

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 25 OF THE GREENSBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES WITH RESPECT TO CURBSIDE COLLECTION SERVICE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

Section 1. That Section 25-13 of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 25-13. Curbside collection service

City-served curbside collection services will be provided under the following conditions:

- (a) *Curbside collections scheduling.* City-served curbside collection services will be provided once a week on a day designated for collection by the solid waste manager or his/her/their designee. The day designated will be the same for all collection services offered by the solid waste management division. Solid waste shall not be placed at the curbside prior to the day preceding the scheduled collection day.
- (a1) *Eligibility for service under this section.* All single family residents and single business units shall be eligible for service under this section. Additionally, the owner or owners of attached units in the same complex, are eligible to receive service under this section provided the following conditions are met:
  - (1) The units share a common wall only; and
  - (2) The units sharing the common wall have a driveway servicing only the attached units; and
  - (3) The units have sufficient service yard necessary to accommodate the city approved containers utilized to perform this service; and
  - (4) The unit generates no more garbage per week than can be placed or stored in a maximum of two (2) automated containers totaling a combined capacity of no more than one hundred eighty (180) gallons when accumulated between collections; and
  - (5) The unit is accessible over streets and bridges possessing a capacity and dimensions capable of bearing city vehicles performing the services described in this section as determined by the director of environmental service or his/her/their designee. The bearing capacity must be certified by a professional engineer and transmitted to the director of environmental service or his/her/their designee for determination.
- (b) *Approved solid waste containers.* Eligible customers shall use only city-approved containers for all solid waste removal by the city. The following provisions shall be complied with:
  - (1) *Automated collection system.* Where the automated system is in use for the collection of wet and dry garbage and recyclables, the city approved automated containers shall have the capacity of approximately (90) gallons. The city shall provide one (1) ninety-gallon container for wet and dry garbage and one (1) ninety-gallon approved container for recyclables. Should this not be sufficient

storage between collections, the resident or business may purchase from the city one (1) additional automated container of either type for a fee. Businesses generating in excess of two (2) each ninety-gallon automated containers (in excess of one hundred eighty (180) gallons per week) of wet or dry garbage or of recyclables must convert to at least a six-yard stationary container (dumpster).

(2) *Non-automated collection system.* All households and businesses not part of the automated collection system shall provide approved containers for all solid waste for removal by the city. Wet and dry garbage containers shall have a capacity of no more than thirty-two (32) gallons. The following provisions shall be complied with:

- a. Containers shall be cans made substantially of metal or plastic. Cans shall have tight-fitting covers and strong handles and the covers shall be kept on at all times except when cans are being filled or emptied. Plastic bags serving as approved containers for solid waste collection by city forces shall be properly secured at the bag opening with a twist tie or other means to eliminate any spillage of contents.
- b. Plastic bags to be used as wet and dry garbage containers shall be constructed from film made from high quality polyethylene or similar product. Bags shall withstand normal service handling when filled to a maximum weight of fifty (50) pounds when securely closed with a twist tie.

(c) *Placement of containers.*

(1) In order to collect solid waste, the owner or occupant of each business, or household shall place all solid waste in approved containers and place such solid waste containers between the curb or traveled portion of the street and the property line closest to the curb of the premises from which the same is placed at or before 7:00 a.m., on the day fixed for collection. Solid waste will be collected and removed on the day fixed therefore by the solid waste manager. Public notice shall be given of any change of collection day. City collection personnel shall not provide service if denied reasonable access by parked vehicles, equipment, fixed objects, low hanging wires or other obstructions.

(2) The following rules shall apply for the removal of solid waste:

- a. No wooden boxes, barrels, or any other wooden receptacle, or any other receptacles except approved containers shall be used for collection of wet or dry garbage or recyclables. Solid waste collectors shall be required to remove all such wooden boxes and other receptacles, if so used.
- b. For the purpose of collection, placement of containers will be at ground level, and the use of underground containers will not be permitted save those existing prior to November 1, 1982.

(d) *Removal of containers following collection.*

(1) All containers or carriers placed on any street to be emptied shall, within twelve (12) hours after the contents thereof are emptied and collected, be removed from such street to the rear of the premises by the owner or occupant of the premises

from which such container came to a storage place provided for that purpose, which storage place shall be nearer to the house or building located on the premises than to any street abutting such premises or to any lot line.

- (2) No solid waste containers or any form of movable carriers shall be placed, kept or left on any street for any purpose whatsoever on Saturday or before dusk on Sunday.
  - (3) Any solid waste container or any form of movable carrier placed or found in violation of this section will be deemed a public health hazard and reported to the county environmental health division and be subject to the fine outlined in this chapter.
  - (4) It shall be unlawful to willfully break or cause damage to any city owned automated container. Any person or entity violating this section shall be required to purchase a replacement container from the city and may also be subject to the civil penalties as outlined in this chapter.
- (e) *Spilled materials.* Spilled materials or overflow not caused by city collection crews shall be cleaned up immediately after such spillage or overflow by the property owner or occupant. Spilled solid waste materials caused by city collection crews shall be cleaned up immediately after such spillage occurs by said crew.
- (f) *Yard waste collection service.*
- (1) Yard waste collection shall be provided to residential units and small businesses served by the automated curbside collection system as approved by the solid waste manager or designee. Yard waste collection shall be provided once a week. Residential units having refuse stationary containers (dumpsters) which are serviced by the city may also receive yard waste service if the yard waste is properly prepared as referenced below and brought to the city curb line.  
  
Yard waste collection will not be provided to commercial establishments or industries.
  - (2) Yard waste shall be separated from all other refuse prior to collection. Collection forces shall collect yard waste as stated in (f)(1) above so long as it is properly prepared or containerized and in compliance with these regulations.
    - a. Grass clippings, small shrubbery clippings, leaves, and other small lawn debris shall be collected at the curbside provided that they are placed in ~~clear plastic~~ **biodegradable paper** bags ~~or approved containers for collection purchased by resident, or carts provided by the city for yard waste collection.~~ Such **biodegradable paper** bags shall be ~~clear or transparent,~~ in good condition and of such size and weight that when full, do not weigh more than fifty (50) pounds each and are such that one (1) individual can easily pick up each bag, one (1) at a time, for disposal. ~~Plastic~~ **Biodegradable paper** bags shall be secured ~~at the top~~ when placed at the curbside for collection. No personal containers, other than **biodegradable bags, may be used.**

~~b. Other approved containers used for yard waste shall have tight-fitting lids, equipped with strong handles, and shall not exceed thirty-two (32) gallons in size or fifty (50) pounds in weight when filled. All yard waste containers shall be furnished by the owner or occupant and be made of metal or plastic.~~

e. b. Limbs and large shrubbery to be collected by city collection forces shall be no longer than five (5) feet in length and tied in bundles not to exceed fifty (50) pounds in weight and placed in an orderly manner at the curb. Binding used to secure the bundles shall be strong enough to sustain fifty (50) pounds in weight. Other yard waste items not suitable for tying in bundles must be placed in an approved container.

c. **Paper and biodegradable bags, bundled limbs, and city provided carts are limited to a total of ten (10) per household except from November 1 to the second Wednesday in January, when fifteen (15) are allowed.**

d. City forces will not collect yard waste and yard debris from large landscape projects performed by landscaping companies unless the yard waste is properly prepared as stated in paragraph 25-13(f)(1) through (f)(2).

e. Tree trunks or tree stumps that cannot be readily loaded by two (2) people will not be collected by city collection forces.

f. Loose leaves shall **not** be collected ~~at the curbline~~ by city forces ~~from November through the second Wednesday in January. All other times during the year,~~ leaves **Leaves** shall be bagged or containerized in approved containers, **effective March 1, 2024.**

(g) *Large appliance (white goods) collection.* Collection of large appliances (white goods) shall be provided as follows:

(1) White goods collection will be provided to residential units and small businesses served by the automated curbside collection system as approved by the solid waste manager or designee.

(2) White goods collection will not be provided to commercial establishments or industries.

(3) White goods collection will not be provided to residential units where a landlord/property owner provides the appliances.

a. Appliance collection will be provided to individual tenants for appliances they personally own (those not supplied by the landlord) if the residential complex has refuse stationary containers (dumpsters) which are serviced by the city.

b. Appliances individually owned by a tenant will only be collected if the appliance is brought to the closest city curb line. Appliances can not be placed near or in any stationary container (dumpster). All other collection procedures as outlined in this section must be adhered to.

(4) Appliance collection shall be provided once per week.

- (5) Residents must call the solid waste management division in order to schedule an appointment for appliance collection.
- (h) *Bulk trash.*
- (1) Bulk trash collection shall be provided to residential units and small businesses served by the automated curb side collection system as approved by the solid waste manager or designee.

Bulk trash collection shall be provided once per week.

Residential units having refuse stationary containers (dumpsters) which are serviced by the city may also receive bulk trash service if the bulk trash is properly prepared as referenced below and placed at the closest city curb line.

Bulk trash service will not be provided to large commercial establishments or industries.

- a. Bulk trash shall be placed to the curb by 7:00 a.m. on the collection day to assure pickup.
- b. Bulk trash must be separated from all other refuse prior to collection.
- c. Bulk trash that cannot be readily loaded by two (2) people or is too large to be placed in the collection vehicle will not be collected by city forces.
- d. All glass in windows, doors, mirrors and other items with large expanses of glass must have the glass taped with an "X" mark so it will not shatter in the collection process.
- e. Gasoline and/or oil must be removed from all lawn equipment prior to collection.
- f. Oxygen tanks and other medical equipment; propane tanks; all oil tanks used for household purposes parts of campers, boats, camper shells, trailers; automotive parts, including but not limited to motors, doors, fenders, car seats or batteries from a residentially used premise, etc. shall not be collected by the city forces.
- g. Carpet and padding shall be collected provided the carpeting is rolled and tied in sections no longer than five (5) feet so that two (2) individuals can easily pick up the sections for disposal.
- h. Overflow volumes of wet and dry garbage will not be collected as bulk trash.
- i. No building materials or refuse from building operations, construction materials or remodeling projects generated by or performed by a professional contractor will be collected by city forces. The contractor is responsible for disposal.

(Solid waste forces will collect building materials from small remodeling projects done by the homeowner; up to two (2) thirty-two-gallon container capacity per project)

- j. Off-street special collection of bulk trash is available for an extra fee. Notification must be made to the solid waste management division in order to schedule an appointment for service.
- (2) The solid waste manager or his/her/their designee shall have the authority to require items to be prepared for ease of collection and to assure the safety of the employees performing the collection task. Any item not prepared properly may be refused for collection at the solid waste manager's or his/her/their designee's discretion.
- (3) Owners/customers who become eligible for service under this Section as of March 1, 2005 shall receive it as resources become available to perform the service but in no event later than March 1, 2007.

Section 2. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2024.