

CHAPTER 16. GARBAGE & REFUSE SERVICES

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§ Sec. 16.1 Definitions

Dry Refuse or Dry Rubbish. The term "dry refuse" or "dry rubbish" is defined as tin cans, papers, dry trash, pieces of wood, boxes, crates, tree limbs and excelsior or other packing materials, and other like materials and substances.

Garbage. The term "garbage" as used herein is defined and shall mean rubbish, trash, kitchen and household waste, including meat, vegetable and fruit refuse, hedge trimmings, lawn trimmings, merchandise containers, whether of paper, wood or other materials.

§ Sec. 16.2 Garbage Receptacles - Required; Type

(a) No persons shall place or throw any garbage or dry refuse of any kind or character upon any street, sidewalk, alley, public way, parking lot or open space in the city, but all such garbage, refuse and rubbish shall be placed in a receptacle as hereinafter described.

(b) The owners or operators of every type of business and/or occupants of residences or dwelling houses in the city shall deposit daily any accumulation of garbage or refuse in a galvanized iron can or acceptable plastic container with a water-tight cover, and such containers shall have an adequate capacity not exceeding 20 gallons each. Such receptacle shall contain handles and shall be rodent and insect proof and shall be kept covered at all times, except when garbage and refuse are being deposited therein or moved therefrom. Where equipment service containers are furnished by the city, deposits of garbage and trash shall be in such containers.

(c) It shall be unlawful and an offense for any person, firm or corporation, or the person in charge of any residence, business or commercial establishment, to allow garbage, rubbish or refuse to be piled, placed or to accumulate on any sidewalk or street within the city. All such garbage, rubbish and refuse shall be placed in containers as provided for in this article.

§ Sec. 16.3 Placement of Containers

It shall be the duty of every person to place such garbage containers directly behind the curb line of the street abutting such property or in the absence of a curb, directly behind the ditch line abutting such property. In no event shall such containers be placed in the street or on the sidewalk or in any manner placed where the containers will interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

§ Sec. 16.4 Meddling with Trash Receptacles Prohibited

It shall be unlawful to meddle with garbage cans, trash or rubbish receptacles or in any way pilfer, search, or scatter contents of such garbage cans or rubbish receptacles in or upon any street or alley within the city limits.

§ Sec. 16.5 Containers to be Kept Sanitary and Secure

All containers shall be kept clean and free from accumulation from any substance remaining attached to the inside of the container which would attract or breed flies, mosquitoes or other insects. The area surrounding garbage containers shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. The contents of all receptacles shall be protected so that the wind cannot scatter the contents over the streets, alleys, or other property within the city. All containers shall be securely closed in such a manner as to prevent the scattering of the contents and to make them inaccessible to insects, rodents, and other animals.

§ Sec. 16.6 Unauthorized Private Collections Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any person to transport garbage or refuse for hire which has been collected from any premises within the city over any public street within the city. This section shall not apply to any person who at the time of such activity is operating under a valid contract or franchise granted by the city which authorizes said person to use the public street to conduct such activity.

§ Sec. 16.7 License for Private Collection Required; Exception

- (a) No persons shall collect, remove, or dispose of garbage containers or trash receptacles or transport garbage or trash on the streets, alleys, or public thoroughfares of the city except duly authorized agents or employees of the city and persons acting pursuant to a contract with the city for public collection and disposal of garbage, trash, and brush, except as provided in this section. This section shall not apply to the transportation of garbage, trash or brush from outside the city to a disposal site outside the city.
- (b) Upon application and compliance with this section, a license may be obtained to serve the licensee's place of business. A license shall be issued upon application and payment of a \$25.00 license fee to the City office for the collection and transportation of garbage and trash from the licensee's

premise or place of business using the licensee's own vehicles, equipment, and personnel. Application for a license shall include the following information:

- (1) Name and address of applicant;
 - (2) Business name and business address of applicant;
 - (3) Type of business of applicant;
 - (4) Number, size and type of vehicles to be used for carrying garbage and trash; and
 - (5) Proposed disposal site.
- (c) All licensed trucks and containers used for the collection and transportation of garbage and trash shall be clearly marked with the owner's name and telephone number in letters and figures not less than two inches high.
- (d) Garbage and trash shall be removed by the licensee at least once a week.
- (e) Violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall be sufficient cause for revocation of the license by the city council or its designee.
- (f) Individuals desiring to occasionally remove brush, debris, or trash from their own residence or business may do so if they have regular service from the city's contractor.

§ Sec. 16.8 Out of the City Services

The city is not required to furnish garbage services to consumers beyond the corporate limits, or to continue to supply, once begun, such services. The city reserves the right to provide services to such consumers it deems advisable and, too, at any time, wholly or partially, discontinue such services to any consumers located outside the corporate limits.