

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARROLLTON, TEXAS, AMENDING TITLE V, CHAPTER 50, SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING OF THE CITY OF CARROLLTON CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REVISING AND ADDING DEFINITIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR USE OF ALTERNATE WASTE COLLECTION METHODS; REVISING BULK AND BRUSH COLLECTION PRACTICES; REQUIRING OFF-SITE DISPOSAL OF CONTRACTOR'S CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS; REVISING PERMISSIBLE CONTAINER PLACEMENT LOCATIONS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY, SAVINGS, REPEALER, AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 1, 2025.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Carrollton, Texas ("City") is a Home Rule municipality possessing the full power of local self-government pursuant to Article 11, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution, Section 51.072 of the Texas Local Government Code and its Home Rule Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 54.004 of the Texas Local Government Code provides that a Home Rule municipality may enforce ordinances necessary to protect health, life, and property and to preserve the good government, order, and security of the municipality and its inhabitants; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to amend an ordinance which regulates the removal of residential and commercial solid waste and recycling; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that it is necessary and proper for the good government, health, and safety of the City to adopt regulations relating to residential and commercial solid waste and recycling in order to provide sanitation, to reduce the risk of injury to its citizens, and to provide for a safe community experience by the public.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARROLLTON, TEXAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1**

All of the above premises are found to be true and correct legislative and factual findings of the City Council, and they are hereby approved, ratified, and incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if copied in their entirety.

**SECTION 2**

Chapter 50, Solid Waste and Recycling, of Title V, Public Works, of the Carrollton Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

**"CHAPTER 50. SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING**

Sec. 50.01. - Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:

*Ashes.* Residue from the burning of wood, coal, or combustible material.

*Brush.* Includes, but is not limited to, tree branches, bush branches, marsh plants such as cattails, tropical grasses such as bamboo, and all other similar plant life, twigs, and trimmings that are generally too large or otherwise impractical to place in the residential container.

*Bulk waste.* Large rubbish items including but not limited to household appliances, bicycles, furniture, rugs, mattresses, televisions, tree limbs, fence material, and other similar items.

*City Manager.* City Manager or his or her designee.

*Clean certificate.* Official documentation obtained from a licensed professional containing serial numbers or other identifying number and verification that all refrigerants, chlorinated fluorocarbons (CFC) or polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) have been removed from the appliance and properly disposed.

*Commercial private hauler.* A person that hauls another's refuse for a fee.

*Container, approved.* Commercial container, residential containers, recycling containers, and bags for yard waste as defined herein.

*Container, commercial.* A metal or plastic receptacle for business refuse, also known as a dumpster, designed to be lifted and emptied mechanically.

*Container, recycling.* A plastic receptacle owned and furnished by the city for a resident to place recyclable materials for collection.

*Container, residential.* A plastic receptacle for residential refuse with two wheels and a lid, designed to be lifted and emptied mechanically.

*Contractor.* Any person or entity other than the property owner.

*Garbage.* Putrescible animal and vegetable wastes resulting from handling, preparation, cooking, or consumption of food.

*Household hazardous waste.* Waste that is generated by a household that could pose a risk to human health or the environment due to ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity, or toxicity. Examples of household hazardous wastes are lead acid batteries, gasoline, degreasers,

paints, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, pool chemicals, paint thinners, glues, cleaning products, radioactive or irradiated material, and pharmaceuticals.

*Off-site refuse.* Refuse generated from some location other than the collection location.

*Recyclable material.* A material that has been recovered or diverted from the nonhazardous wastestream for purposes of reuse, recycling, or reclamation, a substantial portion of which is consistently used in the manufacture of products that otherwise may be produced using raw or virgin materials. Recyclable material is not solid waste. However, recyclable material may become solid waste if it is disposed of in any manner other than recycling, as defined below.

*Recycling.* A process by which materials that have served their intended use or are scrapped, discarded, used, surplus, or obsolete are collected, separated, or processed and returned to use in the form of raw materials in the production of a new product.

*Refuse.* All putrescible and nonputrescible solid wastes, including garbage, rubbish, Yard Waste, and ashes.

*Resident.* A person who resides in the city.

*Residence.* Any building, or portion thereof, which is designed for use for residential purposes.

*Residential waste.* Includes bulk, brush, garbage, refuse, recycling, and other allowable waste as set forth in Chapter 50 of the Code of Ordinances, including waste placed in residential containers.

*Rubbish.* Nonputrescible solid waste, such as waste wood products, tree trimmings, grass cuttings, leaves, paper, discarded mattresses, wire, glass, and scraps of metal.

*Solid waste.* Garbage, rubbish, refuse, sludge from a wastewater treatment plant, water supply treatment plant, or air pollution control facility, and other discarded material, including solid, liquid, semi-solid, or contained gaseous material resulting from industrial, municipal, commercial, mining, and agricultural operations and from community and institution activities. The term does not include:

- (1) Solid or dissolved material in domestic sewage or solid or dissolved materials in irrigation return flows or industrial discharges subject to regulation;
- (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;
- (3) Waste materials that result from activities associated with the exploration, development, or production of oil or gas or geothermal resources and are subject to control by the Railroad Commission of Texas; or

(4) Household hazardous waste.

*Stone and Concrete material.* Any natural or man-made hard, solid, nonmetallic mineral matter like bricks, tile, rock, or concrete.

*Trash.* See “Rubbish.”

*Yard waste.* Cut grass, leaves, small brush and tree trimmings that can be bagged in brown paper (kraft) bags.

Sec. 50.02. Deposit of garbage and refuse on property or rights-of-way.

It shall be unlawful for any person to place, throw, or otherwise deposit any garbage, refuse, rubbish, or yard waste on any lot or parcel of land or on any street, alley, sidewalk, or other place in the city, except in a can or receptacle meeting the requirements of this chapter.

## RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION

Sec. 50.15. Unlawful collection or removal of refuse or recyclable material—Residential.

It shall be unlawful for any person other than the city to collect or remove any refuse or recyclable material from any residence in the city. It is a defense to prosecution under this section if the person collected or removed refuse that the city does not collect or is prohibited by law to haul.

Sec. 50.16. Accumulation of refuse.

No owner, lessee, or occupant of any residence shall permit the accumulation of any refuse on his premises, except in approved containers.

Sec. 50.17. Placing refuse in another’s container.

A person commits an offense if he places refuse in any approved container which he neither is assigned, owns nor leases, when he does not have the permission of the owner or lessee of said container.

Sec. 50.18. Damage to city containers.

A person commits an offense if he damages any container used for refuse or recycling owned by the city. It is a defense to prosecution under this section that the damage resulted from normal wear and tear.

Sec. 50.19. Collection only from approved containers; automated and recycling.

(A) The city will collect refuse from residences only in city-approved containers.

- (B) All residential refuse must be securely tied and bagged inside a residential container.
- (C) Lids to all residential containers shall be kept closed at all times unless being loaded or unloaded.
- (D) Waste placed outside or on top of a residential or recycling container will not be collected.
- (E) Maximum weight per each 95-gallon residential or recycling container shall be 85 pounds.
- (F) Residential customers may order additional residential containers for a minimum retention period of six months.
- (G) Exception: brush and bulk waste are not required to be placed in an approved container.

Sec. 50.20. Collection of yard waste.

The city will only collect yard waste that is bagged and placed in an approved residential container or brown paper (kraft) bag placed at the front curb adjacent to the residence of origin for collection or other approved location.

Sec. 50.21. Collection of bulk and brush waste.

- (A) Bulk waste shall be collected based on a schedule determined by the city.
- (B) Brush shall be cut to a length not to exceed 4 feet and must be placed at the front curb adjacent to the residence of origin in a total amount not to exceed three (3) cubic yards.
- (C) Bulk shall be placed in an amount not to exceed three (3) cubic yards.
- (D) Bulk and brush waste placed out for collection shall be placed in a manner that will not pose a risk to public health or a safety hazard, including but not limited to removing refrigerator doors and latches, securing doors with chain, wire or rope to prevent opening, or other method to remove hazards and allow safe manual collection.
- (E) Bulk waste shall be collected from the front curb adjacent to the residence of origin or other approved location and shall be placed in a manner that is free from overhead obstructions and at least three feet from city water and gas meters and other objects. Bulk waste will only be collected from a residence if generated by the occupant and placed appropriately in accordance with these guidelines.

- (F) The city will only collect appliances such as a freezer, refrigerator, water cooler, dehumidifier, air conditioner, or other similar appliance containing refrigerants that have received state-approved reclamation certification that all refrigerants have been removed and are marked in a manner approved by the city. The requirement for refrigerant removal is the sole responsibility of the owner and/or tenant placing the waste for collection. A handling fee and a premium service collection fee as set forth in Chapter 31 of this Code of Ordinances will be charged for the removal of each appliance that has an approved clean certificate.
- (G) Bulk waste shall be bagged, boxed, or otherwise contained where applicable before placing out for collection. Bulk waste must be sorted by type and stacked into neat, manageable piles for safe, manual collection by solid waste crews.
- (H) Motor vehicle tires, railroad ties, or stone or concrete material shall not be placed for collection with residential waste. Stone or concrete material may be delivered by the customer directly to the landfill.

Sec. 50.22. Refuse generated on-site.

- (A) The city will collect and accept only refuse that is generated on-site.
- (B) A person commits an offense if he places for collection refuse generated off-site.
- (C) Refuse generated by work performed by a contractor must be removed and disposed of by the contractor.

Sec. 50.23. Flammable material.

A person commits an offense if he places hot ashes or any highly flammable or explosive material in any approved residential or recycling container.

Sec. 50.24. Placement and timing of residential waste for collection.

- (A) Residential waste shall be placed within three feet of the curb line or alley line, as designated by the city, and at least three feet from any structure including but not limited to: mailboxes, trees, gas meters, water meters, parked vehicles, screening walls and fences, or other similar structures.
- (B) Residential waste shall be placed in a manner to provide clear lateral access for a collection vehicle.
- (C) Residential waste shall not be placed so that it blocks or impedes a street, alley or alley right-of-way, a city water or gas meter, drainage ditch, sight triangle at an intersection, or sidewalk.

- (D) Residential waste shall be placed at the location designated by the city for collection not earlier than 6:00 p.m. of the evening before nor later than 6:30 a.m. of the residence's collection day.
- (E) Residential waste placed for collection in violation of this section will not be collected.
- (F) Residential waste, including bulk waste, shall be placed in a manner to provide at least fourteen (14) feet of overhead clearance.

Sec. 50.25. Removal of residential and recycling containers after collection.

- (A) Residential and recycling containers collected from the street shall be removed to a location behind the front building line and within five feet of the residence. If the residence does not have a side yard, residential and recycling containers collected from the street shall be removed to a location within five feet of the residence.
- (B) Residential and recycling containers collected from the alley shall be removed to a location on the residence behind the alley fence line. If the residence has no fence, residential and recycling containers collected from the alley shall be removed to a location no closer than five feet from the edge of the alley pavement. Residential and recycling containers collected from the alley shall be removed in such a manner so as to prevent the containers from rolling into the alley, spilling, or littering.
- (C) Residential and recycling containers shall be removed not later than 9:00 a.m. on the day following the residence's scheduled collection day.

Sec. 50.26. Collection.

Collection of residential waste shall be as set forth in a schedule designated by the city.

Sec. 50.27. Refuse and recyclables to be protected from the elements.

Refuse subject to being blown by winds shall be covered, tied, weighted, or appropriately contained.

Sec. 50.28. Disposal of hazardous waste.

- (A) Household hazardous waste shall be disposed of in accordance with manufacturers' recommended methods. Hazardous waste shall be taken to a facility designed for accepting and processing hazardous waste or special collection events, as designated by the city.
- (B) A person commits an offense if such person places any hazardous waste in a residential container, recycling container, or out for collection in any other manner.

Sec. 50.29. Residential containers not to be marked, damaged or removed.

- (A) All approved residential containers shall remain the property of the city.
- (B) A person commits an offense if such person marks, paints, bums, breaks, or otherwise damages a residential container or recycling container.
- (C) Residential containers shall not be removed from a residence by any person except where designated by the City Manager.
- (D) It is the responsibility of the owner and/or tenant to maintain their containers in a clean and sanitary condition.
- (E) Cost for repair or replacement of damaged residential containers as set forth in Chapter 31 of this Code of Ordinances resulting from negligence or misuse as determined by the City Manager shall be the incurred by the utility customer, landlord, property owner, or property manager.
- (F) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that the damage resulted from normal wear and tear.

Sec. 50.30. Special waste collection services.

- (A) Special collection services are offered at an additional fee as set forth in Chapter 31 of this Code of Ordinances for the collection, hauling and disposal of waste, and/or unscheduled collections.
- (B) The utility customer, landlord, property owner, or property manager is solely responsible for all waste placed out for collection at the established service rates as set forth in Chapter 31 of this Code of Ordinances.

COMMERCIAL COLLECTION

Sec. 50.40. Doors and lids of commercial containers to be kept closed.

All doors and lids of commercial containers shall be kept closed unless the container is being loaded.

Sec. 50.41. Commercial containers not to be marked or damaged.

A person commits an offense if he:

- (A) Damages or removes any commercial container or its contents without permission of the owner or lessee thereof.
- (B) Starts a fire or burns any material in a commercial container.



- (C) Paints or marks upon, or places a poster or sign on any commercial container without the permission of the owner or lessee thereof.
- (D) Maintains a commercial container with visible graffiti.

Sec. 50.42. Accumulation of refuse.

An owner, occupant, tenant, or lessee of a premises commits an offense if he allows any accumulation of refuse around or in the vicinity of a commercial container.

Sec. 50.43. Placement of commercial containers.

A commercial container shall not be located so that it blocks any one or more of the following:

- (A) A road or street right-of-way;
- (B) A drainage ditch;
- (C) A sight triangle at an intersection;
- (D) An alleyway;
- (E) A fire lane;
- (F) A storm drain; or
- (G) Utility meters.

Sec. 50.44. Placing refuse in another's container.

A person commits an offense if he places refuse in any commercial container for which another person has paid a charge for refuse collection service. It is a defense to prosecution under this section that the person paying the fee for refuse collection service consented to the actor's placement of refuse therein.

Sec. 50.45. Commercial collection not to be obstructed.

Nothing may be placed or left in a location that prohibits or obstructs the collection of refuse from a commercial container.

Sec. 50.46. Minimum collection from commercial containers.

Commercial refuse shall be collected from commercial containers at a minimum of once per week.

Sec. 50.47. Unlawful collection or removal of refuse or recyclable material—Commercial.

It shall be unlawful for any person other than the city or a commercial private hauler to collect or remove refuse or recyclable material from a commercial container.

Sec. 50.48. Disposal of hazardous waste.

A person commits an offense if such person places any hazardous waste in a commercial container, recycling container, or out for collection in any other manner.

Sec. 50.49. Screening of Commercial Containers

A commercial container must be screened in accordance with Article XXV, Section C (5) and Article XXVII, Section J of the Carrollton Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance.

#### SOLID WASTE COLLECTION PERMIT

Sec. 50.70. Franchise for commercial collection required.

No person, firm, corporation, or other entity, excluding the city, may use the public streets, alleys, or thoroughfares within the corporate limits of the city for the purpose of engaging in the business of collecting or transporting solid waste or recyclable materials from commercial and industrial premises within the city without first having obtained a solid waste collection permit from the city.

Sec. 50.71. Application for permit; expiration.

- (A) To obtain a solid waste collection permit, a person must submit an application on a form provided by the Director of Finance or designee. The applicant must be the person who will own, control, or operate the proposed solid waste collection service.
- (B) The permit application shall include the following information:
  - (1) The applicant's name, address(es), and verified signature;
  - (2) The form of business of the applicant, and, if the business is a corporation or association, evidence of the authority of the person signing the application to represent the business; and
  - (3) Documentary evidence of payment of ad valorem taxes owed on real estate or personal property to be used in connection with the operation of the proposed solid waste collection service.
- (C) Application for the permit shall be accompanied by a \$50.00 nonrefundable processing fee.

- (D) The solid waste collection permit expires December 31 of each year and may be renewed by making application as provided in this section.

Sec. 50.72. Annual fee.

- (A) The annual fee for the solid waste collection permit is an amount equal to seven and one-half percent of the gross receipts on all revenues and income collected from any source derived from the operation of the solid waste and recyclable materials collection service within the corporate limits of the city. If billed and labeled as a separate fee on the customer's bill, gross receipts shall not include this annual fee.
- (B) The permit holder shall remit the annual fee quarterly, on or before the thirtieth day of April, July, October, and January, based upon the revenues collected during the previous calendar quarter.
- (C) The quarterly payment shall be accompanied by an income statement certified by the permit holder acknowledging compliance with this section.

Sec. 50.73. Requirement to maintain records, furnish information and pay interest on underpayments.

- (A) The permit holder will maintain books and records in such a way that all charges made to Carrollton businesses for services included under the permit can be easily identified.
- (B) The books and records of the permit holder shall be open at reasonable times for inspection by the City Manager or their designee in accordance with the terms of this subchapter.
- (C) If the city determines that an underpayment has occurred, interest on said underpayment will be charged at a rate of ten percent per annum beginning on the date when the payment would have been originally due.

Sec. 50.74. Marking of vehicles and containers.

The permit holder shall identify all vehicles and solid waste containers with its name in letters at least two inches tall. Vehicles collecting recyclables must be differentiated from those collecting refuse.

Sec. 50.75. Revocation of permit.

The Director of Finance or designee may revoke a solid waste collection permit for the failure of the holder to provide required information, for failure to pay fees, or for making false statements on the application or quarterly report.

Sec. 50.94. Adequate disposal requirements.

- (A) If a person receiving solid waste services by the city regularly generates more solid waste than can be placed in one provided container for collection, the city will require the person to obtain an additional container or increase commercial service levels for a period of not less than six months.
- (B) In the event that any person is required to obtain an additional container or increase service levels, notice of the requirement shall be given to such person by the City Manager by one of the following methods:
  - (1) Personal delivery of the notice in writing; or
  - (2) By letter addressed to the customer, owner, landlord or tenant at the last known address.
- (C) It shall be the responsibility of the person receiving solid waste services to arrange for the termination of this requirement after the six-month period and incur all costs associated with the additional container or service level increases.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 50.95. Authority to enforce.

It shall be the duty of the City Manager to make all necessary inspections and investigations of any and all structures and premises, business establishments, and private residences to enforce the provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 50.96. Sales tax.

All rates for solid waste services are subject to the appropriate state taxes.

Sec. 50.99. Penalty.

A person who violates any provisions of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction is punishable as set forth in section 10.99, for each act of violation and for each day or part of a day during which the violation is committed, continued or permitted.”

**SECTION 3**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance shall be and are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4**

Save and except as amended by this Ordinance, all other ordinances of the City of Carrollton, Texas shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 5**

Any person, firm or corporation violating a provision of this Ordinance, upon conviction is guilty of an offense punishable as provided in section 10.99, “general penalty” of the Carrollton Code of Ordinances, as amended.

**SECTION 6**

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable in accordance with Section 10.07 of the Code of Ordinance, City of Carrollton, Texas.

**SECTION 7**

This Ordinance shall take effect from and after October 1, 2025.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.**

City Of Carrollton, Texas

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Babick, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Chloe Sawatzky, City Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Meredith Ladd, City Attorney

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

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