ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6 CHAPTER 2 SECTION 6-2-5 OF THE HIGH POINT CITY CODE REGARDING SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Sec. 6-2-5. Preparation of solid waste for collection.

Solid waste materials are collected once per week beginning at 6:00 a.m. Rollout carts (solid waste, recycling, or yard waste) shall be placed at the curb no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the evening prior to the regularly scheduled collection day. Rollout carts shall be removed from the curb no later than 6:00 p.m. the day following the regularly scheduled collection day. Customers who fail to properly remove carts from the curb/street will be in violation of this chapter and subject to a fine or penalty see Section 6-2-5.(b)

- (a) All solid waste shall be placed in approved rollout carts. No loose bags of garbage or recycling shall be placed at the street and will not be collected. All bags must be contained in the approved rollout carts. It is recommended that all garbage be contained in bags as to prevent spillage during servicing. The city manager may authorize city crews to collect additional bagged solid waste on certain occasions during the year (such as Christmas) for a set time period, such as two (2) weeks after the holiday. The maximum number of rollout carts allowed for garbage service for anyone (1) billable location is two (2) carts. Carts should maintain a minimum three (3) foot area of clearance from any object including other carts, hydrants, power poles, mailboxes, etc.
- (b) Rollout carts (solid waste, recycling or yard waste) not removed from the curb by 6:00 p.m. the day following regularly scheduled collection day will be subject to the following enforcement:
 - a. First Offense: The rollout cart will be tagged and accompanied by an educational letter reminding customer of the Code requirements.
 - b. Second Offense: The rollout cart will be tagged and a fine of \$250.00 will be placed on the customer's bill along with a letter stating the reason for the fine and citation to the section(s) of the Code that were violated.
 - c. Third Offense: The rollout cart will be removed from the customer.
- (c) Yard waste shall be placed at the curb in a city approved yard waste rollout cart, paper bags, or secured in bundles weighing no more than 50 pounds and not exceeding a length of four (4) feet. Yard waste may not be mixed with any other types of solid waste. Yard waste not conforming to yard waste requirements shall not be collected by the city, and is subject to enforcement procedures outlined in Section 6-2-5.(b).

Loose tree limbs not conforming to yard waste requirements shall not be collected by the city. It is not the intent of the city to collect large portions of trees, entire tree(s), or lot clearing debris. Any tree trimming or removal performed at a multi-family residential unit or condominiums, or by a commercial company, business, landscaping company, or entities other than the property owner shall be responsible for the complete removal and disposal of all materials.

- In the event of a storm (ice, tornado, severe thunderstorm, etc.), the city manager may authorize the collection of loose tree limbs for a set time period (i.e. four (4) weeks) for crews to remove all limbs placed at the curb as a result of storm cleanup.
- (d) Loose leaves may be placed at the edge of the road (not in the road, ditchline, or curbline) for loose leaf collection during the late fall and early winter each year (approx. November through January). Collection schedules will be advertised and published. No other yard waste shall be included or mixed with loose leaves (no litter, garbage, sticks, brush, or paper bagged leaves/grass).
- (e) Bulky items shall be placed at the curb free from overhead wires, trees and tree limbs, mailboxes, utility poles, vehicles, or other endangerments that would impede collection. This service is intended for the occasional disposal of a mattress, appliance, furniture items, carpet, or other like items from a property owner or tenant. The bulky item service is not intended as a cleanout/disposal for removing all items from a property. Bulky items service does not apply to any business. No tires will be collected by the city. Tires shall be disposed at the county tire facility.
- (f) The city provides for the collection of recyclable materials and strongly encourages all customers to participate. Recyclable materials should be placed in a city-approved container. Acceptable materials are defined above and in city literature. Materials do not require sorting. Only recyclable materials should be placed in the containers. Mixing garbage, yard waste, or other materials with recyclables will result in a notice of violation and no collection. The city may remove carts and discontinue service to locations where notice of violation of the ordinance has been given three times within a 12-month period.
- (g) Electronics such as computers, monitors, televisions, or any items with a cord shall not be placed in a roll out cart or placed at the curb. These items will not be collected and should be taken to the city's Material Recycling Facility, Ingleside Compost Facility electronics drop off site, City of High Point Household Hazardous Waste quarterly collection, or to the county's household recycling facility.
- (h) Tires should not be placed in any container or curbside for collection. Tires will not be collected and should be taken to the county's tire disposal facility.
- (i) Special waste such as batteries, chemicals, oils and other hazardous waste materials are not accepted as recyclable or solid waste and should not be placed in any container and will not be collected. These items may be recycled at the county's household hazardous waste recycling facility, one of the city's quarterly household hazardous waste events, or other approved sites. Plastic bags (#2 LDPE) should be returned to retail stores for recycling and should not be included in weekly recycling collection.

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Sandra Keeney, City Clerk