

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

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CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA

Ordinance No. 21-008

An Ordinance of the Palmer City Council Amending Palmer Municipal Code Chapter 8.20 Garbage Collection and Disposal

WHEREAS, from time to time the Palmer Municipal Code needs to be reviewed and updated to remain current with standards of operation and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has conducted a review of the current Palmer Municipal Code Chapter 8.20 Garbage Collection and Disposal.

THE CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA, ORDAINS:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance shall be permanent in nature and shall be incorporated into the Palmer Municipal Code.

Section 2. Severability. If any provisions of this ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstances are held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application to the other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. Palmer Municipal Code Section 8.20.050 is hereby amended to read as follows (new language is underlined and old language is ~~stricken~~):

8.20.050 Garbage – Adequate receptacles required – Accumulation time limit.

No person shall keep on or about the premises owned or occupied by him any garbage unless the same shall be kept in a metal dumpster or plastic garbage receptacle, as provided by the city or contracted service provider approved by the city manager, ~~or other adequate receptacle with a tight fitting cover.~~ No person shall keep on or about the premises owned or occupied by him any garbage for a period longer than the frequency of collection as established by the city manager.

Section 4. Palmer Municipal Code Section 8.20.060 is hereby amended to read as follows (new language is underlined and old language is ~~stricken~~):

8.20.060 Garbage – Depositing restrictions.

No person shall deposit any garbage, rubbish or ashes upon any streets, alleys or city-owned property, or upon any property owned by another. For the purpose of collection, garbage must be bagged, placed for collection in a ~~metal,~~ city provided plastic garbage plastic or other adequate receptacle with a tight fitting cover when a garbage rack is available and placed on the street no earlier than 5:00 a.m. and no later than 8:00 a.m. of the day of pickup.

City garbage containers shall not be provided to city residents/businesses outside of the city garbage collection service area. Plastic garbage receptacles should be removed from the street no later than 7:00 p.m. of designated trash collection day. Additional plastic garbage bags may be used in lieu of garbage receptacles for extra trash that does not fit inside the plastic garbage receptacle. Any additional bags should be placed at the right side of the plastic garbage receptacle, so the solid waste collector can easily see them. Customers will be charged for each additional bag of trash as outlined in the city of Palmer current adopted fee schedule. However, they shall not be placed at curbside prior to 5:00 a.m. of the date of collection. A garbage rack may not project into the right-of-way by more than three feet to the front face of said rack. The placing of garbage at curbside in paper bags or cardboard boxes is not allowed. It shall be the property owner/renter's responsibility to retrieve all windblown or animal-strewn garbage.

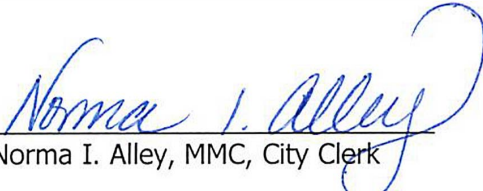
Section 5. Palmer Municipal Code Section 8.20.100 is hereby amended to read as follows (new language is underlined and old language is stricken):

8.20.100 Garbage – Collection – Occupant duties – Containers.

- A. The city may regulate or undertake the general collection of garbage, rubbish and ashes throughout the city subject to the provisions of this title.
- B. Every person having the care, either as an owner or occupant of any premises, shall make adequate provision to ensure that all garbage originating or accumulating thereon shall be disposed of at least as frequently as the frequency of collection established under this chapter, and in no event shall such disposal be less frequent than weekly. The city manager may establish a schedule of collection.
- C. All garbage placed in receptacles or containers for collection shall be drained of surplus liquids. All boxes and rubbish must be broken, cut up, or otherwise reduced in size and placed in receptacles or bundles securely tied. Residential ashes shall be in separate containers. In no event shall any bundle or other receptacle, including contents, exceed 60-50 pounds in weight.
- D. All garbage containers shall be furnished by the city. City garbage containers shall not be provided to city residents/businesses outside of the city garbage collection service area. of metal or other suitable material, shall be leakproof, shall have tight fitting covers, and shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition by the owner. They shall be equipped with two handles or with a suitable bail. Receptacles for ashes and rubbish shall be fitted with substantial handles or bails. No garbage or rubbish receptacle shall exceed 30 gallons in capacity, nor shall it be so loaded that it cannot be conveniently handled without spilling its contents. No plastic garbage receptacle shall be so loaded as to exceed 250 pounds total weight. Additional bundles are authorized and should be placed next to garbage containers. The weight of any bundle or the combined weight of any receptacle and its contents shall not exceed 60-50 pounds. The size of any bundle shall not be greater than four feet in length and can be conveniently handled and disposed of by the collector, except where special equipment or machinery is provided on spring and/or fall cleanup.
- E. All receptacles garbage containers shall be furnished by the customer city. City garbage containers shall not be provided to city residents/businesses outside of the city garbage collection service area. If a receptacle is broken, lost or damaged, outside of normal wear and tear as determined by the city, it will be the responsibility of the property owner/renter to pay for a replacement receptacle. Residential customers may rent dumpsters from the city for special projects. Commercial customers shall lease dumpsters from the city or provide their own containers, subject to approval of the city manager.

Section 6. Effective Date. Ordinance No. 21-008 shall take effect upon adoption by the city of Palmer City Council.

Passed and approved this 22nd day of June, 2021.


Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk


Edna B. DeVries, Mayor