

TEMPORARY ORDINANCE NO. 4-16

PERMANENT ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REPLACE LANCASTER CODIFIED ORDINANCE PART NINE – STREETS, UTILITIES & PUBLIC SERVICES CODE, TITLE FIVE – OTHER PUBLIC SERVICE, CHAPTER 937 – WASTE REMOVAL, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, AND TO REPEAL EXISTING PART NINE – STREETS, UTILITIES & PUBLIC SERVICES CODE, TITLE FIVE – OTHER PUBLIC SERVICE, CHAPTER 937 – WASTE REMOVAL

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That Part Nine – Streets, Utilities & Public Services Code, Title Five – Other Public Service, Chapter 937 – Waste Removal, be amended and replaced pursuant to Exhibit “A” attached hereto.

SECTION 2. That existing Part Nine – Streets, Utilities & Public Services Code, Title Five – Other Public Service, Chapter 937 – Waste Removal, is repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 3. That a real and present emergency exists and that this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____ after _____ reading. Vote: Yeas _____ Nays _____

Approved: _____

President of Council

Clerk: _____

Mayor

Offered by: _____

Second by: _____

Requested by Service Committee



**CHAPTER 937
Waste Removal**

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CROSS REFERENCES

Collection and disposal - see Ohio R.C. 715.43, 717.01

Employment of scavengers - see Ohio R.C. 3707.39

Disposal and transportation upon public ways - see Ohio R.C. 3767.20 et seq.

Obstructing streets with building construction refuse - see BLDG. 1311.01

937.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) "Acceptable waste" means that portion of the residential and commercial stream that is normally disposed of by occupants of a residential dwelling or commercial establishment including only common household waste and refuse.
- (b) "Acceptable waste container" means those containers that may be used for acceptable waste disposal pursuant to the requirements in Section 937.04. An acceptable waste container does include a sealed plastic bag.
- (c) "Common household waste" means waste originating from a residential unit or commercial entities and includes, but is not limited to fiber material, paper, cardboard, packaging, cans, bottles, jars, food wastes and other similar materials.
- (d) "Condemned products" means any structure, installation, utensil, equipment, food, drink, feed, chemical or biological preparation, device or article of any kind, that may be a health hazard as determined by the Health Commissioner and which has been seized, tagged or labeled by the Health Commissioner as a hazard and which may not be used in any manner until the Health Commissioner determines the hazard has been abated.
- (e) "Construction, remodeling and demolition waste" means all waste building materials, rubble and spoils resulting from construction, remodeling, repair, and demolition operations on buildings, dwelling units, places of business, garages, pavements, streets, alleys, trenches, ditches, underground utilities, excavations, and other structures including, but not limited to roofing, concrete and cinder block, plaster, insulation, lumber, structural steel, plumbing fixtures, electrical wiring, heating and ventilation equipment, windows and doors, interior finishing materials such as woodwork and cabinets, siding, sheathing and aged railroad ties.
- (f) "Double or duplex family residence" means the grouping together of two residential units under a common roof.

- (g) "Hazardous waste" means any chemical, compound mixture, substance, or article which has been designated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or an appropriate agency of the State to be hazardous, including, but not limited to flammables such as paint, gasoline, lacquer thinner, or any container that once contained these materials, as well as propane tanks, gun powder and other explosives, and automobile batteries.
- (h) "Medical waste, infectious waste" shall include:
- (1) Cultures and stocks of infectious agents and associated biologicals;
 - (2) Laboratory wastes that were, or are likely to have been, in contact with infectious agents that may present a substantial threat to public health if improperly managed;
 - (3) Pathological wastes;
 - (4) Waste materials from the rooms of humans, or the enclosures of animals, that have been isolated because of diagnosed communicable disease that are likely to transmit infectious agents;
 - (5) Human and animal blood specimens and blood products that are being disposed of not including patient care waste such as bandages or disposable gowns that are lightly soiled with blood or other body fluids;
 - (6) Contaminated carcasses, body parts, and bedding of animals that were intentionally exposed to infectious agents during research, production of biologicals, or testing of pharmaceuticals, and carcasses and bedding of animals otherwise infected that may present a substantial threat to public health if improperly managed;
 - (7) Sharp wastes such as hypodermic needles, syringes, or scalpel blades used in the treatment, diagnosis, or inoculation of human beings or animals or that have, or are likely to have, come in contact with infectious agents in medical research or industrial laboratories and which must be placed into puncture-resistant containers before disposal;
 - (8) Any other waste materials generated in the diagnosis, treatment, or immunization of human beings or animals, in research pertaining thereto, or in the production or testing of biologicals that the public council created in Ohio R.C. 3701.33;
 - (9) Any other waste materials the generator designates as infectious waste.
- (i) "Multiple-family residence" or "apartment" means the grouping together under a common roof of three or more residential units.
- (j) "Radioactive waste" means any substance that spontaneously emits ionizing radiation.
- (k) "Recyclables" means aluminum cans, glass bottles and jars, plastic containers, tin cans, newspaper and any other material designated by the Sanitation Department as recyclables.
- (l) "Refrigerants and items containing chlorofluorocarbons (CFC) or their substitutes" means items that contain chlorofluorocarbons which contribute to the depletion of the ozone layer. This includes refrigerators and other devices utilizing either chlorofluorocarbons as a coolant or the substitutes for chlorofluorocarbons which may not cause ozone depletion but which are subject to special handling requirements.
- (m) "Refuse" means paper, boxes, baskets, rags, old shoes, broken glass, tin cans, ashes and similar discarded materials. It does not include construction, remodeling, and demolition waste.
- (n) "Residential unit" means the place of abode of persons living separately or together as an independent family.
- (o) "Unacceptable waste" means that portion of the waste stream that will not be picked up by the City of Lancaster and is further defined in Section 937.14.
- (p) "Volume", as used in Section 937.02, means average volume.

- (q) "White goods" are a type of bulk refuse that may be recycled or resold including, but not limited to large, enameled appliances such as clothing washers and dryers, dish washers, furnaces and electrical heaters, hot water heaters, stove and ovens.
- (r) "Yard waste" means solid waste that included only grass clippings, brush, garden waste, tree trunks, holiday trees, tree trimmings, and/or prunings. (Source: EPA definition from The Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Regulations OAC 3745-27).
(Ord. 11-97. Passed 2-24-97.)

937.02 PURPOSE.

(a) This waste code is enacted to preserve and promote the public health, safety and welfare by establishing minimum standards for the storage, collection, transportation and disposal of acceptable and unacceptable waste in order to maintain a sanitary environment for the residents of the City of Lancaster. Whenever this chapter conflicts with any other portion of the Codified Ordinances, this chapter shall prevail with respect to any matters relating to acceptable or unacceptable waste generated by residential units or places of business.
(Ord. 11-97. Passed 2-24-97.)

937.03 RATES FOR COLLECTION.

(a) Monthly Rates. Monthly rates for the collection and disposal of acceptable waste by the City are hereby established as follows:

- (1) Class 1. Any one or two persons, sixty-two years of age or older, occupying a single dwelling, unlimited quantity. Occupants must sign an application at the Sanitation Office.
2003 Rate - nine dollars (\$9.00) per month.
- (2) ~~Class 2. Residential use, unlimited quantity in thirty-three gallon cans or thirty-three gallon bags weighing no more than fifty pounds per container.~~
Class 2. Residence using no more than eight forty-five gallon cans or forty-five gallon bags OR no more than two ninety-six gallon rollout trash cans weighing no more than fifty pounds per container, excluding yard waste.
2003 Rate - thirteen dollars and fifty cents (\$13.50) per month.
- (3) Class 3. Small business using no more than four thirty-three gallon cans or thirty-three gallon bags per week.
2003 Rate - thirteen dollars and fifty cents (\$13.50) per month.
- (4) Class 4. Normal business using bags or cans, not to exceed a maximum of two cubic yards (twelve thirty-three gallon bags or cans per week) of acceptable waste.
2003 Rate - twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) per month.
- (5) Class 5a. Commercial, industrial, multiple-family and business using dumpsters per uncompacted cubic yard, with minimum of two cubic yards.
2003 Rate - eighteen dollars and seventy-five cents (\$18.75) per month.
- (6) Class 5b. Commercial, industrial, multiple-family and business using dumpster per compacted cubic yard.
2003 Rate - sixty-eight dollars and fifty cents (\$68.50) per month.
(Ord. 55-02. Passed 12-16-02.)

(b) Dumpsters. Dumpsters shall be approved by the Sanitation Department.
(Ord. 11-97. Passed 2-24-97.)

937.04 PRIVATE WASTE DISPOSAL.

(a) No person shall throw, dump or deposit acceptable or unacceptable waste upon the ground or bury the same upon any premises, public or private, within the City, and no person shall permit

any acceptable or unacceptable waste to stand or lay on the premises occupied by him, as tenant or owner, for a period of longer than one week or burn the same in any place except a heating plant or incinerator so designed as to ~~thoroughly~~ **thoroughly** consume the same without causing nuisance or smoke, fly ash or offensive odors. Whenever a landlord assumes responsibility for utility services for a tenant, such landlord shall be equally responsible with the tenant for sanitation services as provided herein. (Ord. 11-97. Passed 2-24-97.)

937.05 ACCEPTABLE WASTE CONTAINER REGULATIONS.

(a) Garbage Cans.

- (1) It shall be the duty of each family or person requiring the removal of acceptable waste to provide suitable metal or plastic containers not exceeding ~~thirty-three~~ **forty-five** gallons with lids of standard design for holding waste.
- (2) Acceptable containers shall be water-tight, provided with suitable handles on the outside and a tight fitting cover which shall not be removed except when necessary in the use of such cans.
- (3) Each can shall not exceed fifty pounds in weight when loaded.
- (4) ~~All waste must be wrapped in newspaper or wrapping paper or placed in paper or plastic bags before being placed in garbage cans.~~

(b) Plastic Bags.

- (1) Standard plastic bags not exceeding ~~thirty-three~~ **forty-five** gallons may be used in lieu of cans.
 - (2) Standard plastic bags must be tied in such manner that no materials will escape.
 - (3) Each plastic bag shall not exceed fifty pounds in weight when loaded.
- (Ord. 11-97. Passed 2-24-97.)

937.06 COLLECTION BUSINESS PROHIBITED.

(a) No person, business, firm or corporation, except the City, shall engage in or carry on the business of collection, hauling and disposing of waste in the City.

(b) An exception to this section is permitted if such person, business, firm or corporation received permission in writing from the Superintendent of Sanitation and Service-Safety Director. (Ord. 11-97. Passed 2-24-97.)

937.07 VEHICLES OF PRIVATE HAULERS.

Industrial or other producers of waste herein granted the right to convey waste to the waste disposal site shall accomplish the same in trucks or vehicles so constructed as to prevent the leakage or scattering of the contents thereof, and all such conveyances shall be provided with a suitable tarpaulin which shall at all times cover the contents thereof, except when being loaded or unloaded. (Ord. 11-97. Passed 2-24-97.)

937.08 COLLECTION REGULATIONS.

(a) It is the intention of this chapter that each family or person occupying a separate place of residence, or each business or firm, shall make a separate provision for the collection and removal of acceptable waste. There shall be no doubling up. Any dwelling of three apartments and/or three separate businesses shall, if deemed necessary, be required to have a dumpster.

(b) No acceptable waste shall be placed or allowed to be placed for removal except in the acceptable waste containers provided for that purpose by the person so placing such waste. Acceptable waste containers shall not be placed for pick-up until the night before or the day of pick-up service and no later than 7:30 a.m. on day of pickup.

(c) Collection shall be made at the street curb or alley property line as determined by the Superintendent of the Sanitation Department.

(d) When, in the opinion of the Superintendent of the Sanitation Department, an alternate routine of collection will better serve the City and the person whose acceptable waste is being collected, the Superintendent may use such an alternate route.

(e) All cans shall be returned by the City employees to designated pick-up points. Owners shall then return containers to the point of origin.
(Ord. 11-97. Passed 2-24-97.)

937.09 OWNERSHIP OF WASTE ON DISPOSAL SITE.

All waste on the disposal site is the property of the City, and no person shall be allowed to separate and collect, carry off or dispose of the same except under the direction of the Sanitation Superintendent.
(Ord. 11-97. Passed 2-24-97.)

937.10 DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE; NUISANCE CONDITIONS.

Fermenting, putrefying and odoriferous waste in containers which has not been collected or which has been dumped in the open due to failure to pay waste removal fees shall be declared a nuisance and the person or persons responsible shall be liable to prosecution under Ohio R.C. 3767.13.
(Ord. 11-97. Passed 2-24-97.)

937.11 DUMPSTERS.

(a) It shall be the duty of all commercial businesses and multiple-family dwellings, where thirty-three gallon containers are not suitable for the amount of acceptable waste accumulated, to maintain a dumpster. Such dumpster shall be constructed and located so as to allow servicing by City equipment by means of a specially designed dumping mechanism.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Superintendent of Sanitation to determine the need, size, number, and frequency of pick up of dumpsters and require use of same.
(Ord. 11-97. Passed 2-24-97.)

937.12 TRANSFER STATION RATES.

(a) The following rates shall be charged at the Transfer Station for all residents and customers within the Solid Waste District.

~~(1) Class 1. Minimum charge per customer, up to 200 pounds.
2003 Rate - \$6.00.~~

~~(2) Class 2. 200 lbs. up to and including 999 lbs. charged at flat rate.
2003 Rate - \$ 14.00.~~

(1) Class 2. Minimum charge per customer, up to 999 lbs. Rate - \$20.00.

~~(3) Class 3. Per ton, if 1,000 lbs. or over. Rate charged in \$1.00 increments rounded down to the nearest dollar.
2003 Rate - \$37.00.~~

(2) Class 3. Per ton, if 1,000 lbs. or over. Rate - \$45.00.

~~(4) Class 4. Each appliance, other than refrigerant based.
2003 Rate - \$9.00.~~

(3) Class 4. Each appliance, other than refrigerant base. Rate - \$10.00.

~~(5) Class 5. Each refrigerant based appliance.
2003 Rate - \$15.00.~~

(4) **Class 5. Each refrigerant based appliance. Rate - \$15.00.**

~~(6) **Class 6. Tires each.**
2003 Rate - \$6.00.~~

(5) **Class 5. Tires – each.**

a. Light truck or passenger care tire. Rate - \$10.00.

b. Heavy truck tire. Rate - \$15.00.

c. Tractor tire. Rate - \$25.00.

(Ord. 55-02. Passed 12-16-02.)

(b) The Transfer Station will not accept building materials, yard waste, dirt, liquids, or large automotive parts.

(c) The use of the Transfer Station shall be restricted to the residents and commercial haulers of the Coshocton-Fairfield-Licking-Perry County Solid Waste District.

(d) Transfer Station Accounts. Customers using charge accounts at the Transfer Station shall be charged a penalty of one and five tenths ~~percent~~ **percent** (1.5%) per month (18% APR) on outstanding balances thirty calendar days from the closing date of their statement. Charge accounts are to be approved at the discretion of the Sanitation Superintendent using volume as one of the criteria. The superintendent has the authority to refuse to open charge accounts.

(Ord. 11-97. Passed 2-24-97.)

937.13 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FEES.

The following fees shall be established for the Coshocton, Fairfield, Licking, Perry Solid Waste District:

- (a) One dollar (\$1.00)/ton for waste generated within the District;
- (b) Two dollars (\$2.00)/ton for waste generated outside the District, but inside the State; and
- (c) One dollar (\$1.00)/ton for waste generated outside the State.

(Ord. 11-97. Passed 2-24-97.)

937.14 UNACCEPTABLE WASTE, RECYCLABLES AND YARD WASTE.

(a) Unacceptable Waste, Recyclables and Yard Waste and Exclusions.

(1) Unacceptable waste.

A. "Unacceptable waste" means that portion of the waste stream that will not be collected by the City of Lancaster. If any other governmental agency or unit having appropriate jurisdiction determines that substances which are not as of yet considered harmful, toxic, or dangerous, are in fact harmful, toxic or dangerous or are hazardous or harmful to health, then any such substances or materials should thereafter constitute unacceptable waste.

B. "Unacceptable waste" includes but is not limited to:

- 1. Medical waste, infectious waste (defined in Section 937.01.)
- 2. Radioactive waste (defined in Section 937.01.)
- 3. Hazardous waste (defined in Section 937.01.)
- 4. Explosive materials
- 5. Liquid waste including motor oil
- 6. Asbestos
- 7. Whole and shredded tires
- 8. Lead acid batteries
- 9. Drums and barrels
- 10. Motor vehicles or major parts thereof
- 11. Equipment or machinery
- 12. Fecal matter, other than human fecal matter contained in a diaper

or other sanitary garment, pad or napkin and wrapped separately in plastic before it is placed into a container or receptacle

13. Construction, remodeling and demolition waste (defined in Section 937.01.)
14. Refrigerants or items containing chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) or their substitutes (defined in Section 937.01.)
15. Ashes of any kind
16. Offal or animal wastes, byproducts or hide trimmings
17. Nonresidential waste
18. Shredder fluff from shredding automobiles, light duty trucks, motor vehicle engines, household appliances, white goods, (defined in Section 937.01) and other miscellaneous metal parts
19. Condemned products (defined in Section 937.01)
20. And other items as may be determined by the Sanitation Superintendent

~~(2) Recyclables:~~

~~A. Recyclables will be collected at curb line in approved containers at no additional cost.~~

~~B. Recyclables must be in the City approved recycle bin with newspaper in tied bundles or paper bags.~~

(3) Yard waste.

A. Yard waste will be collected at curb line only in approved container at no additional cost.

B. Yard waste must be:

1. Tied in bundles not exceeding four feet in length and two feet in diameter or fifty pounds; or
2. Placed in ~~bio-degradable paper bags~~ **acceptable waste containers or bags** weighing no more than fifty pounds each when loaded with waste.

~~C. Co-mingling of yard waste within the same container as acceptable waste is prohibited.~~

- (4) Any exclusion or exception to any part of this chapter shall be approved by the Superintendent or his designated representative.
(Ord. 11-97. Passed 2-24-97.)

937.15 BULK PICK-UP RATES AND REGULATIONS.

A. Bulk Pick-up. Any resident or business within Lancaster City limits may call the Sanitation Department to make an appointment for bulk pick-up of items not picked up with normal waste for an additional fee.

- 1. Minimum \$25.00 charge per bulk pick-up, with minimum of one cubic yard.**
- 2. Each Additional yard will have a fee of \$18.75 per cubic yard with a maximum of eight cubic yards, not exceeding \$150.00.**

937.16 CHARGES A LIEN

A. Each charge or rental levied by or pursuant to the chapter is made a lien upon the corresponding lot, land or premises served by the Sanitation Department of the City, and if the same is not paid within thirty days after it shall become due and payable, it shall be certified to the County Auditor who shall place the same on the tax duplicate of the County with the interest and penalties allowed by law and shall be collected.

937.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Each day's violation shall constitute a separate offense. (Ord. 11-97. Passed 2-24-97.)