GARBAGE

CHAPTER 19: SOLID WASTE
ARTICLE II. MUNICIPAL COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SYSTEM

Sec. 19-1. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

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Boardinghouse means a building or portion thereof, other than a hotel, where lodging and meals for five or more persons are served for compensation.

Director of health means the director of health of the city or his authorized agent.

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Garbage means, among other similar matter, all animal or vegetable matter, such as waste material and refuse from kitchens, residences, grocery stores, butcher shops, restaurants, cafes, hotels, roominghouses and boardinghouses, and other deleterious or putrescible matter.

Hotel means the space in a building designed for occupancy as a more or less temporary abiding place of individuals who are lodged with or without meals in which there are more than 12 sleeping rooms and in which, as a rule, the rooms are occupied singly for hire, and provision is not usually made for cooking in any individual apartment.

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Noncollectible waste means brick, lumber, plaster, concrete, large tree trunks, stumps, metal scrap, construction or remodeling materials, animal carcasses, demolition or fire debris, or any other material that produces excessive weight and/or that may damage the container or the collection vehicle.

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Receptacle means any disposable container which may be discarded, such as plastic bags of not less than two-mil thickness, trash compactor bags, or any other weatherproof disposable container equal in strength and quality to the disposable bags specified or provided by the city.

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Roominghouse means a building or portion thereof, other than a hotel, where five or more persons are lodged for compensation.

Sanitation division means either the sanitation division of the city or the duly authorized agents of such division.

Sanitation superintendent means either the superintendent of sanitation, his superiors, or his duly authorized agents.

Solid waste means any garbage, refuse, sludge from a waste treatment plant, water supply treatment plant or air pollution control facility, and other discarded material, including solid, liquid, semisolid or contained gaseous material resulting from industrial, municipal, commercial, mining and agricultural operations, and from community and institutional activities, but does not include:

(1) Solid or dissolved material in domestic sewage, or solid or dissolved material in irrigation return flows, or industrial discharges subject to regulation by permit issued pursuant to V.T.C.A., Water Code Ch. 26;

(2) Soil, dirt, rock, sand and other natural or manmade inert solid materials used to fill land if the object of the fill is to make the land suitable for the construction of surface improvements; or

(3) Waste materials which result from activities associated with the exploration, development or production of oil or gas or geothermal resources, and any other substance or material regulated by the Railroad Commission of Texas pursuant to V.T.C.A., Natural Resources Code § 91.101.

Trash means rubbish, such as paper, boxes, grass, shrubs, yard cleanings, yard clippings, leaves, tree trimmings, weeds, hedge trimmings and similar matter, or solid waste that does not include any noncollectible or prohibited material.

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Waste means, among other similar matter, all bottles, cans, containers, boxes, paper, plastic and other putrescible material.

(Code 1966, § 11-1)

Sec. 19-26. Garbage receptacles--Required; location.

(a) No person shall place or throw any garbage, trash or waste of any kind or character upon any street, sidewalk, alley, public way, parking lot or open space in the city except in a receptacle as hereinafter described. Such receptacle is to be placed on the

rear of the premises adjoining the alley, at a point accessible to the garbage collectors. Where a residence is not served by an alley, public utility easement or other public way in the rear or alongside thereof, all receptacles shall be placed upon the front edge of the front sidewalk so as to be accessible to the garbage collectors. Garbage receptacles may be placed at other locations as may be designated by the superintendent of the sanitation department from time to time. It shall be unlawful for any person, occupant or person in control of any residence to permit receptacles serving residential property to remain on the public right-of-way, whether front, side or rear, on days other than those designated by the sanitation superintendent for garbage and trash collection.

(b) It shall be unlawful for the owner, occupant or person in control of any residence, or business or commercial establishment to allow garbage, trash or waste to be piled, placed or to accumulate on any sidewalk or street within the city. All such garbage, trash and waste shall be placed in approved containers as provided for in this article.

(Code 1966, § 11-2)

Sec. 19-27. Same--Type; capacity.

All occupants of residences or dwelling houses in the city shall use disposable containers. Any disposable container may be used; however, no person shall use a disposable container of lesser strength or quality than that specified by the city. All disposable containers shall be securely fastened and the city shall not collect disposable containers which weigh more than 50 pounds.

(Code 1966, § 11-3)

Sec. 19-28. Frequency of collection.

(a) All garbage, trash, and waste shall be collected and removed from every residence in the city at least two times per week unless otherwise ordered by the director of health.

(b) All garbage, trash and waste shall be collected and removed from every other type of occupancy on a schedule as determined by the sanitation superintendent and approved by the director of health.

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(Code 1966, § 11-4; Ord. No. 3475, § 1, 8-23-04)