

**MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM**  
**#07-01**

May 16, 2007

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Kathleen M. Novak and City Council Members

**FROM:** A.J. Krieger, City Manager *SK*  
Norm Bell, Maintenance and Operations *AB*

**SUBJECT:** CB-1621, Amendment to Article 7 of Chapter 16 of the Northglenn Municipal Code

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Attached to this memorandum is an ordinance which, if approved, would amend portions of Article 7 of Chapter 16 of the Northglenn Municipal Code relating to required trash containers and minor amendments to the provisions regarding trash collection. Staff recommends approval of this proposed ordinance.

**BACKGROUND:**

On April 12, 2007, City Council passed CB-1615 (Ordinance #1483, Series of 2007) which will require residential trash customers to acquire a city-approved trash container and screen their trash from view from the public right-of-way. This ordinance becomes effective August 1, 2007. After completing a thorough review of the entire trash ordinance and receiving inquiries from residents, it became apparent that additional clarification was necessary to eliminate some conflicting language.

It was also recommended to allow residents to continue to use trash bags for landscape waste only. This is an interim measure until such a time as an acceptable alternative can be incorporated into the collection program. The proposed ordinance incorporates the recommended changes.

**POTENTIAL OBJECTIONS:**

City Staff is not aware of any specific opposition to the proposed ordinance.

**BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS:**

This ordinance has no budgetary impacts.

**STAFF REFERENCE:**

If Council members have any comments or questions they may contact Norm Bell, [nbell@northglenn.org](mailto:nbell@northglenn.org)

SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER MARTIN

COUNCILMAN'S BILL

ORDINANCE NO.

No. CB-1621  
Series of 2007

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A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 7 OF CHAPTER 16 OF THE NORTHGLENN MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING REQUIRED TRASH CONTAINERS, AND MAKING OTHER MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE PROVISIONS REGARDING TRASH COLLECTION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. Section 16-7-2, subsection (b) of the Northglenn Municipal Code is hereby amended by the amendment of subsection (b)(4) and the addition of a new subsection (b)(13) to read as follows:

(b) As used in this ordinance:

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(4) **"Director of Maintenance and Operations"** means the CITY MANAGER OR THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE ~~means the Director of Maintenance and Operations of the City of Northglenn.~~

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(13) **"LANDSCAPE WASTE"** MEANS WEEDS, YARD CLIPPINGS, GRASS CLIPPINGS, SOD, SOIL, BRUSH, SHRUBS OR TREE BRANCHES.

Section 2. Section 16-7-3 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

(a) The Director of Maintenance and Operations shall collect as trash, when placed in containers as required by this ordinance:

- (1) Cans;
- (2) Glass (~~The presence of broken glass shall be clearly marked on the trash container~~), crockery, ceramics or pottery;
- (3) Cold ashes in double container (bag) and sealed;
- (4) Cloth;
- (5) Bedding, except bed springs and mattresses;
- (6) Bones;
- (7) Paper, paper products or cardboard;
- (8) Plastic or plastic products;

- (9) Weeds, yard clippings, grass clippings that are double bagged or contained in a single bag of at least 2 mil thickness, weighing not more than forty (40) pounds, and not placed loose in trash containers and leaves, hay or straw;
- (10) Wood shavings, or sawdust in double container (bag) and sealed; or
- (11) Any dry, non putrid material, whether combustible or noncombustible, not otherwise provided for or regulated by the provisions of this ordinance;
- (12) Waste household food not to exceed a reasonable amount;
- (13) Pet feces in double plastic bags and sealed; ~~and~~
- (14) Sod or soil will be collected as trash by the City only if placed in commercially manufactured plastic trash bags which will not break and which does not weigh more than forty (40) pounds. No more than two bags of sod and or soil will be collected from an eligible residence on any one collection day;
- (15) Wood, wood products, lumber, fiberboard, wallboard, or other wooden building materials;
- (16) Brush, shrubs or tree branches; and
- (17) Plastic pipe, plastic sheets, or other plastic materials.

Any excess shall be subject to the special service charges enumerated in section 16-7-19.

~~(b) The Director of Maintenance and Operations shall collect as trash, the following items placed in containers as provided by this ordinance or when bundled and securely tied at both ends in packages not more than four (4) feet long by two (2) feet high by four (4) feet wide, and weighing not more than forty (40) pounds:~~

- ~~(1) Wood, wood products, lumber, fiberboard, wallboard, or other wooden building materials;~~
- ~~(2) Brush, shrubs or tree branches;~~
- ~~(3) Plastic pipe, plastic sheets, or other plastic materials; or~~

(be) Trash which is not confined within containers ~~or bundled~~ as defined by this article shall not be collected by the City collection crews. It shall be the property owner's responsibility to assure all trash remains in containers ~~or secure bundles~~ defined in this article prior to collection.

Section 3. Section 16-7-4, subsection (b) of the Northglenn Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

(b) The Director of Maintenance and Operations shall not collect as trash any material, substance or object described in Section 16-7-3 of this ordinance which is not placed in containers ~~or bundled and tied~~ as required by the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 4. Section 16-7-8, subsection (a) of the Northglenn Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) Unless as otherwise provided in this ordinance, there shall be no limitation on the gross volume or gross weight of trash to be collected from an eligible residence; except that at all times ~~other than during the annual city wide clean up month~~ the City shall charge a fee as listed in Section 16-7-19 for each container; or ~~item or bundle~~ AUTHORIZED BAG in excess of

twelve (12) collected at any one regular weekly pick-up.

Section 5. Section 16-7-9, subsections (a)(1), (a)(2) and (a)(6) of the Northglenn Municipal Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) Trash shall be collected from an eligible residence only if:

(1) Such trash is placed in the containers, ~~or tied in the bundles~~ as required by this Article.

(2) Such containers ~~or bundles~~ are placed at the inside edge of the residence's sidewalk or curblin, if there is no sidewalk, and within five (5) feet of the sidewalk or curblin and are placed in front of such eligible residence, in such a way as not to be obstructed from easy view by a trash collection vehicle driver and to be directly accessible from the street or at a place specifically designated by the Director of Maintenance and Operations for Special Service, not later than 7:00 o'clock a.m. on the day scheduled for collection.

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(6) The Director of Maintenance and Operations shall consider any written request by an eligible residence to deviate from the required sidewalk or curblin placement of trash containers ~~or bundles~~ pursuant to Section 16-7-9(a)(2) without additional fee upon a showing of need and good cause.

Section 6. Section 16-7-10, of the Northglenn Municipal Code is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 16-7-10. Containers.

(a) All trash to be collected by the City, except as otherwise provided in this section, shall be placed in one of the following authorized types of containers:

(1) A Plastic or Paper Bag: A plastic or paper bag, commercially manufactured for trash storage, the top of which shall be securely tied or fastened to prevent spillage and which weighs, when full, not more than forty (40) pounds, AND WHICH MAY ONLY BE USED TO STORE LANDSCAPE WASTE: or

~~(2) — A Metal or Plastic Trash Can: Any metal or plastic trash can commercially manufactured for trash storage and which is maintained in a safe condition, having a capacity of not more than thirty two (32) gallons and not less than twenty (20) gallons, which weighs when full not more than forty (40) pounds, or has a disposable liner which is securely fastened; which has sloping sides and which has handles suitable for lifting. Lids of trash cans shall not be hinged, nor have ropes, chains or cables hanging from the sides or top: or~~

(23) Trash Carts: Trash carts commercially manufactured for trash storage and collection, with hinged lids and having a capacity of not more than NINETY-SIX (96) ~~one hundred and ten (110)~~ gallons and not less than SIXTY-FOUR (64) ~~thirty two (32)~~ gallons SHALL BE REQUIRED ON ALL ROUTES ~~may be permitted on routes designated by the~~

Director of Maintenance and Operations for mechanical pickup.

~~(4) — Trash Can Carrier or Carts: Trash can carriers or carts, commercially manufactured for the transportation or hauling of trash cans, shall be permitted provided that the lifting height necessary to remove trash cans from the cart shall not exceed sixteen (16") inches.~~

~~(5) — Any wooden or cardboard box, intended to be disposed of as trash, which does not exceed a capacity of fourteen (14) cubic feet, which weighs when full not more than forty (40) pounds, and which is securely covered, closed or tied in a manner sufficient to prevent spillage. Large boxes such as those used for packaging mattresses, major appliances and other large boxes shall not be picked up unless they are broken down and folded flat.~~

(b) In addition to the restrictions noted above, the following containers are deemed improper for trash containers and trash contained therein shall not be picked up: paper shopping bags, room waste baskets, wheelbarrows, carts, burlap bags (unless to be disposed of), pasteboard containers (unless to be disposed of) and any other containers not commercially manufactured for trash collection AND AUTHORIZED BY THIS ARTICLE. Unauthorized containers shall be marked and if placed at the collection point on future collection days, shall be assumed to be placed there for disposal.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to place or dump residential or commercial trash, garbage, or waste material in, under, on or around any container or receptacle located on private or public property which such person does not own or have the legal right to possess, unless such person has written permission from the owner or lessor of the trash container. This section shall not apply to containers which are placed in locations open to the public for public use for the deposit of trash, garbage or waste material generated at the public facility.

Section 7. Section 11-7-2, subsection (b)(4) of the Northglenn Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

(b) All trash containers shall be:

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(4) CONTAINERS ACQUIRED FROM OR OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE CITY.

Section 8. This Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with Section 4.9 of the Charter, but for purposes of the implementation and enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance, the effective date of this Ordinance shall be August 1, 2007.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ORDERED POSTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2007.

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KATHLEEN M. NOVAK  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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DIANA L. LENTZ, CMC  
City Clerk

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2007.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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COREY Y. HOFFMANN  
City Attorney