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Sec. 54-1. Standards for vehicles transporting waste.

No person shall transport garbage, rubbish, or other waste matter upon any street, alley, road or highway of the city in any vehicle unless such vehicle is so constructed and maintained as to prevent offensive odors or exhalations therefrom.

(Code 1989, § 2.1)

Cross reference— Traffic and vehicles, ch. 78.

State Law reference— Vehicles scattering load, MCL 257.720.

Sec. 54-2. Collectors.

No person shall engage in the business of collecting, transporting or disposing of rubbish within the city without first obtaining a license therefor. Licenses shall be issued upon application to the city clerk on forms provided by the city clerk and upon payment of a fee in the amount established by the annual fee resolution adopted by the city council. No such license shall be issued except upon certification by the superintendent of public works that the equipment and the ability of the licensee is such that the licensee is able to conduct a rubbish collection business in accordance with the terms of this chapter and rules and regulations adopted by the city manager under this chapter. The city manager shall make such rules and regulations governing the operation of the business of rubbish collection, transportation and disposition as he may deem necessary to further public health and public safety. The city manager shall revoke the license of any rubbish collector who fails to abide by any such rule or regulation or any provision of this chapter. Prior revocation of a license shall be sufficient grounds for the refusal by the superintendent of public works to certify any future application by such licensee.

(Code 1989, § 2.2)

Charter reference— Licenses and business regulations authorized, § 9.07.

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Sec. 54-3. Littering; accumulations of waste; burying waste; depositing waste on property of another.

No paper, lawn cuttings, or rakings, leaves, weeds, ashes or any other refuse material whatsoever shall be thrown or swept into any street, gutter, intake, alley, vacant lot, park, greenbelt, or other property, whether public or private. It shall be the duty of every tenant, lessee, owner, or occupant of any property at all times to maintain the premises in a clean and orderly condition, permitting no deposit or accumulation of materials other than those ordinarily attendant upon the day-to-day use for which the premises are legally intended. It shall be unlawful to deposit, throw, or leave refuse on the premises of any other person.

(Code 1989, § 2.3)

State Law reference— Littering, MCL 324.8901 et seq.

Sec. 54-4. Disposal of garbage.

No person shall dispose of any garbage within the city other than by means of an approved incinerator, by means of an approved garbage grinder, or to a collection service authorized to engage in such business by the city.

(Code 1989, § 2.4)

Sec. 54-5. Storage and disposal of rubbish.

Any rubbish accumulated or stored outside of a dwelling or building on any premises shall be stored in receptacles meeting the requirements of this chapter. No rubbish may be stored or accumulated which is contaminated by any garbage, unless stored as garbage. Rubbish shall be disposed of only to a licensed rubbish collector, except that any person may dispose of his own rubbish by an approved incinerator located within a building.

(Code 1989, § 2.5)

Sec. 54-6. Disposal of yard waste.

- (a) *Definition.* For purposes of this section, yard waste means the miscellaneous waste material resulting from the reasonable landscaping, gardening and lawn care of a home. The term includes items such as grass, weeds, house plants, leaves, garden waste material, dirt incidental to minor plantings, and branches, trimmings or clippings from trees, shrubs or bushes not exceeding four feet in length or four inches in diameter. The term excludes concrete, earth, rock, stone, tree stumps and branches, logs or any wood from trees, shrubs or bushes exceeding four feet in length or four inches in diameter.
- (b) *Use of disposal site by owner or occupant of city residence.* It is permitted and lawful for every owner or occupant of a residential unit in the city to dispose of, deposit or leave yard waste that is produced or comes from the residential unit in the city which they own or occupy at the designated yard waste disposal site, free of additional charge or tax.
- (c) *Use of disposal site by other persons and businesses.* It shall be prohibited and unlawful for any person not an owner or occupant of a residential unit in the city or for any company or enterprise in the business of lawn care, tree cutting or landscaping, without the written consent or license of the city, to dispose of, deposit or leave any items, including but not limited to yard waste, in the designated yard waste disposal site.

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(Code 1989, § 2.6)

FOOTNOTE(S):

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Charter reference— General powers of city, § 1.01. [\(Back\)](#)

Cross reference— Buildings and building regulations, ch. 18; environment, ch. 34; throwing objects from moving vehicle, § 46-9; deposit of waste in parks, § 50-33; utilities, ch. 82. [\(Back\)](#)

State Law reference— Solid waste management, MCL 324.11501 et seq. [\(Back\)](#)