



TOWN OF STANTONSBURG

ORDINANCE FY2024-2025

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4.2: GARBAGE AND REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Stantonsburg may enact ordinances to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens under the North Carolina General Statutes §160A174; and

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Council of the Town of Stantonsburg, North Carolina, that Chapter 4.2 of the Stantonsburg Code of Ordinances is amended as follows:

CHAPTER 4.2: GARBAGE AND REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

§ 4.2.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

ASHES. Refuse resulting from the burning of wood, coal, coke, and other combustible material.

BUILDING RUBBISH. Rubbish from construction, remodeling, and repair operations on houses, commercial buildings, and other structures to include, but not be limited to, decks, carpet, carpet padding, other flooring materials, mirrors, glass, kitchen cabinets, above ground pool components, wire, and fencing.

CHRISTMAS TREE. A natural evergreen conifer completely bare of all decoration and attachments.

CONTRACTOR. A person or company that undertakes a contract to provide materials or labor to perform a service.

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DUMPSTER. A metal container of not less than two cubic yards nor larger than ten cubic yards, made of watertight construction with doors opening on two sides and top, constructed so that it can be emptied mechanically by specially equipped trucks.

EXPLOSIVES. Any cartridge, shotgun shell, or any other container, carton, or thing containing any sort of powder, substance, or waste-capable of exploding, including, but not limited to, dynamite caps, dynamite, flammable liquids or gases, and ammunition of any type.

GARBAGE. Animal and vegetable refuse resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking, and consumption of food, including a minimum amount of liquid necessarily incident thereto.

INDUSTRIAL WASTE. Waste from factories, processing plants, and other manufacturing enterprises, including, but not limited to, cleaning fluids, biohazards, putrid waste, chemicals and other volatile waste products.

MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL DWELLING. A development, apartment building, or similar complex with four or more residential units, whether vacant or occupied, where such units are for rent or lease to residential tenants for periods in excess of thirty (30) days.

RECYCLABLES. Rubbish, such as paper, cardboard, plastic, glass, and aluminum that are commonly recyclable and are collected under a recycling program operated in connection with collection by Wilson County or another authorized collector.

RESIDENTIAL REFUSE CONTAINERS. Ninety-five (95) gallon containers, provided by the Towns municipal waste contractor.

RUBBISH. Refuse, exclusive of garbage and ashes, including, but not limited to, recyclables, paper, rags, cartons, boxes, wood, excelsior, rubber, leather, tin cans, metals, mineral matter, glass, crockery, dirt, earth, and dust.

SCRAP TIRES. Used motor vehicle tires.

TRASH. All other refuse, not otherwise covered in this chapter.

WASTE. Useless, unused, unwanted, or discarded refuse or materials.

YARD WASTE. Those organic materials commonly consisting of leaves, grass, weeds, hedge clippings, garden waste, pine straw, branches-less than forty-eight (48) inches long and five inches in diameter, twigs and all vegetative matter resulting from residential landscaping activities.

§ ART 4.2.1 GARBAGE TO BE PROMPTLY REMOVED.

No garbage that has become decayed or that otherwise shall be a menace to health or cleanliness shall be allowed to remain on or about any dwelling house, motel, boardinghouse, café, restaurant, lunch stand, fruit stand, meat market, store, or other building or on any premises a longer time than shall be reasonably necessary to remove and deposit the same for collection pursuant to this chapter.

§ ART 4.2.2 DEPOSITING GARBAGE, RUBBISH, OR TRASH IN PUBLIC DRAINAGE WAYS.

No person shall throw, place, or deposit any garbage, rubbish, trash, waste or yard waste in any street, alley, public drainage way, other public place, or on any property within the municipal limits of the Town, except in residential refuse containers or garbage receptacles as provided in this chapter.

§ ART. 4.2.3 TOWN GARBAGE AND TRASH COLLECTION AND STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

1. Garbage will be picked up weekly. Trash will be picked up once a week with the exception of leaf season and with provisions for call-in pickup (Bulk). The Town Manager is to set the schedule as to which days.
2. Street sweeping will be limited to once a week in the business district and once a month in the residential area. The Town Manager is to set the schedule as to which days.

§ ART 4.2.4 INTERFERING WITH RECEPTACLES.

No person shall overturn, disturb, molest, remove, or litter the contents of any residential refuse container, dumpster or garbage receptacle set out for removal pursuant to this chapter.

§ ART 4.2.5 DEPOSITING EXPLOSIVES, AND THE LIKE, IN RECEPTACLES.

No person shall deposit in any residential refuse container, dumpster or receptacle for removal by authorized collectors any explosive, as defined under § 4.2.01, including any live ammunition, any volatile materials, or any industrial waste.

COLLECTION AND REMOVAL

§ ART 4.2.6 COLLECTION RESPONSIBILITIES.

- (A) The collection, removal, and disposition of all waste, garbage, ashes, rubbish, and trash shall be pursuant to this chapter.
- (B) The collection, removal, and disposition of leaves, limbs, and loose pine straw shall be pursuant to this chapter.
- (C) The Town is not responsible for the collection, removal and disposition of any materials left by contractors.
- (D) The Town is not responsible for the collection, removal and disposition of any materials related to home improvements including but not limited to carpet, lumber, electrical, or other building materials.

§ ART 4.2.7 COLLECTION PRACTICES.

(A) *Industrial wastes and explosives.* Industrial wastes and explosives shall be collected, moved, and disposed of by the owners of the same in accordance with all applicable laws, and the same shall not be placed or mixed in with any garbage, ashes, rubbish, or other waste to be removed pursuant to this chapter.

(B) *Rubbish/trash/waste.* The Town will collect no more than three (3) individual items or sets from any household per week. Any items exceeding this limit or determined by the Town Manager or his/her designee to be unsuitable will not be the Town's responsibility and should

be properly handled and immediately removed by the property owner. The Town is not held responsible for the collection, removal and disposition of any materials left by contractors.

(C) *Yard waste. Restrictions.* A maximum volume of sixty-four (64) cubic ft. (4ft. X 4ft. X 4ft.) is the total amount of yard waste the Town will remove from every household per collection cycle. The Town will not collect whole or cut-up trees or logs larger than the predetermined measurements, tree root systems, dirt or sod. Any items exceeding this limit or determined by the Town Manager or his/her designee to be unsuitable will not be the Town's responsibility and should be properly handled and immediately removed by the property owner. The Town is not responsible for the collection, removal and disposition of any materials left by contractors.

(D) *Bulk Items.* The town will pick up bulk items in accordance to town policy. Customers must call and schedule a pick-up appointment. Additional fees may apply and be updated at the discretion of the Town Council. Examples include household furniture, mattresses and appliances. All items must be placed in the public right-of-way directly adjacent to the property and must not be placed under power lines.

- i. **Placement.** It shall be unlawful for any person to place yard waste of any kind on the paved portion, traveled portion or storm drainage portion of any street within the municipal limits. Yard waste shall be placed off the street pavement and between the roadside drain or ditch and the front property line of the property on which it is being removed.
- ii. **Separation.** Yard waste placed for collection by the Town must be kept separate from and shall not be mixed with any building rubbish, garbage, rubbish or trash.
 - a. **Limbs.** Limbs must be parallel and adjacent to the road surface and no larger than forty-eight (48) inches or four (4) ft. in length and five (5) inches in diameter.
 - b. **Leaves.** From November 1st to January 31st, leaves will be collected by the Town. They must be contained in a neat pile kept within three (3) feet from the curb.
 - c. **Christmas trees.** Completely bare Christmas trees will be collected by the Town.

(E) *Scrap tires.*

- i. Scrap tires shall be disposed of in accordance with Wilson County requirements by the owner.
- ii. It shall be unlawful for any business or individual to abandon a scrap tire on any public or private property except a Wilson County designated disposal site.

§ ART 4.2.8 PLACEMENT AND REMOVAL OF RESIDENTIAL REFUSE CONTAINERS.

Residential refuse containers shall be placed for collection curbside no earlier than 7:00 p.m. on the day preceding the designated pickup day and shall be removed from the curbside location no later than 7:00 p.m. on the day following collection. Except during the foregoing hours, the

residential refuse containers shall be kept in a location no closer to the street than the front line of the residence.

§ ART 4.2.9 USE OF CONTAINERS ON PROPERTY OWNED BY TOWN.

Containers placed by the Town on property owned or controlled by it, including containers located in Town parks, parking lots, schools, and other public areas, shall be used only for official Town purposes or as receptacles for garbage or refuse generated by activity upon or use of the property.

§ ART 4.2.10 USE OF RESIDENTIAL REFUSE CONTAINERS BY COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Upon application to and approval by the Town Manager, a commercial establishment within the Town may use residential refuse containers for disposal of ordinary garbage and rubbish; provided, however, the containers shall not be used for the disposal of building rubbish, explosives, industrial waste, scrap tires and other items determined by the Town Manager to be unsuitable for disposal in such containers. The schedule of rates and fees for collection and disposal of such waste by commercial establishments shall be as fixed and established from time to time by the Town Council and maintained on file in the office of the Finance Director. Such rates and fees shall be collected from the users of the services and shall be due and payable monthly in accordance with this code.

§ ART 4.2.11 FEES

The schedule of rates and fees for collection and disposal of waste shall be fixed and established from time to time by the Town Council and maintained on file in the office of the Finance Director. Such rates and fees shall be collected from the users of the services and shall be due and payable monthly in accordance with this code. Extra containers may be provided at the customer's request. Additional fees may apply as deemed necessary by the Town Council.

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