

COUNCIL CHAMBER

City of Berea, Ohio

Ordinance No. 2013-77

By Nick Haschka Sponsored By Mayor Cyril M. Kleeemé
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AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING BERA CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 321, GARBAGE AND RUBBISH, IN PART THREE, STREETS, UTILITIES, AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BERA, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Berea has recently adopted an automated waste collection system, and Council therefore deems it necessary and proper to amend the Garbage and Rubbish section of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Berea in conjunction with the aforementioned changes and for the purposes of both clarity and uniformity; and

WHEREAS, Council finds that the amended portions are both responsible and necessary to accommodate the needs of the community at large.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERA, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That current Chapter 321, which has heretofore read as follows:

CROSS REFERENCES

Collection and disposal of garbage - see Ohio R.C. 715.43, 717.01
Employment of scavengers - see Ohio R.C. 3707.39
Disposal and transportation upon public ways - see Ohio R.C. 3767.20 et seq.
Vehicle loads dropping, shifting, leaking - see TRAF. 739.08
Waste, garbage and junk - see GEN. OFF. Ch. 947
Dwelling unit rubbish storage - see BLDG. 1349.06
Dwelling unit garbage disposal - see BLDG. 1349.07
Responsibility for rubbish and garbage disposal - see BLDG. 1347.03, 1357.04

321.01 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter:

(a) "Waste" means all trash, rubbish, garbage, offal and other refuse or discarded matter required to be removed from private and public places. It does not include recognized by-products of any business or industry having commercial value and regularly handled in the ordinary course of business unless such byproducts, or the handling of them, shall be a nuisance or menace to public health.

(b) "Combustible waste" means all waste substances capable of incineration or burning, including, but not limited to, garbage, paper, rags, excelsior, wood, grass and leaves.

(c) "Noncombustible waste" means all waste substances incapable of

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incineration or burning including but not limited to, tin cans, tinware and other metallic substances, bottles, glassware, earthenware, cut grass, dirt, sod, ashes and similar materials, and also discarded materials the greater part of which is incapable of incineration or burning, such as asphalt roofing material, electric batteries and the like.

(d) "Commercial waste" means all wastes, combustible and noncombustible, arising out of the operations of business and industry, and all other wastes not resulting from the ordinary operations of private residences or households.

(e) "Hazardous wastes" means, in accordance with Ohio R.C. 3734.01(J)(1) and (2) any waste or combination of wastes in solid, liquid, semi-solid or contained gaseous form, that in the determination of the Director of Environmental Protection, because of its quality, concentration or physical, chemical or infectious characteristics, may:

(1) Cause or significantly contribute to an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible or incapacitating reversible illness; or

(2) Pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or safety to the environment when improperly stored, treated, transported, disposed of or otherwise managed. Hazardous waste includes any substance identified by regulation as hazardous waste under the "Resources Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976" 90 Stat. 2806, 42 USC 6921, as amended, and does not include any substance that is subject to "Atomic Energy Act of 1954" 68 Stat. 919, 23 USC 2011.

(f) "Garbage" means all putrescible wastes, including vegetable and animal offal and the like, commonly associated with the day to day operation of a common residential unit, which could not be construed as a recognized industrial byproduct or hazardous waste.

(Ord. 90-117. Passed 7-16-90.)

321.02 CLASSIFICATIONS.

(a) There are hereby established three classifications relating to the collection of refuse which are designated One, Two, Three and Four-Family Residential, Multi-family Residential and Commercial.

(b) The classifications as indicated in subsection (a) hereof shall be defined as follows:

(1) One, Two, Three and Four-Family Residential. All residential structures used and maintained as single-family residences: two, three and four-family structures as well as townhouses not exceeding four units, kept and maintained in the zoning classification designated Standard Single Family Residential Districts (A and B) as defined by Sections 201.2 and 201.4 of the Zoning Code of the City of Berea.

(2) Multi-Family Residential. All residential structures used and maintained as apartment houses, boarding houses, motels, hotels in excess of four residential units, which shall include all apartment and townhouse structures which house and contain more than four family units, boarding houses, motels, hotels.

(3) Commercial. All structures kept and maintained for the carrying on of commerce of any kind, either wholesale or retail, which shall include all structures kept and maintained in accordance with the uses permitted by the City's zoning classifications of Residence Office, Neighborhood Commercial, Commercial Center, General Commercial, Limited Industrial and General Industrial.

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(Ord. 90-117. Passed 7-16-90.)

321.03 REQUIREMENTS.

The following are applicable to the residents of the City for the collection of refuse from residential properties:

(a) All refuse shall be placed on the treelawn or near the road or street edge, but not on the road or street pavement, by 7:00 a.m. of the designated collection day. Where the collection is from an alley, placement shall be next to, but not in the alley. Refuse shall not be put out for collection any earlier than 4:30 p.m. the day before the collection day.

(b) Refuse shall be placed in plastic bags or other similar disposable containers, but not paper bags or boxes, unless specifically designed as trash disposal containers, of not more than thirty gallon capacity. All bags or other disposable containers shall be securely fastened and not more than fifty pounds total weight. Refuse may also be placed in metal, rubber, plastic or other nonabsorbent cans or containers which shall be watertight and provided with a close fitting cover, and no fewer than two handles. Such containers shall be of a maximum capacity of thirty gallons.

(c) Garbage shall be completely drained. Garbage disposals shall be used whenever possible.

(d) Large boxes, crates, cartons and papers shall be collapsed and tied in bundles weighing not more than fifty pounds. Nails, staples and wire shall be removed.

(e) Tree branches and shrubs shall be bundled and be no more than six feet in length, fifteen inches in diameter and fifty pounds maximum weight. All thorns and spikes shall be removed.

(f) Carpeting shall be rolled and tied in lengths not to exceed six feet, and bundles not weighing more than fifty pounds.

(g) Gutters and downspouts shall be cut into lengths of six feet or less and bundled in no more than fifteen inches in diameter and no more than fifty pounds maximum weight.

(h) Tables, benches, lawn furniture, swings and the like shall be dismantled, tied in bundles not exceeding six feet in length, fifteen inches in diameter and fifty pounds maximum weight.

(i) Refrigerators and freezers shall have doors removed pursuant to Section 921.01.

(j) All collection of refuse shall take place from the treelawn area, unless the regular pickup is from an area adjacent to an alley.

(k) Refuse containers shall be removed from the treelawn within twenty-four hours after collection.

(Ord. 90-117. Passed 7-16-90.)

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321.04 COLLECTION BY CLASSIFICATION.

The City will provide refuse pickup service in accordance with the following regulations:

(a) Low-Density Residential; and Condominium Units. The City will provide refuse pickup service for one, two, three and four-family residences and for multi-family condominium units in accordance with schedules and regulations adopted by the Department of Public Service. All refuse shall be placed for pickup in accordance with Section 321.03.

(b) Medium to High Density Residential. The City will not provide for refuse collection from medium to high density residences. These include all residential structures having more than four dwelling units, except multi-family condominium units. All refuse from this classification shall be disposed of in accordance with Section 321.03 and not in violation of state and federal environmental protection laws.

(c) Commercial-Industrial. The City will not collect waste from this classification. All waste from these properties shall be disposed of by private or commercial means, and not in violation of state and federal environmental protection laws.

No person, firm or corporation shall direct, permit or supervise collection of garbage, or commercial waste at commercial or industrial establishments and/or medium to high density residential facilities before 7:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. in the City.

(Ord. 90-117. Passed 7-16-90.)

321.05 NOTICE AND SEIZURE OF DEFECTIVE CONTAINERS.

No person shall place refuse for collection in containers which are in poor repair or which have rough or sharp edges or other defects which render them dangerous to handle. The Director of Public Service or his authorized agents are authorized to seize and destroy any such containers, provided that written notice is given to the owner or person, firm or corporation owning or having control of such containers that such containers are dangerous or unsuitable for use. If such containers are not replaced or satisfactorily repaired prior to the next collection of refuse following such written notice then such containers shall be seized and destroyed as authorized herein.

(Ord. 90-117. Passed 7-16-90.)

321.06 UPSETTING CONTAINER CONTENTS.

No person shall turn over or upset the contents of any waste container on any street, sidewalk or other public place.

(Ord. 90-117. Passed 7-6-90.)

321.07 RECYCLING, UNAUTHORIZED REMOVAL OF RECYCLABLE MATERIAL.

Newspaper, clear glass, colored glass, aluminum cans and plastic bottles may be

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separated and placed into separate containers for pickup under the City's recycling program. While recycling is not presently mandatory, all citizens are encouraged to participate. Materials for recycling shall be placed on the treelawn, near the street, with refuse for pickup by the City at its regularly scheduled pickup times.

The Director of Public Service shall, in accordance with the City's recycling program designate specific containers and/or markings for containers for use of residents in placing materials at curbside for pickup in such recycling program.

No person other than the proper City employee(s) or contractor(s) shall remove from the curbside any material placed there and marked in accordance with this section for the City's recycling program.

Violation of this section shall constitute a minor misdemeanor for the first offense, and a misdemeanor of the first degree for any second or subsequent offense within a time period of one year. A separate violation may be charged for each property or address from which marked material is taken.

(Ord. 90-117. Passed 7-16-90.)

321.08 COMMERCIAL OR HAZARDOUS WASTE.

(a) No person shall knowingly or unknowingly place any commercial or hazardous waste out to be collected by employees of the Department of Public Service.

(b) Whoever violates this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and no court shall suspend any portion of the first five hundred dollars (\$500.00) of any fine levied for conviction under this section.

(Ord. 90-117. Passed 7-16-90.)

321.09 REFUSE DISPOSAL.

(a) No person shall place or dispose of, in any manner, any garbage, waste, peelings of vegetables or fruits, rubbish, ashes, cans, bottles, wire, paper, cartons, boxes, parts of automobiles, wagons, furniture, glass, oil, hazardous waste or commercial waste, or anything else of an unsightly or unsanitary nature on any City owned, controlled or administered land, or in any ditch, stream, river, lake, pond, or other watercourse, except those waters which do not combine or effect a junction with natural surface or underground waters, or upon the bank thereof where the same is liable to be washed into the water either by ordinary flow or floods. This section does not apply to any substance placed under authority of a permit issued under Ohio R.C. 6111.04 or exempted by such section from its terms. (ORC 1531.29)

(b) No person not a resident of the City shall bring trash or waste into the City and place it on any public or private property for collection by the City Department of Public Service.

(c) Whoever violates subsections (a) or (b) hereof is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

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321.10 EXPOSED WASTE.

(a) No person shall leave waste unreasonably exposed in excess of twenty-four hours in any building or on any property, public or private.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(Ord. 90-117. Passed 7-16-90.)

321.11 COMPOSTING.

(a) No property owner or person in charge of premises shall maintain or cause to be maintained a compost pile within the City except in full compliance with the provisions of this section.

(b) Definition. As used in this section, "compost pile" means any outdoor pile of organic waste matter permitted to decompose for use on the property where the compost pile is maintained.

(c) Ingredients. A compost pile may consist of combinations of leaves, grass clippings, garden plants and vegetable trimmings, fruit and vegetable matter, nitrogenous based chemicals or fertilizers, lime and water. A compost pile shall not have within it any carnivorous animal manure, vegetable substances other than those specifically permitted herein, cooked kitchen waste, grease, meat, bones and fats or other food scraps.

(d) Formation. A compost pile shall be started at ground level and shall be layered in alternate layers of six to twelve inches separated by nitrogen based chemicals and/or fertilizers and/or lime, and no such pile shall exceed five feet in height above ground level. Compost piles may also contain layers of soil and herbivore manure. Each compost pile shall be fully enclosed with a fence or other enclosure and shall be completely turned, top to bottom, at least monthly, except between November and March of each year. Composting may also be done within a wholly confined commercial composter.

(e) Location. All compost piles shall be located on the property of the owner or other person lawfully in charge of the property or premises, at least five feet away from any property line, and no closer than thirty feet to any adjoining residential structure, on or off the lot.

(f) Noxious Odors. Compost pile shall be maintained in a manner so as not to cause any offensive or noxious odors.

(g) Removal. Any compost pile in the City which is found to be in violation of these regulations shall be completely removed within seven days after receipt of a written notice from the City to the owner or other person lawfully in possession of the property in which the compost pile is located. Failure to remove a compost pile pursuant to such a notice shall be deemed a criminal violation of this section.

(h) Noncompliance; Remedy of City. If such property owner or other person lawfully in charge of the premises upon which the compost pile is located neglects or

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refuses to obey such notice as provided for hereinabove, then the Director of Public Service or a properly authorized employee or agent of the Director or Department of Public Service shall be and is hereby authorized to bring the compost pile into compliance or remove the compost pile at the expense of such owner or other person having charge thereof. All expenses incurred by the City for removal and disposition of a compost pile, together with an administrative charge of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each such removal, shall be reported to the Director of Finance, who shall mail a statement of the amount thereof to the owner and/or person in charge of the property from which the compost pile was removed. If, after thirty days, such amount remains unpaid, the Director of Finance shall certify the total amount of the expenses, the name of the owner of the land and a sufficient description of the premises to the Cuyahoga County Auditor to be entered upon the tax duplicate to be a lien on the land from the date of entry, and to be collected as other taxes and assessments, and returned to the City pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Section 731.54.

(i) Penalty. Any person violating any provision of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor upon a first offense, and a fourth degree misdemeanor upon being found guilty of any subsequent offense.

(Ord. 90-117. Passed 7-16-90.)

321.12 RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The Director of Public Service is authorized to prepare and publish rules for the effective administration and enforcement of the provisions of this chapter. Any such rules have the force of law.

(Ord. 90-117. Passed 7-16-90.)

321.13 HOURS OF COLLECTION AND TRANSPORTATION.

(a) No person owning or driving a vehicle hauling solid waste shall cause the collection, transportation or transfer of such waste other than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. No collection, transportation or transfer shall occur on Saturdays after 4:00 p.m. or at any time on Sundays. Application for exceptions to this provision may be made to the Director of Public Service, on a form provided by the Director. Such exceptions shall be granted only where the applicant is able to demonstrate circumstances of great practical difficulty in the collection and transportation of solid waste in areas where there is heavy daytime vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic and/or a concentration of commercial activity.

(b) Whoever violates any provision of this section or participates in such violation shall be guilty of a fourth degree misdemeanor for a first offense or a third degree misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense.

(Ord. 91-98. Passed 6-24-91.)

321.99 PENALTY.

Any person, firm, corporation or other entity which violates any provision of this chapter, or rule prepared and published pursuant to Section 321.12 for which no other penalty has been specifically provided is guilty of a fourth degree misdemeanor.

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As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Waste" means all trash, rubbish, garbage, offal and other refuse or discarded matter required to be removed from private and public places. It does not include recognized by-products of any business or industry having commercial value and regularly handled in the ordinary course of business unless such byproducts, or the handling of them, shall be a nuisance or menace to public health. Waste does not mean "yard waste" which is commonly known as leaves, grass clippings, sticks, plant product, trimmings, flowers, organics or clippings generated through ordinary non-commercial use of residential properties and is defined in Section 321 (e) hereof.
- (b) "Bulk" means waste that is too large in size or volume to fit into refuse containers distributed by the City or a contractor hired by the City to collect waste.
- (c) "Non-Bulk" means waste that fits properly into refuse containers distributed by the City or a contractor hired by the City to collect waste.
- (d) "Combustible waste" means all waste substances capable of incineration or burning, including, but not limited to, garbage, paper, rags, excelsior, wood, and leaves.
- (e) "Noncombustible waste" means all waste substances incapable of incineration or burning including but not limited to, tin cans, tinware and other metallic substances, bottles, glassware, earthenware, dirt, sod, ashes and similar materials, and also discarded materials the greater part of which is incapable of incineration or burning, such as asphalt roofing material, electric batteries and the like.
- (f) "Commercial waste" means all wastes, combustible and noncombustible, arising out of the operations of business and industry, and all other wastes not resulting from the ordinary operations of private residences or households.
- (g) "Hazardous wastes" means, in accordance with Ohio R.C. 3734.01(J)(1)

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and (2) any waste or combination of wastes in solid, liquid, semi-solid or contained gaseous form, that in the determination of the Director of Environmental Protection, because of its quality, concentration or physical, chemical or infectious characteristics, may:

(1) Cause or significantly contribute to an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible or incapacitating reversible illness; or

(2) Pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or safety to the environment when improperly stored, treated, transported, disposed of or otherwise managed. Hazardous waste includes any substance identified by regulation as hazardous waste under the "Resources Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976" 90 Stat. 2806, 42 USC 6921, as amended, and does not include any substance that is subject to "Atomic Energy Act of 1954" 68 Stat. 919, 23 USC 2011.

(h) "Garbage" and "refuse" means waste.

321.02 CLASSIFICATIONS.

(a) There are hereby established three classifications relating to the collection of refuse which are designated One, Two, Three and Four-Family Residential, Multi-family Residential and Commercial.

(b) The classifications as indicated in subsection (a) hereof shall be defined as follows:

(1) One, Two, Three and Four-Family Residential. All residential structures used and maintained as single-family residences: two, three and four-family structures as well as townhouses not exceeding four units, kept and maintained in the zoning classification designated Standard Single Family Residential Districts (A, B, or T) as defined by Chapters 201 and 202 of the Zoning Code of the City of Berea.

(2) Multi-Family Residential. All residential structures used and maintained as apartment houses, boarding houses, motels, hotels in excess of four residential units, which shall include all apartment and townhouse structures which house and contain more than four family units, boarding houses, motels, hotels.

(3) Commercial. All structures kept and maintained for the carrying on of commerce of any kind, either wholesale or retail, which shall include all structures kept and maintained in accordance with the uses permitted by the City's zoning classifications of Transitional Office, Neighborhood Commercial, Commercial Center, Bagley Road Commercial District, Downtown District, Uptown District, Depot District, and General Industrial.

321.03 REQUIREMENTS.

The following are applicable to the residents of the City for the collection of refuse from residential properties and are subject to periodic change by rules or regulations relating to waste collection issued by the Director of Public Service and published in city publications and/or on the City website:

(a) All non-bulk waste shall be placed in the city-proscribed container on the treelawn at least not more than three feet from the road or street edge, by 7:00a.m. on the designated collection day. All bulk waste may be placed on the treelawn on the bulk waste collection day. Where the collection is from an alley, placement shall be next to, but not in, the alley. Neither non-bulk waste nor bulk

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waste shall be placed out for collection any earlier than 4:30p.m. on the day
before the collection day.

(b) All non-bulk waste shall be placed in refuse containers proscribed by the City or the waste collection contractor hired by the City. All bulk waste shall be securely fastened in compact and contiguous bundles and be not more than forty pounds total weight per bundle. Bulk waste may also be placed in metal, rubber, plastic or other nonabsorbent cans or containers which shall be watertight and provided with a close fitting cover, and no fewer than two handles. Such containers shall be of a maximum capacity of thirty gallons and shall weigh no more than forty pounds when loaded.

(c) Garbage shall be completely drained. Garbage disposals shall be used whenever possible.

(d) Bulk waste may only be placed on the treelawn for collection on a day designated for bulk waste collection. Bulk waste placed on the treelawn on any day not designated for bulk waste collection shall be immediately considered a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the community and declared a nuisance.

(e) All non-bulk waste shall be placed on the treelawn at least three feet from the road or street edge, by 7:00a.m. of the designated collection day. All bulk waste may be placed on the treelawn. Where the collection is from an alley, placement shall be next to, but not in, the alley. Neither non-bulk waste nor bulk waste shall be placed out for collection any earlier than 4:30p.m. the day before the collection day.

(f) Nails, staples and wire shall be removed from any wood or other waste whether bulk or not. All cardboard shall be recycled when possible.

(g) It is City policy to recycle yard waste as much as practical. "Yard waste" is defined as leaves, grass clippings, small sticks, plant product, trimmings, flowers, organics or clippings generated through ordinary non-commercial use of residential properties. Bulk Yard Waste, such as tree branches and shrubs shall be bundled and be no more than three feet in length, fifteen inches in diameter and forty pounds maximum weight. All thorns and spikes shall be removed. Tree branches, shrubs and yard waste shall be placed out for recycling between April 1st and October 31st. Yard waste shall be placed in brown paper yard waste bags or in standard garbage cans marked "Yard Waste". From November 1st through March 30th, bulk yard waste such as tree branches and shrubs shall be placed for bulk refuse collection. All placement of yard waste shall be on the proper day and time as established by the City or the City's Contractor.

(h) For bulk waste collection, carpeting shall be rolled and tied in lengths not to exceed six feet, and bundles not weighing more than forty pounds. For non-bulk waste collection, carpeting shall be placed into the refuse containers. All placement of bulk-waste shall be on the proper day and time as established by the City or the City's Contractor.

(i) Gutters and downspouts shall be recycled when possible. If recycling is not practical for gutters and downspouts, they shall be cut into lengths of six feet or less and bundled in no more than fifteen inches in diameter and no more than forty pounds maximum weight and placed for collection only on a bulk waste collection day.

(j) For bulk waste collection, tables, benches, lawn furniture, swings and the like shall be dismantled, tied in bundles not exceeding six feet in length, fifteen inches in diameter and fifty pounds maximum weight. All non-bulk waste collection, such as tables, benches, lawn furniture, swings and the like shall be dismantled and cut into pieces that will fit into the waste containers.

(k) Refrigerators and freezers shall have doors removed pursuant to Section

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921.01. Refrigerators and freezers shall be placed for bulk refuse collection.

(l) All collection of waste shall take place from the treelawn area and during the timeframe established by the City or the City's Contractor, unless the regular pickup is from an area adjacent to an alley in which case special instructions shall be issued by the City or the City's Contractor and followed by the resident.

(m) Refuse containers and recycling containers shall be removed from the treelawn within twenty-four hours after collection.

(n) Refuse containers shall be stored behind the front building line so they are not visible from the street.

321.04 COLLECTION BY CLASSIFICATION.

The City will provide refuse pickup service in accordance with the following regulations:

(a) Low-Density Residential; and Condominium Units. The City will provide refuse pickup service for one, two, three and four-family residences and for multi-family condominium units in accordance with schedules and regulations adopted by the Department of Public Service. All refuse shall be placed for pickup in accordance with Section 321.03.

(b) Medium to High Density Residential. The City will not provide for refuse collection from medium to high density residences. These include all residential structures having more than four dwelling units, except multi-family condominium units. All refuse from this classification shall be disposed of in accordance with Section 321.03 and not in violation of state and federal environmental protection laws

(c) Commercial-Industrial. The City will not provide for waste collection from this classification. All waste from these properties shall be disposed of by private or commercial means, and not in violation of state and federal environmental protection laws.

No person, firm or corporation shall direct, permit or supervise collection of garbage, or commercial waste at commercial or industrial establishments and/or medium to high density residential facilities before 7:00a.m. or after 9:00p.m. in the City.

321.05 NOTICE AND SEIZURE OF DEFECTIVE CONTAINERS.

No person shall place any refuse or yard waste for collection in containers which are in poor repair or which have rough or sharp edges or other defects which render them dangerous to handle. The Director of Public Service or his/or her authorized agents are authorized to seize and destroy any such containers, provided that written notice is given to the owner or person, firm or corporation owning or having control of such containers that such containers are dangerous or unsuitable for use. If such containers are not replaced or satisfactorily repaired prior to the next collection of refuse following such written notice then such containers shall be seized and destroyed as authorized herein.

321.06 UPSETTING CONTAINER CONTENTS.

No person shall turn over or upset or dump out the contents of any waste container or waste bundle on any street, sidewalk or other public place.

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321.07 RECYCLING; UNAUTHORIZED REMOVAL OF RECYCLABLE MATERIAL.

Residents are highly encouraged to use the designated recycle waste receptacle as much as possible. Recycling reduces the cost to the City for waste disposal, prolongs the lifespan of the existing landfill in use by the City and is good for the environment. The following material shall be recycled when practical: newspaper; glass; aluminum; steel, copper, bimetal cans; food and beverage cans; miscellaneous paper; cardboard; plastics number 1-7 and any other products specified by the City's "Guide To Recycling" or other official material published by the City or the City's Contractor pursuant to City authorization, may be separated and placed into recycling containers for pickup under the City's recycling program. While recycling is not presently mandatory, all citizens are highly encouraged to participate.

No person other than the proper City employee(s) or refuse collection contractor(s) shall remove from the curbside any material placed there and marked in accordance with this section for the City's recycling program.

Violation of this section shall constitute a minor misdemeanor for the first offense, and a misdemeanor of the first degree for any second or subsequent offense within a time period of one year. A separate violation may be charged for each property or address from which marked material is taken.

321.08 COMMERCIAL OR HAZARDOUS WASTE.

(a) No person shall knowingly or unknowingly place any commercial or hazardous waste out for waste collection.

(b) Whoever violates this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and no court shall suspend any portion of the first five hundred dollars (\$500.00) of any fine levied for conviction under this section or from the costs associated thereto.

321.09 REFUSE DISPOSAL.

(a) No person shall place or dispose of, in any manner, any garbage, waste, peelings of vegetables or fruits, rubbish, ashes, cans, bottles, wire, paper, cartons, boxes, parts of automobiles, wagons, furniture, glass, oil, hazardous waste or commercial waste, or anything else of an unsightly or unsanitary nature on any City owned, controlled or administered land, or in any ditch, stream, river, lake, pond, or other watercourse, except those waters which do not combine or effect a junction with natural surface or underground waters, or upon the bank thereof where the same is liable to be washed into the water either by ordinary flow or floods. This section does not apply to any substance placed under authority of a permit issued under Ohio R.C. 6111.04 or exempted by such section from its terms. (ORC 1531.29)

(b) No person not a resident of the City shall bring trash or waste into the City and place it on any public or private property for collection by the City Department of Public Service or a refuse collection contractor hired by the City.

(c) Whoever violates subsections (a) or (b) hereof is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

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321.10 EXPOSED WASTE.

(a) No person shall leave waste unreasonably exposed in excess of twenty-four hours in any building or on any property, public or private.

(b) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

321.11 COMPOSTING.

(a) No property owner or person in charge of premises shall maintain or cause to be maintained a compost pile within the City except in full compliance with the provisions of this section.

(b) Definition. As used in this section, "compost pile" means any outdoor pile of organic waste matter permitted to decompose for use on the property where the compost pile is maintained.

(c) Ingredients. A compost pile may consist of combinations of leaves, grass clippings, garden plants and vegetable trimmings, fruit and vegetable matter, nitrogenous based chemicals or fertilizers, lime and water. A compost pile shall not have within it any carnivorous animal manure, vegetable substances other than those specifically permitted herein, cooked kitchen waste, grease, meat, bones and fats or other food scraps.

(d) Formation. A compost pile shall be started at ground level and shall be layered in alternate layers of six to twelve inches separated by nitrogen based chemicals and/or fertilizers and/or lime, and no such pile shall exceed five feet in height above ground level. Compost piles may also contain layers of soil and herbivore manure. Each compost pile shall be fully enclosed with a fence or other enclosure and shall be completely turned, top to bottom, at least monthly, except between November and March of each year. Composting may also be done within a wholly confined commercial composter.

(e) Location. All compost piles shall be located on the property of the owner or other person lawfully in charge of the property or premises, at least five feet away from any property line, and no closer than thirty feet to any adjoining residential structure, on or off the lot.

(f) Noxious Odors. Compost pile shall be maintained in a manner so as not to cause any offensive or noxious odors.

(g) Removal. Any compost pile in the City which is found to be in violation of these regulations shall be completely removed within seven days after receipt of a written notice from the City to the owner or other person lawfully in possession of the property in which the compost pile is located. Failure to remove a compost pile pursuant to such a notice shall be deemed a criminal violation of this section.

(h) Noncompliance: Remedy of City. If such property owner or other person lawfully in charge of the premises upon which the compost pile is located neglects or refuses to obey such notice as provided for hereinabove, then the Director of Public Service or a properly authorized employee or agent of the Director or Department of Public Service shall be and is hereby authorized to bring the compost pile into compliance or remove the compost pile at the expense of such owner or other person having charge thereof. All expenses incurred by the City for removal and disposition of a compost pile, together with an administrative charge of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each such removal, shall be reported to the Director of Finance, who shall mail a

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statement of the amount thereof to the owner and/or person in charge of the property from which the compost pile was removed. If, after thirty days, such amount remains unpaid, the Director of Finance shall certify the total amount of the expenses, the name of the owner of the land and a sufficient description of the premises to the Cuyahoga County Auditor to be entered upon the tax duplicate to be a lien on the land from the date of entry, and to be collected as other taxes and assessments, and returned to the City pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Section 731.54.

(i) Penalty. Any person violating any provision of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor upon a first offense, and a fourth degree misdemeanor upon being found guilty of any subsequent offense.

321.12 RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The Director of Public Service is authorized and directed to prepare and publish rules for the effective administration and enforcement of the provisions of this chapter. Any such rules shall be updated from time to time and are to be supplemental to, and not in conflict with, this Chapter and shall have the force of law.

321.13 HOURS OF COLLECTION AND TRANSPORTATION.

(a) No person owning or driving a vehicle hauling solid waste shall cause the collection, transportation or transfer of such waste other than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. No collection, transportation or transfer shall occur on Saturdays after 4:00 p.m. or at any time on Sundays. Application for exceptions to this provision may be made to the Director of Public Service, on a form provided by the Director. Such exceptions shall be granted only where the applicant is able to demonstrate circumstances of great practical difficulty in the collection and transportation of solid waste in areas where there is heavy daytime vehicular and/or pedestrian traffic and/or a concentration of commercial activity.

321.14 REFUSE AS A NUISANCE

The existence, upon any lot or parcel of land within the City, of refuse that is not in conformance with this Chapter is a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the community and is declared a nuisance. Upon discovery of a nuisance, the Director of Public Service, or a designee, shall place written notice upon the property adjacent to the nuisance. The notice shall set forth the nature of the nuisance; the estimate of the cost of abating the same; a direction that the nuisance be abated within 24 hours and the statement that unless the nuisance is abated within 24 hours it may be abated by the City and the cost of abatement assessed to the real estate involved, and that the City may, if the nuisance is not so abated, in addition to such assessment, prosecute the owner for failure to comply with the direction of the Director of Public Service.

321.99 PENALTY.

Any person, firm, corporation or other entity which violates any provision of this chapter, or rule prepared and published pursuant to Section 321.12 for which no other penalty has been specifically provided is guilty of a fourth degree misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in

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compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

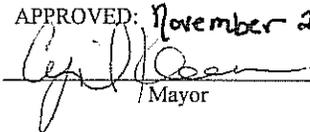
SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare, or providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department, and for the further reason that the City must act immediately for the purpose of consistency, clarity, and a standardization of City law. Therefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage an approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: November 18, 2013



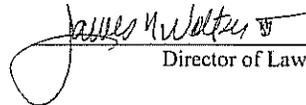
President of Council

ATTEST: Alycia Coom
Clerk of Council

APPROVED: November 21, 2013


Mayor

Approved as to Form:



Director of Law