush must be placed with cut end towards curb, so it can be loaded into chippers. All wood larger than three inches in diameter must be cut to a maximum length of 30 inches.

(D) No person shall burn leaves, shrubs, trees, limbs and the like on the streets or sidewalks or on private property, except upon special permission of the Fire Chief.

(^90 Code, § 9-2) (Ord. passed 6-11-74) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 50.16 CONTAINER CRITERIA.

(A) Every person occupying a house or residence in the residential area where garbage or refuse exists shall provide containers made of galvanized metal or plastic made for such use, or use a city-provided roll-out cart, in which shall be deposited all garbage or refuse existing at the building or premises.

(B) Each container shall be provided with handles and with a tight-fitting cover of the same material as the container. Containers must not be less than 20-gallons or more than 30-gallons capacity.

(C) Each home and business building shall have a sufficient number of containers to hold the refuse until collected.

(D) All persons doing business in a business building within the city limits shall provide containers as outlined in § 50.25.

(E) No wooden boxes, pails or other wooden or cardboard containers shall be used for garbage and refuse; if so used, the containers shall be confiscated by the city.

(⁹⁰ Code, § 9-3) (Ord. passed 6-11-74) Penalty, see § 10.99
§ 50.17 BURNING IN CAN.

No person shall burn rubbish in any receptacle to be used for the disposal of garbage or refuse through the city's collection service.

(⁹⁰ Code, § 9-4) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 50.18 LIQUID DRAINED, ASHES QUENCHED.

All garbage and refuse shall have liquid drained before it is placed in the container for collection. Ashes shall be thoroughly quenched and drained.

(⁹⁰ Code, § 9-5) (Ord. passed 6-11-74) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 50.19 TAMPERING WITH REFUSE OR CONTAINER.

No person other than the owner thereof or an officer, employee or licensee of the city shall remove or interfere with any garbage or refuse receptacle or the contents thereof.

(⁹⁰ Code, § 9-6) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 50.20 CLEANING AND DISINFECTING.

Every person required to maintain a garbage or refuse receptacle shall periodically clean and disinfect the receptacle in order to assure easy emptying by the collector and to eliminate flies, disease and pests.

(⁹⁰ Code, § 9-7) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 50.21 LOCATION OF RECEPTACLE.

All refuse receptacles shall normally be kept in an accessible place on the ground level and to the rear of the front wall of the main residence or building, unless it is a city-provided roll-out cart, which shall be placed at the curb by a time designated by the Public Services Director on the scheduled garbage pick-up day.

(⁹⁰ Code, § 9-8)

§ 50.22 UNLAWFUL ACCUMULATIONS.

(A) No person shall keep, accumulate or permit to be kept or accumulated any garbage in or upon any public or private place unless the same shall be in a container meeting the requirements of this chapter.

(B) No person shall permit the accumulation of refuse to become or remain offensive, unsightly, unsafe to public health or hazardous from fire.

(⁹⁰ Code, § 9-9) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 50.23 HAULING REFUSE.

No person shall haul or attempt to haul any refuse in an open body vehicle without some type of cover or container for the refuse, which effectively prevents spillage on the streets of the city.

(⁹⁰ Code, § 9-11) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 50.24 USE OF LANDFILL.

No person shall deposit or in any manner dispose of any garbage or refuse at any place in the city except those sites holding approved permits by the appropriate federal, state or local governing agency.

(⁹⁰ Code, § 9-12) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 50.25 COLLECTION.

(A) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter and except in the case of conditions over which the Department of Public Services has no control, the Department shall collect, remove and dispose of certain refuse in residential sections at least once per week.

(B) Industrial waste shall be collected, removed and disposed of by the operator of the factory, plant or enterprise creating or causing the same.

(C) Building rubbish shall be collected, removed and disposed of by the contractor or builder or by the owner of the property.

(D) Each business building shall use a front-loading receptacle provided by the city, except when, upon approval by the City Council, the Director of Public Services may authorize a business to provide its own receptacle or use a city-provided roll-out cart.

(E) Where it is feasible for more than one establishment to use the same container, monthly billing will be apportioned among the several users. In downtown business district, all retail businesses shall pay a flat rate for their share of dump box. All offices, barber shops and beauty shops shall pay a flat rate. Rate charges will be determined by the City Council and placed into effect July 1 of each year. This will not be adjusted according to the number using a box.

(F) It shall be the responsibility of the Director of Public Services to schedule the various areas of the city for collection of refuse on specific days of the week and to notify the people of the city of such collection days. In the event of a holiday or in circumstances beyond the control of the Department of Public Services, the Director of Public Services shall reschedule all collections in the best interest of the city.

(G) Rubbish will be collected at the curblin on a schedule developed by the Director of Public Services.

(H) All apartment complexes and mobile home parks having in excess of 12 units shall provide a front-loading container of the size directed by the Director of Public Works. Apartment complexes and mobile home parks (less than 12) may have green dumpster boxes, provided concrete pads are poured to support boxes and pads are located where the truck can get off the street to dump.

(I) Recyclables will be collected in a 14-gallon blue bin furnished by the city, once a week, at the curblin, as published by the Director of Public Services. Handicapped citizens and senior citizens (over 65) may call the Clearing House to receive special pick-up at the front door.

(J) Blue dumpster boxes will be furnished to businesses which have corrugated cardboard, provided that the business keeps the box locked and that only cardboard is placed in the box. A customer who places garbage or trash in the blue box will be charged for that size green box, per violation. If customer continues to violate, the blue box will change to a green box, and the customer will be billed accordingly for each violation.

(90 Code, § 9-13) (Ord. passed 6-11-74)