

Chapter 48 - Litter

6.101 Definitions.

In the interpretation of this Chapter, the following definitions shall apply, except where the context clearly indicates that another meaning is intended:

- (1) "Private premises" shall mean any lot or parcel of land owned or occupied by any person whether or not improved with any dwelling, house, building, or other structure, whether inhabited or temporarily or continuously uninhabited or vacant, and shall include any yard, grounds, walk, driveway, porch, steps, vestibule or mailbox belonging or appurtenant to any dwelling, house, building, or other structure erected thereon.
- (2) "Public place" shall mean any and all streets, sidewalks, boulevards, alleys, or other public ways and any and all public parks, squares, spaces, grounds, and buildings.
- (3) "Garbage" shall mean putrescible animal and vegetable wastes resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food.
- (4) "Refuse" shall mean all putrescible and nonputrescible solid wastes including garbage, rubbish, ashes, street cleanings, dead animals, abandoned automobiles, junk and solid market and industrial wastes.
- (5) "Rubbish" shall mean nonputrescible solid wastes consisting of both combustible and non-combustible wastes, such as paper, wrappings, cigarettes, cardboard, tin cans, yard clippings, leaves, wood, glass, bedding, crockery and similar materials.
- (6) "Litter" shall mean garbage, refuse, and rubbish as defined herein and all other waste material which, if thrown or deposited as herein prohibited, tends to create a danger to public health, safety and welfare.

6.102 Litter in Public Places.

No person shall throw or deposit litter in or upon any street, sidewalk or other public place within the City except in public receptacles, or in authorized private receptacles for collection.

6.103 Use of Waste Receptacles.

Persons placing litter in public receptacles or in authorized private receptacles shall do so in such a manner as to prevent it from being carried or deposited by the elements upon any street, sidewalk or other public place or upon private property.

6.104 Sweeping Litter Into Gutters.

No person shall sweep into or deposit in any gutter, street or other public place within the City the accumulation of litter from any building or lot or from any public or private sidewalk or driveway. Persons owning or occupying property shall keep the sidewalk in front of their premises free of litter.

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6.105 Merchants' Duty to Keep Sidewalks Clean.

No person owning or occupying a place of business shall sweep into or deposit in any gutter, street or other public place within the City the accumulation of litter from any building or lot or from any public or private sidewalk or driveway. Persons owning or occupying places of business within the City shall keep the sidewalk in front of their business premises free of litter.

6.106 Litter on Occupied Private Property.

No person shall throw or deposit litter on any private premises within the City, whether owned by such person or not, except the owner or person in control of occupied private premises may maintain authorized private receptacles for collection in such a manner that litter will be prevented from being carried or deposited by the elements upon any street, sidewalk or other public place or upon any private property.

6.107 Enforcement.

The Public Works Director is hereby charged with the enforcement of this Chapter.

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