

CITY OF GRAND SALINE

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-115

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2003-25 REGULATING SOLID WASTE, CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE I. – COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE SEC. 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.12, 8.13, 8.14.

Article 1: That the language in the identified sections is modified as follows:

Section 8.2: Definitions and General Regulations

- A. "Garbage" shall mean rubbish, trash, kitchen and household waste, paper, food containers, cardboard boxes, newspapers, small hedge and lawn trimmings, ashes, all in proper containers or bundles and properly placed for collection.
- B. Acceptable Containers -- Poly carts supplied by the solid waste collection company will be provided to each customer and will be used for placement of "garbage" at the curb. Other acceptable containers may be placed at the curb in addition to the supplied poly cart. Acceptable container shall mean any commonly available light gauge steel, plastic or galvanized receptacle of a non-absorbent material, closed at one end and open at the other, furnished with a closely fitted top or lid and handle(s).
- C. All garbage should be placed in a securely tied, plastic bag and placed in the poly cart or other acceptable container. "Loose garbage" should not be placed in the container.
- D. Garbage left for disposal outside the containers shall be in securely tied plastic bags not to exceed thirty-three (33) gallons in capacity and fifty (50) pounds in weight. Light-weight tall kitchen bags, bathroom trash can liners, grocery bags or other plastic bags intended for or used as containers or liners for indoor trash cans are not recommended to be placed outside the container for curbside collection.

Section 8.3: Placement of container(s) for collection.

- A. It shall be the duty of every family occupying or in possession of any house, building, flat, apartment, tenement or dwelling place which is a private residence in the City, and for which garbage containers are required under this Article, to place such garbage container at the street curb in front of the property to be picked up on the designated collection day.
- B. No container or other garbage or trash may be placed at the curb earlier than 24 hours before the scheduled collection day and may not remain at the curb more than 24 hours following the scheduled collection day. Owners of containers at the curb in violation of this section may be subject to a misdemeanor fine.
- C. In the event such containers are broken open or damaged by dogs or other animals, the sanitation crew will clean-up and pick up the area as much as is practical to the extent that completion of the run is not jeopardized.
- D. It is the responsibility of the occupant of the property to keep the area around the garbage containers clean and in a sanitary condition.

Section 8.4: Scheduled brush, yard waste and paper or cardboard box pickup.

- A. Special pickup of these materials may be scheduled by calling City Hall.
- B. Cardboard boxes, newspaper and magazines and tree limbs and trimmings must be bundled and securely tied together forming an easily handled package not exceeding three and one-half (3½) feet in length or sixty (60) pounds in weight with a limit of four bundles per week.
- C. Grass clippings, leaves and shrub trimmings are allowed up to eight (8) bags each week with each bag not to exceed fifty (50) pounds in weight.

Section 8.5: Sanitary garbage container.

- A. Every garbage container shall be maintained in as sanitary condition as possible in view of the purpose for which it is used and shall be thoroughly cleansed as needed by washing, scalding, or otherwise purifying.
- B. It shall be the responsibility and duty of every person owning, controlling, managing, operating, policing, renting or occupying any premises where garbage and/or trash is accumulated to replace any privately owned garbage containers that have deteriorated or have become capable of causing injury to those whose duty it is to handle the containers or that have been damaged to such an extent as to be unstable. Should a condemnation notice be issued by the City, acting through its duly designated

official or trash collection agent, corrective action must be taken within ten days by the recipient of the notice to avoid further notifications or possible fines.

- C. Damaged poly cart containers will be replaced by the solid waste (trash/garbage) collection company.

Section 8.12:

- A. All persons engaged in removing, handling or transferring or in any manner dealing with garbage, refuse matter, manure or waste materials of any kind, shall remove the same to the convenience site or place provided for the disposal of such wastes and designated by the City.
- B. All such persons engaged in the removal of trash, garbage and other waste materials shall be charged a fee for disposal at the designated site.
- C. Convenience site fees shall be set by the operator of the site.
- D. Failure to comply with the convenience site supervisor's directions shall be grounds for a misdemeanor fine and/or immediate ejection from the site and/or refusal to permit dumping for any specified period of time up to one year.

Section 8.13: Deleted

Section 8.14: Deleted

Subsequent sections 8.15, 8.16, 8.17, 8.18 and 8.20 will be renumbered.

Article 2: That all ordinances or part of ordinances in conflict herewith and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

If for any reason any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any other section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision hereof be given full force and effect for its purpose.

Effective Date: This ordinance shall become effective and in full force on January 1, 2013.

PASSED and APPROVED on this, the 13th day of November, 2012

Don Yarbrough, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alesia Mayne, City Secretary