

CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA
ORDINANCE NO. 93

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 65, ORDINANCE NO. 84, AND ORDINANCE NO. 91; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF A SYSTEM OF GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMER as follows:

Section 1. STATE LAW ADOPTED. Title 16, Chapter 1, Section 35 subparagraph 22nd, Alaska Compiled Laws Annotated 1949, is hereby incorporated in this Ordinance as if set out in full herein.

Section 2. DEFINITIONS.

(a) "Garbage", within the meaning of this Ordinance, shall be construed to mean animal or vegetable wastes which arise from the use, preparation or storage of food for human consumption not including wastes from industrial processes and manufacturing operations.

(b) "Rubbish", within the meaning of this Ordinance shall be construed to mean nonputrescible material from residential, commercial and institutional property such as paper, cartons, boxes, barrels, wood, excelsior, bedding, furniture, metal, tin cans, dirt, glass, crockery, and miscellaneous mineral refuse not including gravel, sand, earth, building materials, industrial wastes and yard and tree trimmings.

(c) "Ashes", within the meaning of this Ordinance, shall be construed to mean the residue from fires used for cooking and for heating buildings.

(d) "Frequency of collection", within the meaning of this Ordinance shall be construed to mean the time elapsing between two successive collections as established herein.

Section 3. USE OF SERVICE; REQUIRED; EXCEPTIONS. All persons are required to use the system of garbage disposal as hereinafter provided for except those exempted in writing by the Health Officer in his discretion and upon obtaining a permit to use the city garbage dump, and upon payment, or agreement to pay, of the permit fee of \$5.00 per quarter, and to follow all rules and regulations in connection therewith.

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Section 4. CONTRACTS; LETTING. The City Council may award contracts for garbage collection and disposal at such time or times as it deems proper.

Section 5. REGULATIONS; SANITATION.

(a) 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 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 this code.

(b) No person shall deposit any garbage, rubbish, or ashes upon any streets, alleys or city-owned property, or upon any property owned by another except for the purpose of collection. Garbage must be placed for collection in a metal or other adequate receptacle with a tight-fitting cover. Garbage receptacles, ash and rubbish receptacles shall not project from the lot line more than three (3) feet. No containers or receptacles of garbage, trash or rubbish shall be placed in the parking strips or otherwise in front of houses except on the scheduled day for garbage and refuse collection in that area, or on such other day as may be designated.

(c) No person having the care, either as owner or occupant, of any premises shall fail to maintain in a clean and sanitary condition as far as garbage, rubbish and ashes are concerned, such premises and the alley bordering the same as far as the center line thereof. The City shall have the right to clean such premises and add the cost thereof to the utility bill of such person and to prosecute such person for such noncompliance with this ordinance.

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(d) No person shall discard any garbage, rubbish or ashes except at a dump which has been approved and authorized by the City Council or its duly authorized officer, which may be the City Engineer. *amended 103*

Section 6. REMOVAL BY CITY; DUTIES OF PERSONS SERVED.

(a) The City of Palmer may undertake the general collection of garbage, rubbish, and ashes throughout the City subject to the provisions established in this Ordinance. *amended 103*

(b) Garbage, rubbish and ashes will be collected on a schedule as established by the City Council.

(c) All garbage placed in receptacles or containers for collection shall be drained of surplus liquids and all residential garbage shall be securely wrapped in paper. All rubbish may be broken, cut up, or otherwise reduced in size and placed in bundles securely tied, or in boxes, barrels, or other receptacles. Residential ashes shall be in separate containers.

(d) All garbage containers shall be of metal, 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 suitable handles or bails. No garbage or rubbish receptacles shall exceed thirty (30) gallons in capacity nor shall it be so loaded that it cannot be conveniently handled without spilling its contents. The weight of any bundle or the combined weight of any receptacle and its contents shall not exceed one hundred (100) pounds. The size of any bundle shall not be greater than can be conveniently handled and disposed of by the collector except where otherwise provided for in contract with the City.

(e) All receptacles shall be furnished by the customer. At commercial establishments, homes and residences where garbage is collected from an alley, garbage racks of a type and specification prescribed by the City Engineer shall be furnished by the customer and installed, and it shall be illegal to offer garbage for collection other than by placing it on such racks.

Section 7. RATES; ESTABLISHED BY CITY COUNCIL. The City Council shall establish rates for municipal garbage, rubbish and ashes collection for general businesses, private homes, and other occupied premises, such rates shall become due and payable as other utility bills. Rates are listed under Section 10 of this Ordinance. *amended 103*

Section 8. REGULATIONS; HEALTH OFFICER. The Health Officer is empowered, subject to approval by the Council, to make such rules and regulations, not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, relative to the collection, storage and disposal of garbage, ashes, rubbish, refuse and waste matters as are necessary to protect public property or the safety or health of the public, and no person shall fail to comply with any such rule or regulation.

Section 9. GARBAGE COLLECTION CONTRACT PROVISIONS. In the event the City Council awards a garbage contract as authorized in Section 4 of this Ordinance, such contract shall include the following provisions:

(a) "Contractor" is defined to mean any person, firm or corporation contracting with the City pursuant to the terms of this Ordinance.

(b) The Contractor shall abide by the laws and health regulations of the State of Alaska and the ordinances of the City of Palmer; he shall abide by all rules and regulations promulgated by the City Council or by the City Engineer with the approval of the City Council; he shall not refuse garbage service to any person or firm except with the approval of the City Council.

Section 10. RATES. Effective as of the effective date of this Ordinance, rates for garbage collection and disposal shall be as follows: *amended 103*

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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Residences	-	\$4.00 flat rate per month
Apartments	-	Having a common garbage can or cans, \$2.00 flat rate per month for each unit
Businesses	-	1 can - \$5.00 for each additional can \$2.50 per month

SEMI-WEEKLY COLLECTION

Residences	-	\$6.00 flat rate per month
Apartments	-	Having a common garbage can or cans, \$2.50 per month for each unit.
Businesses	-	1 can - \$10.00 per month - for each additional can - \$2.50 per month up to five cans If more than 5 cans - daily service needed.

DAILY COLLECTIONS

Businesses	-	1 can - \$15.00 per month for each additional can \$2.50 per month up to 6 cans or \$30.00 per month 7 cans or more - by agreement.
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Use of the dump by persons other than regular garbage customers who pay a permit fee for use of the dump; rates are established as follows:

\$1.00 for each passenger car + 1/2 ton trailers or pickups up to and including 3/4 ton, per load
\$2.50 for each 1 ton truck or larger, per load

Section 11. PENALTY.

Every person or firm convicted of a violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) or by imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

First reading: April 26, 1960.
Second reading: May 5, 1960, with changes.
Third reading: (in full) June 14, 1960.
EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE IS JULY 15, 1960.

Charles E. Logsdon

 Charles E. Logsdon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Emilie St. Pierre

 Emilie St. Pierre, City Clerk