

An Ordinance Establishing a Municipal Service for the Collection and Disposal of Garbage and Rubbish Accumulated in the City; setting forth the authority of the Board of Public Works; prescribing regulations for the storage and collection of garbage and rubbish; and prescribing penalties for violations of its provisions.

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, THAT THE FOLLOWING RULES AND PROCEDURES SHALL GOVERN THE MUNICIPAL GARBAGE AND RUBBISH COLLECTION PROGRAM OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA:

1 SECTION 1. This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as
2 the "Municipal Refuse Collection Service Ordinance of the City
3 of Bloomington, Indiana."

4 SECTION 2. Definitions. For the purposes of this Ordinance the
5 following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the
6 meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words
7 used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural
8 number include the singular number, words in the singular number
9 include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and
10 not merely directory.

11 (a) "Putrescible substances" are substances which are subject
12 to organic decomposition.

13 (b) "Garbage" is putrescible animal and vegetable wastes
14 resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking, and
15 consumption of food.

16 (c) "Refuse" is all putrescible and nonputrescible solid
17 wastes (except body wastes), including garbage, rubbish, ashes,
18 street cleaning, dead animals, abandoned automobiles and solid
19 market and industrial wastes.

20 (d) "Rubbish" is nonputrescible solid wastes consisting of
21 both combustible and non-combustible wastes, such as paper, cardboard,
22 tin cans, yard clippings, wood, glass, bedding, crockery, and
23 similar materials.

24 SECTION 3. Collection Supervised by the Board of Public Works.
25 All refuse accumulated in the City shall be collected, conveyed
26 and disposed of by the City under the supervision of the Board
27 of Public Works. The Board shall have the authority to make
28 regulations concerning the days of collection, type and
29 location of waste containers and such other matters pertaining
30 to the collection, conveyance and disposal as it shall find necessary,
31 and to change and modify the same after notice as required by
32 law, provided that such regulations are not contrary to the
33 provisions hereof.

34 SECTION 4. Precollection Practices.

35 (a) Preparation of Refuse.

36 1. Garbage. All garbage before being placed in garbage
37 cans for collection shall have drained from it all free liquids
38 and shall be wrapped.

39 2. All rubbish shall be drained of liquid before being
40 deposited for collection.

41 2-A. All cans and bottles which have contained
42 food shall be thoroughly rinsed and drained before being deposited
43 for collection. All broken glass shall be wrapped.

44 2-B. Trimmings and Clippings. Tree trimmings, hedge
45 clippings and similar material shall be cut to length not to
46 exceed four feet and securely tied in bundles not more than two
47 feet thick before being deposited for collection.

48 2-C Other articles less than four feet by two feet by
49 two feet shall be taken if the article can be loaded by one
50 person.

51 2-D. Effective March 1, 1973, all newspapers, newsprint
52 and magazines will be recycled and shall be separated from the
53 regular garbage and rubbish; paper is to be bundled and securely
54 tied in piles not to exceed twenty-four inches in height, and
55 shall be separated as follows: a--newspapers and newsprint

56 b--magazines

57 SECTION 5. Refuse Containers

58 (a) Duty to provide and maintain in sanitary condition.
59 Refuse containers shall be provided by the owner, tenant, lessee,
60 or occupant of the premises. Refuse containers shall be maintained
61 in good condition. Any container that does not conform to the
62 provisions of this Ordinance or that may have ragged or sharp
63 edges or any other defect liable to hamper or injure the person
64 collecting the contents thereof shall be promptly replaced upon notice.
65 The Director of the Municipal Refuse Collection Service shall have the
66 authority to refuse collection services for failure to comply herewith.

67 (b) All garbage and rubbish shall be put in a covered,
68 water-tight metal, plastic, or other approved containers, or in paper
69 bags approved for use by the Board of Public Works; provided,
70 however, that plastic bags shall not be considered acceptable plastic
71 containers.

72 b-1 -- Only paper bags approved by the Board of Public
73 Works can be used as garbage and rubbish containers after
74 June 30, 1974.

75 SECTION 6. Collection Practices.

76 (a) Frequency of Collection. Collections shall be made
77 twice each week from May 1st through October 31st each year
78 and once each week during the period from November 1st through
79 April 30th each year. Collection schedules shall be established
80 and published by the Board of Public Works.

81 (b) Collections shall be made from all places of residence
82 within the city limits.

83 (c) Collections shall be made from curbs or, when there are
84 no curbs, the property line immediately adjacent to the public
85 thoroughfare. There will be no collection from alleys. All
86 containers must be placed adjacent to the curbs, and suitable
87 for the packers. All containers shall be put back in an upright
88 position and the covers replaced.

89 (d) Containers and articles to be picked up may not remain
90 at the curb longer than twenty-four hours.

91 (e) Collections shall be made only during the hours of 5:30 a.m.
92 to 10:00 p.m.

93 SECTION 7. Failure to prepare all garbage, rubbish, and paper
94 as specified above shall be a violation of this ordinance.

95 SECTION 8. Any person violating the provisions of the ordinance
96 shall be sent a warning citation for the first such violation and
97 a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00) for any subsequent violation
98 committed within six months of the first violation.

99 SECTION 9. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from
100 and after its passage, publication, and promulgation in accordance
101 with the law.

102 Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of
103 Bloomington, Indiana, on the 21st day of December, 1972

Charlotte T. Zietlow
Charlotte T. Zietlow, President
Common Council

ATTEST:

Grace E. Johnson
Grace Johnson, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Indiana,
on the 26th day of December, 1972, at the
hour of 12 o'clock p.m.

Grace E. Johnson
Grace Johnson, City Clerk

This ordinance approved and signed by me on the 26th day
of December, 1972, at the hour of 1 o'clock p.m.

Francis X. McCloskey
Francis X. McCloskey, Mayor

INTRODUCED BY:

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE:

APPROVED AS TO LEGALITY:
