

TITLE 17

REFUSE AND TRASH DISPOSAL¹

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17-101. Refuse defined. Refuse shall mean and include garbage, rubbish, leaves, grass and grass clippings, 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. (1995 Code, § 17-101, as replaced by Ord. #533, Sept. 2020 *Ch1_02-11-21*)

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. (1995 Code, § 17-102)

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 maximum capacity shall not apply to larger containers which the city handles mechanically. Furthermore, except for containers which the city handles

¹Municipal code reference

Property maintenance regulations: title 13.

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 feet (4') and shall be securely tied in individual bundles weighing not more than seventy-five (75) pounds each and being not more than two feet (2') thick before being deposited for collection. (1995 Code, § 17-103)

17-104. Location of containers. Where alleys are used by the city refuse collectors, containers shall be placed on or within six feet (6') 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. (1995 Code, § 17-104)

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. (1995 Code, § 17-105)

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 council shall designate. Collections shall be made regularly in accordance with an announced schedule.

No person, firm or corporation shall collect refuse unless he has a permit from the city health officer. Such a permit may be issued only after the applicant's capability of complying with the requirements of this chapter have been fully determined. Any such permit may be suspended or revoked for the violation of any of the terms of this chapter. (1995 Code, § 17-106)

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. (1995 Code, § 17-107)

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 city council is expressly prohibited. The disposal of refuse shall be by methods approved by the State of Tennessee and shall provide for the maximum practical rodent, insect, and nuisance control at the place of disposal. (1995 Code, § 17-108)

17-109. Refuse collection fees. Refuse collection service shall be provided under such rate schedules as the city council may from time to time adopt by ordinance or resolution.¹ (1995 Code, § 17-109)

¹Administrative ordinances and resolutions are of record in the office of the city clerk.