



ORDINANCE NO. 701-2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORRIS, TENNESSEE, TO REPEAL AND REPLACE TITLE 17, CHAPTER 1, REFUSE.

- WHEREAS,** Title 17, Chapter 1, Garbage and Refuse of the Norris Municipal Code regulates trash disposal and collection within the City of Norris; and
- WHEREAS,** the City recently issued a request for proposals for refuse collection services; and
- WHEREAS,** no entities responded to the alternate request to continue backdoor pickup services to all residences, necessitating a switch to curbside collection of refuse; and
- WHEREAS,** the switch to curbside collection will require amendments to the Norris Municipal Code; and
- WHEREAS,** in conjunction with these amendments, the Norris City Council also wishes to adopt language formalizing other waste disposal services provided by the City of Norris.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Norris, Tennessee that:

- SECTION 1.** The Norris Municipal Code, Title 17, Chapter 1, Refuse is hereby repealed and replaced
- SECTION 2:** Severability. Each section, paragraph, sentence, and clause of this ordinance is declared to be separate and severable. The invalidity of any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, or clause shall not affect the validity of any other provision of the ordinance.
- SECTION 3:** Repealer. All ordinances and parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with any provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
- SECTION 4:** Effective. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval as required by law.

Adopted First Reading: _____

Public Hearing: _____

Adopted Second Reading: _____

Signed, Mayor

Attest, City Manager

TITLE 17
REFUSE AND TRASH DISPOSAL

CHAPTER

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17-101. Definitions. The following words are defined as indicated for the purposes of this chapter:

- (1) "Ashes." All residues resulting from the combustion of coal, coke, wood or any other material or substances in domestic, industrial or commercial stoves, furnaces or boilers.
- (2) "Authorized residential container." Shall mean those obtained from the City of Norris, Tennessee, or its designated contractor, and shall be ninety-six (96) gallon containers which can be handled with mechanical equipment on the garbage truck and which do not require manual lifting by the sanitation workers.
- (3) "Building materials." Any material such as lumber, brick, block stone, plaster, concrete, asphalt, roofing shingles, gutters or any other substances accumulated as the result of repairs or additions to existing buildings or structures, construction of new buildings or structures.
- (4) "Bulk container." Shall mean and include front end loading, enclosed, metal, dumpster-type containers having a capacity of no less than four (4) cubic yards nor greater than eight (8) cubic yards.

- (5) "Bulky refuse." Stoves, refrigerators, water tanks, washing machines, furniture, automotive parts, tires, bedding, furnaces or similar bulky material having weight greater than fifty (50) pounds and/or a volume greater than thirty (30) gallons.
- (6) "Cuttings." All tree limbs, trimmings, shrubbery, etc.
- (7) "Garbage." Putrescible animal and vegetable waste, liquid, or otherwise resulting from the handling, processing, preparation, cooking and consumption of food and all cans, bottles and other containers originally used for food stuffs.
- (8) "Garden refuse." All accumulations of plants, stems, roots, vegetables and fruits remaining after harvest.
- (9) "Hazardous refuse." Means any chemical, compounds, mixture, substance or article which may constitute a hazard to health or may cause damage to property by reason of being explosive, flammable, poisonous, corrosive, unstable, irritating, radioactive or otherwise harmful.
- (10) "Industrial waste." Shall mean all wastes peculiar to industrial, manufacturing or processing plants.
- (11) "Producer." Either the person responsible for the ashes, garbage, refuse, trash, industrial waste, and any other waste material or the occupant of the place or building in which such is produced or in which the person responsible for such has a place of business or residence.
- (12) "Refuse." All solid wastes (except body waste) including garbage, trash, ashes, street cleanings, and dead animals.
- (13) "Trash." Nonputrescible solid wastes consisting of both combustible and noncombustible wastes such as paper, boxes, cloth, wrappings, crates, glass and similar material. This shall not include bulky refuse.
- (14) "Yard waste." Cuttings, leaves, grass clippings, etc. resulting from normal maintenance and care of landscaped, manicured grounds and lawns.

17-102. Premises to be kept clean and containers required. All persons within the City of Norris are required to keep their premises in a clean and sanitary condition, free from accumulations of refuse, garbage, offal, rubbish, yard waste, or trash except when stored as provided in this chapter.

It shall be the duty of every person in possession, charge or control of any premises of a residential establishment, where garbage or trash is created or accumulated to keep or cause to be kept at all times containers, specified herein, for the deposit of garbage and trash generated on the premises.

17-103. Abutting occupants to keep streets, etc., clean and not deposit refuse thereon. Occupants of the premises shall be responsible for the sanitary condition of the streets, avenues, and alleys abutting the property or premises occupied by them and it shall be unlawful for any person to place, deposit, or sweep any garbage, offal, refuse, rubbish, trash, yard waste, or ashes into the streets, avenues, driveways, or vacant lots of the City of Norris, Tennessee.

17-104. Residential containers, storage and requirements. Refuse may be stored for collection authorized residential containers, as defined in Section 17-101. Lids or covers of such containers shall be kept tightly closed and water tight at all times other than when refuse is being deposited therein or removed therefrom.

17-105. Exclusive collection. It shall be unlawful for any person other than the city or its authorized contractor to engage in the business of collecting, removing and disposing of refuse in the city except those private collectors specifically authorized by the city. The city shall establish rules and regulations to be adopted by the city council to govern the activities of such private collectors. This does not prohibit establishments from collecting and hauling their own refuse so long as measures are taken to prevent the spillage of refuse during transit.

17-106. Collection service required. All residential single-family premises within the corporate limits as defined in shall receive refuse collection and disposal service, under the supervision of the city manager or his/her designated representative. Collections shall be made regularly in accordance with an announced schedule.

17-107. Residential collection practices: garbage collection, frequency, placement, etc. (1) Garbage shall be collected from each residential establishment at least once a week as scheduled by the city manager.

(2) Residential collection shall be made from curbside and approved city service roads. When placed on the curbside, the authorized refuse container shall be located within five (5) feet of the edge of the pavement. Where there is no accessible service road or curbside, containers shall be located as indicated by the city manager.

(3) If two (2) or more residential establishments are located on a private road and not within a reasonable distance of a public street or service road, as determined by the city manager, collection of refuse stored in "authorized residential containers" may be made along the private road only if the owner(s) provide written approval for collection trucks to travel on the private road. The city or its contractors shall not be liable for any damage done to the private road as a result of normal use of ingress and egress.

(4) Container shall be placed at the appropriate location as described in subsection (2) above by no later than 7:00 A.M. on the day of collection. As soon as practicable after such containers have been emptied, they shall be removed by the owner or tenant to within, or to the side or rear of the premises and away from the street line, until the next scheduled time for collection.

17-108. Non-residential establishment containers, storage, and collection requirements. Establishments that are ineligible for residential curbside collection of refuse may opt to have their refuse stored and collected from a bulk container. Tenants, lessees, occupants, or owners of non-residential establishments shall be required to provide safe and convenient entrance to and through the premises for the purpose of collecting refuse. It shall be incumbent upon those renting a bulk container for waste collection to rent a container and have a pickup schedule that fully meets their needs; in the event of consistent overflows of refuse from a rented bulk container, the city may require a non-residential establishment to rent a larger bulk container, or increase their collection frequency.

17-109. Industrial waste. The collection and disposal of "industrial waste" shall be the responsibility of the owner, lessee, occupant or producer.

17-110. Hazardous refuse. No "hazardous refuse" shall be placed in any receptacle, container or unit used for refuse collection by the city. The collection and disposal of such refuse shall be the responsibility of the owner, lessee, occupant or producer.

17-111. Refuse from construction, demolition, or repairs. In no case will it be the responsibility of the city sanitation department to collect refuse resulting from construction, demolition, or repairs of buildings, structures, or appurtenances. The property owner/contractor, or the person having same in charge, shall be responsible for the disposal of such refuse.

17-112. Unlawful to burn. It is unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to burn brush or yard waste on private or public property within the corporate limits of the city without first obtaining a permit from the Norris Fire Department. The fire department may first inspect the proposed burning site and material to be burned. Other types of refuse shall not be burned within the city.

17-113. Contractor generated refuse and trash. Any resident, tenant property owner or agent of same who hires a licensed commercial contractor to perform work on a property shall require the licensed commercial contractor to remove all refuse and trash, including yard waste and brush, from the property on completion of the work.

17-114. Residential brush and leaf collection. The city shall provide, at no cost to the resident or occupant, residential brush and leaf collection service. Brush collection will be provided in accordance with an established policy and announced schedule. Leaf collection will be provided on a seasonal basis in accordance with an established policy and announced schedule.

17-115. Residential bulky waste collection. The city shall provide, at no cost to the resident or occupant, residential bulky waste collection service. Bulky waste collection will be provided in accordance with an established policy and announced schedule.

17-116. Solid waste collection fees. The solid waste user fee for the collection, removal, and disposal of refuse by the City of Norris shall be included as a separate item each month on the bills rendered by the city waterworks department to each City of Norris residential unit receiving water or sewer services.

In the event that payment of the monthly utility bill is received without payment of the solid waste user fee, the city shall utilize whatever legal means that it may deem appropriate to collect said charge for refuse collection and disposal.

In the event that any user is not receiving a utility bill from the waterworks department, they shall be bill by separate billing.

The solid waste user fee for residential units shall be set as follows:

\$24.50/\$15.00 per household per month

Cost per additional cart: \$6.00 per additional cart per month

17-117. Commercial dumpster rental fees. Commercial entities renting a dumpster shall be charged by a standalone bill. The rental fees for commercial dumpsters are as follows:

Commercial Pricing Matrix

<u>Container Size</u>	<u>Weekly Collection Frequency</u>					
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
2 yard	\$ 28.87	\$ 56.24	\$ 83.61	\$ 110.98	\$ 138.35	\$ 165.72
4 yard	\$ 56.23	\$ 110.96	\$ 165.69	\$ 220.42	\$ 275.15	\$ 329.88
6 yard	\$ 83.60	\$ 165.70	\$ 247.80	\$ 329.90	\$ 412.00	\$ 494.10
8 yard	\$ 110.96	\$ 220.42	\$ 329.88	\$ 439.34	\$ 548.80	\$ 658.26

17-118. Curbside collection exceptions; permanent mobility impairment. The city recognizes that some residents, because of a permanent mobility impairment, may be physically unable to transport the recycle container to the curb on collection day. The city, therefore, shall use the following procedures for providing special service to the household of residents with permanent mobility impairment serviced under its refuse collection contract, which special service shall provide back door refuse collection. Upon application, an exception may be granted by the city manager when the following criteria have been established:

- (1) There is no person in the household, either adult or minor, who is physically capable of transporting the container to the curb because of permanent mobility impairment; and
- (2) There is no neighbor or relative who is not living in the household, who normally assists the resident because of that permanent mobility impairment, who is able or willing to assist the resident in transporting the container to the curb; and
- (3) A certification, on a form provided by the city manager, is provided by the resident's physician which certifies that the resident has a permanent mobility impairment which prevents the transportation of a container to the curb.