

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90,
“SOLID WASTE” AND CHAPTER 114, “VEGETATION”**

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to amend the City Code in order to continue to ensure the efficient collection of refuse and yard waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Rolling Meadows, Illinois as follows:

Section One: Section 90-1, “Definitions,” of Chapter 90, “Solid Waste,” is hereby amended as follows:

Garbage Container means as follows:

- (1) *Residential* means, with the exception of certain multiple-family dwellings, a refuse sack for use on residential properties shall be 30 gallons in capacity, constructed of waterproof material, adhesive, and commonly known as “biodegradable kraft paper refuse bags,” or a plastic bag not exceeding 30 gallons in capacity of sufficient construction and strength to avoid breakage during handling.

Section Two: Section 90-38(g), “Commercial Refuse Containers,” of Chapter 90, “Solid Waste,” is hereby amended as follows:

- (g) All dumpsters, drop boxes or other containers used for the storage and/or removal of refuse shall have the name and phone number of the owner/contractor plainly displayed on the container.

Section Three: Section 90-74, “Regulations,” of Chapter 90, “Solid Waste,” is hereby amended as follows:

- (1) Only paper bags, plastic bags, or biodegradable 30 gallon paper bags may be used for disposal of refuse at curbside. Only 30 gallon biodegradable kraft paper bags designated for yard waste collection may be used for disposal of yard waste at curbside. All paper or plastic bags used for

refuse shall not exceed 30 gallons in capacity or 50 pounds in weight when full. All bags must be of sufficient strength and construction to avoid breakage during handling.

- (2) All paper sacks shall be properly folded, and plastic bags shall be tied and securely closed in order to prevent entrance of insects and rodents.
- (3) No open bags shall be placed for collection.
- (4) All carpeting or padding must be cut to lengths of no more than six feet and rolled and tied securely.
- (5) Cardboard boxes placed outside the refuse sack at the curb must be flattened, bundled and tied securely.
- (6) Any items with doors which latch, such as refrigerators, must have doors removed when put at the curb.
- (7) An item over four feet in length or other than a normal household item, including but not limited to, such as automotive parts, gutters, downspouts, garage doors, swing sets, windows, shall require a special pickup.
- (8) It shall be the duty of every person in possession of a premises within the City to cause all refuse produced on the premises to be thoroughly drained of all surplus liquid and placed in the refuse sack as soon as practicable after the refuse is produced.
- (9) From April 1 to October 31 refuse shall not be placed at the curb before 6:00 p.m. of the day before pickup and should be placed at the curb no later than 6:00 a.m. of the day of pickup. From November 1 to March 31 refuse shall not be placed at the curb earlier than 3:00 p.m. on the day preceding pickup. Refuse set out too late for collection shall be removed from curbside no later than 7:00 p.m. of the pickup day missed.
- (10) Scrap wood must be cut into four-foot lengths, tied in bundles, and total bundles shall not exceed more than one cubic yard in capacity. Scrap wood in excess of one cubic yard will only be collected by the City as a special pickup.
- (11) Dirt, concrete or materials used for construction, remodeling or repair of buildings will be picked up only as a special pickup.
- (12) Branches (brush) placed for pickup by the yard waste truck must be no more than four feet in length and tied securely with twine, in bundles, not to exceed two feet in diameter.

- (13) When the refuse/recycling collection day falls on an observed City holiday, the collection day will be moved to the following day, for the holiday week only. Each successive collection day after a holiday will also be moved to the following day.
- (14) Curbside recycling collection will be once a week. From April 1 to October 31 recyclables are to be put in containers and placed at the curb no later than 6:00 a.m. on the day of pickup and no earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the day preceding pickup. From November 1 to March 31 recycling material may be placed at the curb no earlier than 3:00 p.m. on the day preceding pickup. All recycling containers shall be removed from the curbside by the end of the collection day.
- (15) One recycling container will be supplied by the City to each single-family home and to designated multi-family homes to be determined by the City Council. Containers are the property of the City and shall remain with the dwelling unit. Any person removing the recycling container from the premises to which it was originally delivered will be billed by the City for such. Residents will be allowed one free replacement for a lost, stolen or damaged container. Additional containers will be provided to residences at cost.
- (16) Yard waste is to be put in 30 gallon kraft paper bags only. Bags must be rolled down, crimped, and not exceed 50 pounds in weight. All 30-gallon paper refuse sacks for yard waste pickup shall be clearly differentiated, marked with an "X" or other means to be clearly identified as yard waste, and separated, when placed at the curb, from household refuse. Any yard waste mixed with regular household garbage will not be picked up. Residents are responsible for all separation of yard waste and household garbage. Yard waste will be picked up by the refuse department with a separate truck. Larger branches will be picked up in accordance with the chipper program, as set forth in Division 2 of Article II of Chapter 114 of this Code pertaining to vegetation collection service, or as a special collection fee.
- (17) The Director of Public Works may authorize backdoor refuse pickup for the elderly, ill and disabled if there is sufficient evidence to determine that there is an undue hardship for the resident to get the refuse to the curb for pickup.
- (18) The City shall be divided into areas and assigned specific days of collection, which schedule may be changed from time to time by the Director of Public Works.
- (19) Recycling containers are to be cleaned and disinfected as often as

necessary to maintain the containers in a clean condition.

- (20) Recycling containers shall be maintained and repaired by the City.
- (21) City-owned recycling containers shall be replaced by the City only once, in the event it is lost, damaged other than in its normal use or vandalized. Thereafter, the owner of the residence shall be required to pay for the City's cost of the container together with the City's cost for delivery.
- (22) New residents of the City who request a larger or smaller recycling container shall receive the requested container at no cost to the resident.
- (23) Any resident may purchase a second recycling cart from the City at the City's cost together with the City's cost to deliver the container.
- (24) All recycling containers stored outside shall be in a side or rear yard and screened so as not to be visible from any street.

Section Four: Section 90-76, "Rates for System Waste," of Chapter 90, "Solid

Waste," is hereby amended as follows:

- (a) The City shall charge each owner, occupant, or lessee of a single family residence eligible for City refuse service an amount in accordance with the schedule of rates, fees, fines and penalties as established by the City Council from time to time and found in Appendix B.
- (b) The City shall charge each owner of multi-family properties in the City a share of debt service associated with the City's membership in and in accordance with obligations set forth in the March 25, 1992 Project Use Agreement between the City of Rolling Meadows and the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County. The charge shall be on a per dwelling unit basis, and shall be in an amount set forth in the schedule of rates, fees, fines and penalties as established by the City Council from time to time and found in Appendix B.
- (c) The refuse charge shall be included in the City's billing to the eligible residence for water and sewer service, as defined in Section 90-71 and shall be subject to the collection and penalty provisions provided for water and sewer charges. All monies received by the City in payment of the consolidated garbage, water and sewer bill shall be applied first toward the payment of the garbage bill, second to the sewer bill, and the balance to the water bill.

Section Five: Section 114-72(b), “Services,” of Chapter 114, “Vegetation,” is hereby amended as follows:

- (b) Brush pickup service will be provided to residents once yearly. Other services such as pickup of vines, multiflora, stumps, logs and root systems will be picked up for a fee only.

Section Six: Section 114-73(a), “Pickup Sections,” of Chapter 114, “Vegetation,” is hereby amended as follows:

- (a) The City shall be divided into four sections; each section will be provided one brush pickup per year.

Section Seven: Section 114-74, “Brush Removal Times,” of Chapter 114, “Vegetation,” is hereby amended as follows:

Brush Removal Dates

Under this division, brush removal dates shall be determined by the Director of Public Works. Said dates shall be announced to the public at least thirty (30) days in advance, via water billing statements and by other publications.

Section Eight: Section 114-75, “Placement for Collection,” of Chapter 114, “Vegetation,” is hereby by adding Subsection (c) as follows:

- (c) Brush shall not be set out at curbs or in parkways for more than seven (7) days prior to the scheduled brush collection period for each pickup section.

Section Nine: Section 114-76(a), “Special Pickup Services,” of Chapter 114, “Vegetation,” is hereby amended as follows:

- (a) A fee will be charged for special pickup of vines, multiflora, stumps, logs and root systems, and for brush that is not picked up as part of the City’s free brush collection program.

Section Ten: That this Ordinance shall be printed and published in pamphlet form by order of the City Council of the City of Rolling Meadows, Illinois.

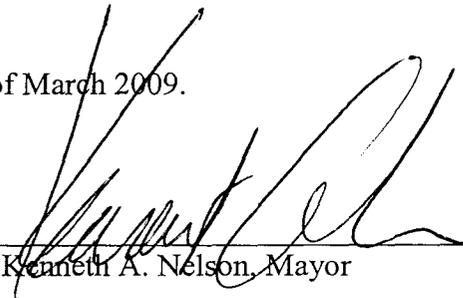
Section Eleven: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

YEAS: Lusk, Buske, Rooney, Adams, Kwandras, Larsen

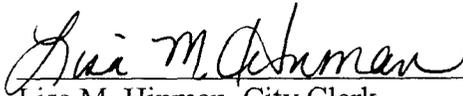
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ABSENT: Pitzafferro

Passed and Approved this 10th day of March 2009.


Kenneth A. Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lisa M. Hinman, City Clerk

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