

CHAPTER 17

GARBAGE AND TRASH

ARTICLE I – LICENSING COLLECTORS

17-1-1 **DEFINITIONS.** As used in this Chapter, the words, “garbage” and “rubbish” have the following meanings:

(A) **“Garbage”** shall mean wastes resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food; wastes from the handling, storage, and sale of produce.

(B) **“Rubbish”** shall mean combustible trash, including, but not limited to paper, cartons, boxes, barrels, wood, excelsior, wood furniture, bedding; non-combustible trash, including, but not limited to, metals, tin cans, metal furniture, dirt, small quantities of rock and pieces of concrete, glass, crockery, other mineral waste; street rubbish, including, but not limited to street sweepings, dirt, catch-basin dirt, contents of litter receptacles, provided, however, that refuse shall not include earth and wastes from building operations, nor shall it include solid wastes resulting from industrial processes and manufacturing operations such as food processing wastes, boiler house cinders, lumber, scraps and shavings.

(C) **“Yard Waste”** shall mean material such as tree branches, yard trimmings, leaves and grass.

17-1-2 **LIMIT OF ONE FIRM.** There shall be no more than **one (1) firm** or corporation engaged in the business of collecting garbage or rubbish from any other than commercial or industrial firms in the Village, and the collection of garbage and rubbish shall be in accordance with regulations and controls established by the Village Board.

All collection of garbage, rubbish, or trash within the Village shall be handled by the collector designated by the Village. The Village shall negotiate or advertise for bids for the services of a trash collector. He shall collect trash in accordance with the standards of the Village and shall be based upon rates which shall be uniform throughout the Village for the type of service rendered.

The Contract shall be taken for once-a-week pickup under the following rules:

(A) Service shall be available to the customer pursuant to the current contract.

(B) Pickup service may be given from the curb or from the alley behind the property. All containers will be standard trash cans with tight fitting lids.

17-1-3 SCALE OF RATES. The scale of rates for trash collection shall be as determined by the negotiated contract or by bid submitted by a qualified trash and rubbish collector and rates charged shall be as approved by the best responsible bid or by negotiation by the Village Board.

17-1-4 EQUIPMENT. The firm for the handling of collection of trash shall be of good character and give evidence that the equipment used by him is adequate for the purposes intended. The successful firm shall have a truck or trucks which shall be so designated that garbage and rubbish that is collected will be covered at all times or placed in containers that will be covered at all times, except in the loading of garbage or rubbish, so that offensive odors are not permitted to permeate the air and cause a nuisance within the Village. The trucks and all containers in which garbage is collected and transported shall be cleaned daily and the contractor shall not collect garbage on any day without having a clean truck and hand containers if containers are used.

17-1-5 PARKING OF GARBAGE TRUCKS. No truck carrying garbage or rubbish, or both, shall be parked or be permitted to stand anywhere in the Village, longer than is necessary to pick up containers; and empty the same into the truck, providing that the standing of such vehicle was made necessary by mechanical trouble, traffic conditions, accident or obedience to the direction of policemen or traffic signals, shall not be considered a violation of this Code.

17-1-6 WASHING OF TRUCKS. A garbage truck or other equipment shall not be washed on Village streets or public property and shall not be washed where wastewaters will cause any offensive odors to adjoining property owners.

17-1-7 PROPERTY OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY. It shall be the duty of every owner or his agent or occupant of any house, building, apartment or flat in the Village where people reside to maintain in good order a securely covered can for the disposal of garbage or rubbish, or both. The can shall be kept clean and free of odors at all times. The garbage container should be placed at a point where it will not cause nuisances or noxious odors to adjoining property owners. Where the property owner places garbage for collection and disposal in a can, the same should be kept dry as possible. Garbage should be wrapped or placed in a milk carton so as to prevent its scattering and to prevent freezing in winter.

17-1-8 WINDBLOWN GARBAGE. It shall be unlawful to place garbage or rubbish in such a manner as to allow the same to be blown by the wind onto the property of other residents.

17-1-9 **DEPOSIT OF GARBAGE ON STREET.** It shall be unlawful to deposit or permit to fall from any vehicle any garbage, refuse or ashes on any public street or alley in the Village, provided that this Code shall not be construed to prohibit placing garbage, refuse, or ashes in a container complying with the provisions of this Code, preparatory to having such material collected and disposed of in the manner provided herein.

17-1-10 **CONTAINER REQUIREMENTS.** All garbage, refuse and ashes for collection by the Village shall be placed in containers equipped with a cover and equipped with handles so that they may be lifted and carried by one man.

17-1-11 **EXCEPTIONS.** Nothing in this Code shall be deemed to prevent or regulate the hauling of rubbish or refuse from industrial processes, from construction projects or other matter not normally collected on a regular schedule and haulers of rubbish, not normally collected in regular collection, shall be excused from the requirements of obtaining a collector's license as provided in this Code.

17-1-12 **COMPOST SITE.** It shall be unlawful for any person to dump or deposit any thing at the Village "compost" site except yard waste as defined in **Section 17-1-1.**

17-1-13 **SERVICE CHARGE.** A service charge of **Ten Dollars (\$10.00)** per month for each single family dwelling unit, for each housekeeping unit of an apartment building and for each business or commercial establishment shall be paid to the Village monthly for the collection of garbage, refuse and ashes. **(Ord. No. 435; 11-01-05)**