



SHERWOOD FOREST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Welcome to the Sherwood Forest neighborhood!

We would like to welcome you to a caring community of neighbors committed to making our neighborhood a safe, secure, fun and friendly place to live, where all residents have a voice, and strive to care for each other and our community as a whole.

The accompanying packet of information should be helpful to you as a resident and/or property owner in our neighborhood. Included in this packet are the following items/documents:

- *Neighborhood general information, history, and basic information about our association.*
- *A map of the neighborhood including zones.*
- *Information about the benefits of belonging to the neighborhood association.*
- *A resident and property owner census survey and association membership application.*
- *City of Columbia zoning and ordinance information of which all residents should be aware.*
- *Important contact information of value to all residents.*

All this information and much more is available on our association website at sherwoodforestneighbors.org. Please consider joining us at our quarterly general meetings at the Sherwood Forest Presbyterian Church, 4325 Wilmot Avenue (on the corner of Wilmot and Beltline Boulevard). We meet the second Wednesday of the second month of each calendar quarter – February, May, August, and November – from 6 to 8 PM.

Dues have been set at \$20 per household per year. Membership is for a calendar year. You may mail your payment with this form to treasurer Henry Nechemias at 4 Robin Hood Court, Columbia, SC 29205, or call an association officer or your block captain for pick up.

You may also fill out the survey and pay your dues online at www.sherwoodforestneighbors.org via PayPal or credit card.

We are making an effort to send out informational emails around the first of every month to keep neighbors up do date on neighborhood events and other events and information of interest.

To subscribe, email membership@sherwoodforestneighbors.org or subscribe online at sherwoodforestneighbors.org/subscribe.html

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SHERWOOD FOREST NEIGHBORHOOD

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Sherwood Forest neighborhood of Columbia is bounded on the west by Kilbourne Road, on the north by Devine Street, on the east by Beltline Boulevard, and on the south by Rosewood Drive. Adjacent neighborhoods include Shandon, Heathwood and Rosewood. We are made up of a diverse group of residents with a comfortable mix of single family homes, town-homes, duplexes and commercial enterprises. Our neighborhood has established families, young couples, singles, and retirees as well as a few pioneers who occupy homes they have lived in since the homes were built!

HISTORY

Sherwood Forest was developed by the Belser family from farmland and forest in the 1940's and '50's. The original William Gordon Belser home which he built around 1920 still stands at 530 Kilbourne Road. Another feature of Sherwood Forest is the ten acre William Gordon Belser Arboretum which was deeded to the University of South Carolina for educational and research purposes. Several descendants of the Belser family live in the neighborhood.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

In 2005, after many years as an informal group spearheaded by a few dedicated individuals, The Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Association was formally established as a nonprofit organization to improve the general quality of life and provide a safe, friendly, prosperous community environment for the residents and property owners. We are also members of the City of Columbia Council of Neighborhoods.

To help set and achieve our goals, we are looking for participation and contributions from all of our neighbors. Notices of general meetings and other events or information are distributed by Block Captains to all residences, and by email to those residents who have provided email addresses.

GENERAL MEETINGS

The Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Association general meetings are held on the second Tuesday of February, May, August and November at the Sherwood Forest ARP Church, 4325 Wilmot Avenue.

OFFICERS

President: Gail Wojtowicz (618) 402-8736 <president@sherwoodforestneighbors.org>

Vice President: Pat Mason, (803) 467-9570 <vpresident@sherwoodforestneighbors.org>

Secretary: Kate Barton (904) 742-0884 <secretary@sherwoodforestneighbors.org>

Treasurer: Henry Nechemias (803) 738-0682 <treasurer@sherwoodforestneighbors.org>

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Appearance: Dave Nelson, (803) 787-3064 <appearance@sherwoodforestneighbors.org>

Membership: Pat Mason, (803) 467-9570 <membership@sherwoodforestneighbors.org>

Legal: Kirby Shealy (803) 787-3744 <legal@sherwoodforestneighbors.org>

Forest Friends: Valerie Marcil, (803) 331-1138 <forestfriends@sherwoodforestneighbors.org>

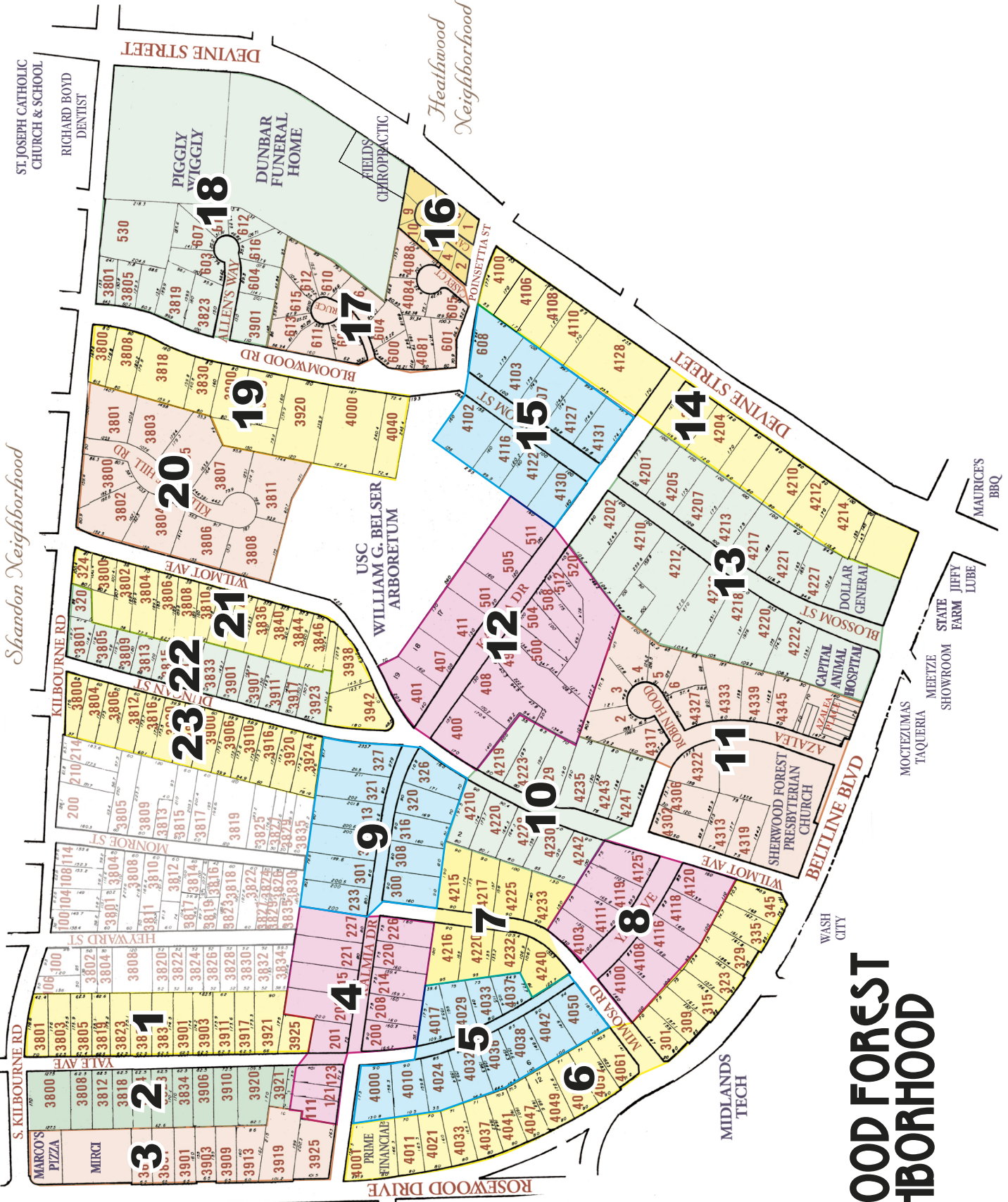
For more information, email info@sherwoodforestneighbors.org, or visit www.sherwoodforestneighbors.org.

SHERWOOD FOREST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Our current block captains and co-captains by zone are:

1. Mary Battle, 3803 Yale Avenue, 843-973-0121, bc_zone1@sherwoodforestneighbors.org
2. Emilie Lewis, 3812 Yale Avenue, 803-524-3489, bc_zone2@sherwoodforestneighbors.org
3. Lewis Kirk, 4000 Yale Avenue, 803-787-3450, bc_zone3@sherwoodforestneighbors.org
4. Cary Perry, 215 Kalmia Drive, 812-929-2142, bc_zone4@sherwoodforestneighbors.org
5. POSITION OPEN, bc_zone5@sherwoodforestneighbors.org
6. Lewis Kirk, 4000 Yale Avenue, 803-787-3450, bc_zone6@sherwoodforestneighbors.org
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bc_zone10@sherwoodforestneighbors.org
11. Henry Nechemias, 2 Robin Hood Court, 803-738-0682,
bc_zone11@sherwoodforestneighbors.org
12. Lauren Bradley, 501 Kalmia Drive, 678-637-5347, bc_zone12@sherwoodforestneighbors.org
13. Pat Mason, 4201 Blossom Street, 803-467-9570, bc_zone13@sherwoodforestneighbors.org
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17. Marvin Lare, 604 Allen's Way, 803-779-9881, bc_zone17@sherwoodforestneighbors.org
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20. Dawn See, 4805 Kilbourne Hill Road, bc_zone20@sherwoodforestneighbors.org
21. Kathy Myers, 3810 Wilmot Avenue, 803-252-3600, bc_zone21@sherwoodforestneighbors.org
22. Becky Siceloff, 3900 Duncan St, 803-422-5574, bc_zone22@sherwoodforestneighbors.org
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SHERWOOD FOREST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION?

Our bylaws state that “The purpose of the Association is to improve the quality of life and cultivate stronger relationships by lessening neighborhood tensions, and combat community deterioration by providing a forum for discussing matters important to the residents and property owners of Sherwood Forest and a means of addressing those issues.” While that may be a comprehensive statement of purpose, there are less formal and more compelling reasons for joining and supporting the neighborhood association.

WHAT CAN THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION DO FOR ME?

First and most importantly, the association is a way to create a sense of community in our neighborhood. General meetings, social events and being a block captain allow you to meet your neighbors who you may see coming and going, but never have a chance to talk with. Getting to know your neighbors not only helps Sherwood Forest feel more like home, but it can also help improve neighborhood safety and security, and can expand your network for business or personal interests.

Having an organized neighborhood association allows us representation on the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods. The Columbia Council of Neighborhoods (CCN) is a volunteer, community-based umbrella organization which coordinates the activities of over eighty city neighborhood organizations. Government in Columbia has become increasingly oriented and responsive to neighborhood concerns. City officials work closely with CCN and neighborhood leaders, staying in touch with what is happening throughout the city's communities which results in a healthy relationship between citizens, leaders, and administrators. The Zoning Board, Planning Commission, and City Council all now routinely request the opinion of CCN and its members. Having a voice through the CCN allows Sherwood Forest to communicate our concerns and needs with an authority and influence that we could not achieve as individuals.

Safety is a number one issue for many residents, and the neighborhood association will coordinate a Neighborhood Watch and report on criminal activity in our area. The association also acts as a partner by sharing information with the City of Columbia Public Safety establishment. But an added benefit of the neighborhood association is the fact that when you get to know your neighbors, you can recognize outsiders or unusual activity in the neighborhood and alert your neighbors and the proper authorities.

An organized neighborhood association also allows us to apply for grants from the City of Columbia for neighborhood improvements such as beautification, signage and other projects to promote and enhance the quality of life in the neighborhood. The association can also give us a unified voice concerning traffic control, street and infrastructure improvements, zoning requests and other issues affecting our daily lives.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION?

By paying your dues and joining the Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Association, you can add your voice to the debate determining the direction and purpose of the association. You can be involved by voting at general meetings, being a block captain, joining a committee, or volunteering to chair a committee, or offer to serve as an association officer. You can become a good neighbor in a great neighborhood that will be enhanced and improved by your involvement.

SHERWOOD FOREST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Resident and Property Owner Census Survey

All information is for the sole use of the Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Association. Personal information will not be shared with any outside agencies or businesses. Information you provide may be used in aggregate form for demographic and statistical purposes.

REQUIRED INFORMATION *(Please print)*

Date: ____/____/____

Contact Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

I prefer to be contacted at my: ☐ Home Telephone ☐ Cell Phone ☐ Work Phone

eMail Address _____

I prefer to be contacted by: ☐ eMail ☐ Telephone ☐ Postal mail ☐ Do Not Contact

OPTIONAL INFORMATION *(Please print)*

Occupation(s) _____

Business or Employer(s) _____

☐ Owner ☐ Renter Resident of Sherwood Forest since: _____ Number of people in household _____

Other Household Residents *(Please indicate relationship and ages)* _____

INTERESTS

I would be interested in participating in the Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Association:

☐ As an Association Officer

As a chairperson or member of the committee for: ☐ Safety ☐ Appearance ☐ Social ☐ Membership

☐ Communications ☐ Legal and Zoning

☐ As a Block Captain

☐ My business or employer would be interested in offering a neighborly discount for goods or services

☐ My business or employer would be interested in advertizing on the Sherwood Forest Neighbors web site

COMMENTS _____

JOINING THE SHERWOOD FOREST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Important Contact Information Quick Reference

Emergency – Fire, Police, Ambulance – 911

City of Columbia Police Non-Emergency Number – 803-252-2911

South Region CRT (Community Response Team) Officer David Gibb david.gibb@columbiasc.gov

City of Columbia – <http://columbiasc.net>

City of Columbia Customer Care Center – 803-545-3300 or CustomerCare@ColumbiaSC.gov
- columbiasc.gov/customer-care

City of Columbia Information Request Line – mygovhelp.org/columbiasc/_cs/SupportHome.aspx

City of Columbia Water Service – 803-545-3300 – columbiascwater.net

City of Columbia Animal Control – 803-776-7387 – columbiasc.net/animal-services

City of Columbia Solid Waste & Recycling – 803-545-3800 - columbiasc.net/solid-waste

Curbside green rollcart garbage pickup every Thursday; and blue rollcart recycling pickup on second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Yard waste pickup on Fridays.

Richland County – richlandcountysc.gov

Ombudsman One-Call Response Center – 803-929-6000 – ombudsman@richlandcountysc.gov

Dominion Energy

Start or Stop Service 1-800-251-7234

Downed/Sparking power lines: 1-888-333-4465

Gas leaks: Call 911 and then 1-800-815-0083

For power outages: Report Online (account.sceg.com/outage/#report) or call 1-888-333-4465

Streetlights & outdoor lighting: Report Online or call 1-800-251-7234 – dominionenergy.com/south-carolina

AT&T Telephone/Internet Service

1-800-757-6500 - att.com

(Other providers are available.)

Spectrum Cable Television/Internet Service

1-888-406-7063 - spectrum.nt

950 Harden Sreet (closest location)

(Other providers are available.)

The State Newspaper – Circulation 800-888-3566 - thestate.com

The Post & Courier – Columbia Edition – 803-765-0707 - postandcourier.com/columbia/

South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles Driver's License

803-896-5000

1630 Shop Road (closest location)

803-896-5000 - scdmvonline.com

Richland County Public Library

803-799-9084 - richlandlibrary.com

Richland Library Wheatley, 931 Woodrow Street 803-799-5873

Richland Library Cooper, 5317 North Trenholm Rd. 803-787-3462

Richland Library Lower Richland, 9019 Garners Ferry Road 803-509-8372

United States Post Office

2108 Greene St, Columbia, SC 29205-9998

7406 Garners Ferry Rd, Columbia, SC 29209-9998

800 275-8777 (800) ASK-USPS - usps.com

Rosewood Elementary
3300 Rosewood Drive 803-343-2930 - rosewood.richlandone.org
Hand Junior High School
2600 Wheat St. 803-343-2947 - hand.richlandone.org
Dreher High School
3319 Millwood Avenue 803-253-7000 - dreher.richlandone.org

Sherwood Forest is divided between two voting districts: Precinct 14 and Precinct 17. Ward 14 includes the south side of Duncan Street to Kalmia, the west side of Kalmia south to Mimosa, and the south side of Mimosa to Beltline. Please note that congressional map redistricting now has Ward 14 in the 6th Congressional District.

Polling Precinct – Ward 14
Polling Location – Sims Park, 3500 Duncan Street
SC Senate District 20 – Richard A. “Dick” Harpootlian (D)
512 Gressette Bldg., Columbia 29201, 803-212-6148 - scstatehouse.gov/member.php?code=0747159001

US Congressional District 6 – James E. Clyburn, 803-799-1100 clyburn.house.gov

Polling Precinct – Ward 17
Polling Location – Brennen Elementary School, 4438 Devereaux Road
SC Senate District 21 – Darrell Jackson
612 Gressette Bldg., Columbia 29201, 803-212-6048 - scstatehouse.gov/member.php?code=0920454435

US Congressional District 2 – Addison Graves “Joe” Wilson, 803-939-0041 joewilson.house.gov

These elected officials are common to both precincts:

Mayor – Daniel J. Rickenmann – 803-920-9541 djrickenmann@columbiasc.gov

City Council District 3 – Will Brennan 803-545-4055 will.brennan@columbiasc.gov

City Council At Large
Aditi Bussells – 803-216-1948 aditi.bussells@columbiasc.gov
Howard Duvall – 803-238-6875 dhoward.duvall@columbiasc.gov

Richland County Council District 6 – Don Weaver 803-995-3703 weaver.don@richlandcountysc.gov

SC House District 75 – Heather Bauer 803-212-6943 - scstatehouse.gov/member.php?code=125568167

US Senate – Lindsey Graham 803-933-0112 – lgraham.senate.gov
508 Hampton Street, Suite 202, Columbia, SC 29201
Main: 803-933-0112

US Senate – Tim Scott 803-771-6112 – scott.senate.gov
1901 Main Street, Suite 1425, Columbia, SC 29201

Voter Registration Information

To register: Richland County Board of Voter Registration
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia SC 29202
803-576-2240

richlandcountysc.gov/Government/Departments/Voter-Registration-Elections/Voter-Registration

More information and web site links are available on the Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Association web site at sherwoodforestneighborhood.org.

City Ordinances: Animals

Sec. 4-1: Killing, injuring or disturbing squirrels or birds.

It shall be unlawful for any person to kill, maim or otherwise annoy with firearms, air rifles or slingshots, or in any other manner, the squirrels and birds within the limits of the city or within the limits of any park or playground owned by the city, or to disturb the nests of such birds and squirrels; provided that any owner, authorized agent, lessee or tenant of real estate in the city frequented by squirrels in number sufficient to create a nuisance on or cause damage to any property thereon may apply to the animal services division for a permit and may be authorized to humanely trap or have humanely trapped by a private wildlife or pest control agency and then appropriately relocate the squirrel(s) or birds.

Sec. 4-33: Raising or Keeping Fowl or Rabbits

The raising or maintaining of live fowl and rabbits is prohibited within the city, except as provided in this article with regard to the keeping of chickens.

Sec. 4-62: License for Dogs and Cats; Rabies Vaccination

(a) *License required; proof of rabies vaccination.* It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog or cat to fail to provide any dog or cat over four months of age with a current city license tag. The owner of any dog or cat over four months of age must also have a current rabies vaccination tag showing that such animal has been vaccinated. No license shall be issued unless proof of inoculation is shown. Any dog or cat owner who moves in the city for the purpose of establishing residency or who becomes a resident as a result of annexation shall have 30 days in which to obtain the license.

(b) *Fees generally; expiration and renewal; duties of veterinarians.* The city license fee for fertile dogs and cats shall be \$25.00 per year. The city license fee for sterilized dogs and cats shall be \$5.00 per year. Each license required by this article shall be good for one year from the date of its issuance and no longer. Licenses shall be renewed annually and may be renewed 60 days in advance of expiration. At the end of each month, all licensed veterinarians shall transmit complete and legible copies of all rabies vaccination certificates issued during the month to the city's superintendent of animal control.

(c) *Exemptions from differential license fees.*

(1) Any owner of a dog or cat who can furnish a statement by a licensed veterinarian that for medical reasons, the spay or neuter procedure is not appropriate at this time.

(2) Any owner of one or more purebred dogs or cats who can furnish proof of participation in at least three nationally recognized conformation or obedience shows within the past 12 months.

(3) Any owner of a dog which is trained and certified to be an assistance dog for its owner.

(d) *Tags.* The public services department shall annually provide a sufficient number of durable tags suitable for dogs and cats numbered from "1" upwards, on which shall be stamped the year and the words "dog/cat license." Such tags must be worn by all dogs and cats in the city at all times, except that an animal shall not be required to wear a tag if the animal has been permanently marked in a painless manner with an identification number issued by the public services department for that purpose. The permanent mark must be located in a position approved by the public services department.

(e) *Records.* The public services department shall obtain the name and address of each party to whom a license and tag or permanent number has been issued under the provisions of this article and shall keep the name and address on file in the offices of the department for the purpose of identification.

Sec. 4-64: Restraint or Confinement of Dogs

(a) All dogs must be kept under restraint or confinement within the city limits. Restraint or confinement means (1) on a leash held by a person of sufficient judgment and physical strength to control the dog and to prevent the dog from attacking, threatening or annoying other people or other animals; (2) confinement in an enclosure; or (3) confinement to the property or specific areas of the property of the owner by way of "invisible fencing" or electronic control by way of a transmitter which directs a radio signal to a pet collar which corrects the dog's approaching a perimeter or confinement area wire. Electronic fencing equipment must be approved by the American Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Humane Society of the United States or the superintendent of animal control for the City of Columbia. Any perimeter or confinement area must be flagged or signed in a conspicuous way so as to provide notice of confinement to pedestrians. Any dogs not so restrained or confined will be deemed unlawfully running at large within the city limits.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any animal to be confined by tethering for more than nine hours in any 24-hour period. Tethers shall be not less than ten feet in length and shall not allow the animal to approach within four feet of the owner's property line. The use of tethers must be humane in all other respects.

(c) Owners of dogs allowed to run at large within the city are guilty of a misdemeanor and are subject to the penalties provided by law for violation of this article. The citation will prescribe the amount of bond to be posted by the violator at the municipal court. A warrant will be issued and served on violators who fail to post bond within three days after issuance of the citation.

Sec. 4-65: Ownership of Dogs Running at Large; Removal of Animal Waste

(a) Any owner whose dog is found unlawfully running at large or being at large within the city limits shall have no property right or right of ownership in the dog.

(b) The owner of every animal shall be responsible for the removal of any excreta deposited by his animal on public walks and ways, recreation areas or private property.

Sec. 4-66: Impoundment of Pet Animals; Voluntary Surrender of Animal by Owner

(a) Any animal found within the city limits in violation of the provisions of this article may be caught and impounded by city authorities. If an animal cannot be caught in a safe, efficient manner, animal control personnel may tranquilize the animal by use of a tranquilizer gun. Impounded animals not redeemed within five days may thereafter be humanely destroyed by the animal control division. Animals which are deemed by the superintendent of animal services to constitute a danger to other animals or persons at the shelter, or which are infectious to other animals, in pain or near death, may be humanely destroyed immediately.

(b) Any animal may be surrendered to the animal control division provided there is a properly completed animal surrender form provided to the animal control division for the animal concerned.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to furnish false information on the animal surrender form.

(d) Surrendered animals not redeemed within three days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and city holidays, may thereafter be humanely destroyed by the animal control division. Animals which are deemed by the superintendent of animal services to constitute a danger to other animals or persons at the shelter, or which are infectious to other animals, in pain or near death, may be humanely destroyed immediately.

(e) A positively identifiable animal is one which bears or wears a legible and traceable current permanent number, city license or tag or rabies vaccination tag pursuant to section 4-62; or a traceable registration number, tattoo or microchip pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. 47-3-510 (Supp. 1999).

The owner of a positively identifiable impounded animal shall be notified at the owner's last known address by regular mail and registered mail that the animal has been impounded. The owner has 14 days from the date of mailing to contact the shelter for pick-up. Redemption costs will include the cost of mailing, any established costs, fines, fees or other charges. If the owner does not make contact within 14 days of the date of the mailing, the animal will be deemed abandoned and becomes the property of the animal control division, in which is vested in the animal superintendent the authority to either place the animal for adoption or have the animal humanely destroyed. S.C. Code Ann. 47-3-540 (Supp. 1999). Animals which are deemed by the superintendent to constitute a danger to other animals or persons at the shelter, or which are infectious to other animals, in pain or near death, may be humanely destroyed immediately.

Sec. 4-67: Redemption of Impounded Pet Animals

(a) The owner or keeper of any pet which has been impounded under the provisions of this article shall have the right to redeem such pet at any time within five days upon payment of a fee as follows:

(1) For a pet which has been properly inoculated, licensed, micro-chipped and neutered or spayed, the fee shall be \$10.00.

(2) For other pets the fee shall be \$10.00 plus the appropriate license fee, the charge for rabies inoculation, a \$10.00 micro-chipping fee, and the cost of spaying or neutering the animal. No fertile animal shall be redeemed or adopted from the shelter. No animal will be released from the shelter without proof of inoculation and without an implanted microchip. The requirement of spaying or neutering may be waived if the owner meets the criteria under the exceptions provisions in subsection 4-62(c). The requirement of spaying or neutering shall not be waived under the exceptions in subsections 4-62(c)(1)--

- (3) when the animal is impounded a second time for any violation of sections 4-64; 4-65; 4-66; 4-70(1), (2), (5), (7) or (8).
- (b) In addition to the redemption fee, and an impound fee of \$20.00, a board fee of \$6.00 per day per pet shall be paid by the owner or keeper when a pet is redeemed.
- (c) The fees set out in this section shall be doubled for any animal impounded twice or more within the same 12-month period.

Sec. 4-69: Duties of Person Striking Animals with Vehicle; Disposition of Injured or Diseased Animals Received by Animal Shelter

Anyone striking an animal with a motor vehicle or bicycle shall notify the animal control shelter or the police department, who will then take action necessary to make proper disposition of the pet. Any pet received by the animal control shelter in critical condition from wounds, injuries or disease may be destroyed if the owner cannot be located within two hours. If the animal is in severe pain it may be destroyed immediately.

Sec. 4-70: Nuisance Animals

- (a) *Generally.* The actions of an animal constitute a nuisance when an animal disturbs the rights of, threatens the safety of or damages a member of the general public, or interferes with the ordinary use and enjoyment of their property.
- (b) *Prohibited acts.* It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, possess or maintain an animal in such a manner as to constitute a public nuisance. By way of example and not of limitation, the following acts or actions by an owner or possessor of any animal are declared to be a public nuisance and are therefore unlawful:
- (1) Failure to exercise sufficient restraint necessary to control an animal as required by section 4-64.
 - (2) Allowing or permitting an animal to damage the property of anyone other than its owner, including but not limited to turning over garbage containers or damaging gardens, flowers or vegetables.
 - (3) Maintaining a dangerous animal as defined in this article.
 - (4) Maintaining animals in an environment of unsanitary conditions which results in offensive odors or is dangerous to the animal or to the public health, welfare or safety.
 - (5) Maintaining his property in a manner that is offensive, annoying or dangerous to the public health, safety or welfare of the community because of the number, type, variety, density or location of the animals on the property.
 - (6) Allowing or permitting an animal to bark, whine, howl, crow or cackle in an excessive, continuous or untimely fashion, or make other noise in such a manner so as to result in a serious annoyance or interference with the reasonable use and enjoyment of neighboring premises.
 - (7) Maintaining an animal that is diseased and dangerous to the public health.
 - (8) Maintaining an animal that habitually or repeatedly chases, snaps at, attacks or barks at pedestrians, bicycles or vehicles.
- (c) *Impoundment.* Any pet found in continued violation of the provisions of this section or identified as a public nuisance may be impounded and not released unless authorized by the animal control supervisor.
- (d) *Confinement of female animals in heat.* Every female pet in heat shall be kept confined in a building or secure enclosure in such manner as will not create a nuisance by attracting other animals.

Sec. 4-91: Prohibited; Exceptions

- (a) Except as provided in subsection 4-91(d), it shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, harbor or act as custodian of a:
- (1) **Dangerous animal** as declared by the animal superintendent or city manager or designee; this section does not apply to guard dogs or attack dogs;
 - (2) a.
a. Non-domestic member of the family felidae;
b. Wolf-dog hybrid containing any percentage of wolf;
c. Badger, wolverine, weasel, skunk and mink;
d. Raccoon;
e. Bear;
f. Nonhuman primate to include ape, monkey, baboon, macaque, lemur;

- g. Marmoset, tamarin and other species of the order primates;
 - h. Bat;
 - i. Alligator, crocodile and caiman;
 - j. Scorpion;
 - k. Constricting snake of the following species: reticulated python, python reticulatus; Burmese/Indian rock python, python molurus; rock python, python sebae, and anaconda, eunectes murinus;
 - l. Venomous reptile; or
 - m. Lizard over two feet which are members of the family varanidae.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to expose to public view or contact, exhibit either gratuitously or for a fee, any wild or feral animals identified in subsection 4-91(c), or any animal of mixed domestication and feral lineage within the corporate limits of the city on public or private property, except as provided in subsection 4-91(d).
- (c) **Wild or feral animal means:**
- (1) Any animal which is not naturally tame or gentle, and which is of a wild nature or disposition, and which is capable of killing, inflicting serious injury upon, or causing disease among, human beings or domestic animals and having known tendencies as a species to do so;
 - (2) Any animal declared to be illegal by the animal superintendent or the city manager or his or her designee;
 - (3) Any non-domesticated member of the order Carnivora;
 - (4) The following animals which shall be deemed to be wild or feral animals per se:
 - a. All non-domestic members of the family felidae;
 - b. Wolves, wolf-dog hybrids containing any percentage of wolf, coyotes and foxes;
 - c. Badgers, wolverines, weasels, skunks and mink;
 - d. Raccoons;
 - e. Bears;
 - f. Nonhuman primates to include apes, monkeys, baboons, macaques, lemurs, marmosets, tamarins and other species of the order primates;
 - g. Bats;
 - h. Alligators, crocodiles and caimans;
 - i. Scorpions;
 - j. Any snakes or venomous reptile; or
 - k. Lizards over two feet which are members of the family varanidae;
- (d) The prohibition contained in subsections (a), (b) and (c) above, shall not apply to the keeping of wild or feral animals in the following circumstances:
- (1) The keeping of wild or feral animals in a public zoo, bona fide education or medical institution, humane society, or museum where they are kept as live specimens for the public to view, or for the purpose of instruction, research or study.
 - (2) The keeping of wild or feral animals for exhibition to the public by a bona fide traveling circus, carnival, exhibit or show, properly licensed and permitted by state and local law.
 - (3) The keeping of wild or feral animals in a bona fide, licensed veterinary hospital for treatment.
 - (4) The keeping of wild or feral animals by a wildlife rescue organization with appropriate permits from any state or local regulatory body.

Sec. 4-95: Signage for Guard Dogs or Attack Dogs

All owners, keepers, harborers, lessees or custodians of any guard dog or attack dog shall display in a prominent place on their premises, and at each entrance or exit to the area in which such dog is confined, a sign, easily readable by the public, using the words "Beware of Dog" or wording of similar import in letters at least two inches in height. This section shall not apply to any guard dog or attack dog owned or used by law enforcement agencies.

Sec. 4-96: Insurance Requirements for Guard Dogs or Attack Dogs

The owner of any guard dog which protects property in the city shall maintain a general liability insurance policy insuring against liability resulting from acts of the dog while performing as guardian of the property upon which the dog is located in an amount not less than \$300,000.00 aggregate combined single limit for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage.

City Ordinances: Environmental Health and Sanitation

Sec. 8-62: Noises in Connection with Loading or Unloading Vehicles

It shall be unlawful for any person to use or permit to be used any automobile, truck, bus, motorcycle or other vehicle, engine, stationary or moving, instrument, device or other thing so out of repair, or so loaded in such a manner, as to create any loud and excessive noise in connection with the loading or unloading of any vehicle or the opening or destruction of bales, boxes, crates or containers.

Sec. 8-63: Radios, Phonographs, Musical Instruments and Other Sound- Amplifying Devices

(a) *Disturbing the public generally.* It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain and operate in any building or on any premises in the city any radio device or mechanical musical instrument or device of any kind whereby the sound therefrom is cast directly upon the public streets and places in such a manner as to create unreasonably loud, excessive or disturbing noises and where such device is maintained and operated for advertising purposes or for the purpose of attracting the attention of the passing public, or which is so placed and operated that the sounds coming therefrom can be heard to the annoyance or inconvenience of travelers upon any street, park or public place or of persons on neighboring premises.

(b) *Disturbing persons in hotel or dwelling.* It shall be unlawful for any person to play any radio, phonograph or musical instrument in such a manner or with such volume, particularly between 11:30 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons in any dwelling, hotel or other type of residence.

(c) *Creating public nuisance.* It shall be unlawful for any person to operate, or cause or permit to be operated, any instrument or sound-producing or sound-amplifying device so loudly as to unreasonably disturb persons in the vicinity thereof or in such a manner as renders the instrument or device a public nuisance.

(d) *Permit for special occasions.* Upon application to the city council, permits may be granted to responsible organizations to broadcast programs of music, speeches or general entertainment as a part and in recognition of the community celebration of national, state or city events, public festivals or outstanding events of a noncommercial character, provided that traffic on the streets is not obstructed by reason thereof.

Sec. 8-66: Audible Signal Alarm Devices

The following requirements as to the audible signal alarm devices shall apply to all buildings in the city:

(1) *Definition.* An audible signal alarm device shall mean any mechanism, equipment or system which is designed to operate automatically through the use or emission of an audible signal, message or warning.

(2) *Filing and posting of names of persons authorized to shut off alarm.* It shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant of any building in the city to cause or allow such building to contain or otherwise use an audible signal alarm device unless there is filed with the police department and posted on one or more of the usual entrances to the building, in a conspicuous place and manner visible from without the entrance, a list of the names and telephone numbers of persons who have access to and can shut down the device if the device is triggered or otherwise emits an audible signal or noise.

(3) *Availability of persons authorized to shut off alarm.* It shall be the duty of the owner or occupant to ensure that one or more of the persons whose telephone numbers are so listed shall be available at those telephone numbers at all hours and times, or in the alternative, that the owner or occupant notify the chief of police of the city, or such person as the chief of police may designate, of the telephone numbers at which one or more of those persons may be reached.

(4) *Penalty.* Violation of this section or failure to comply with any of its provisions shall be a misdemeanor, punishable, upon conviction, in accordance with section 1-5. A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

Sec. 8-131: Open Burning

(a) All open burning is prohibited without special permit issued by the pollution control officer with concurrence of the fire department in exceptional cases, except as follows:

- (1) Open fires may be set in performance of an official duty of any public officer if the fire is necessary for the prevention of a hazard which cannot be abated by other means, for the instruction of public firefighters under the supervision of the fire chief, or for the protection of public health.
- (2) Fires may be used for the cooking of food, provided no smoke violation or other nuisance is created.
- (3) Salamanders or other devices may be used for heating by construction or other workers, provided no smoke violation or other nuisance is created.
- (4) Fires may be set in the course of agricultural operations in growing crops or raising fowl or animals, provided no nuisance is created.
- (5) Open fires may be set for recreational purposes, such as campfires, provided no smoke violation or nuisance is created.
- (b) Fires started in violation of this article shall be promptly extinguished by the person responsible for the fire upon proper notice by the pollution control officer or his agent. During the existence of a pollution alert, as may be declared by designated authorities, all exceptions are void and no open fires shall be kindled. Where possible, all open burning in progress during an alert will be extinguished immediately by responsible persons when properly notified.

Sec. 8-237: Duty of Owner or Occupant to Keep Premises Clean; Sweeping Litter into Street, Sidewalk or Drain

- (a) It shall be the duty of the owner, agent, occupant or lessee to keep exterior private and public property free of litter and unsightly growth. This requirement applies not only to removal of loose litter, but to materials that already are, or become, trapped at such locations as fences and wall bases, grassy and planted areas, borders, embankments and other lodging points.
- (b) Owners, agents, occupants or lessees whose properties abut a city right-of-way shall be responsible for keeping the area up to and including the curb gutter or street line free of litter and unsightly growth.
- (c) It shall be unlawful to sweep or push litter from buildings, property, sidewalks and strips into streets, sidewalks and the storm drainage system. Sidewalk and strip sweepings must be picked up and put into roll carts, litter containers or commercial bulk containers.
- (d) The director of public services shall provide written notice to the owner, agent, occupant or lessee identifying any deficiencies or violation requiring correction five days prior to any other enforcement action taken in regard to the provisions of this section.

Sec. 8-272: Dumping Dead Animals or Waste Matter

It shall be unlawful for any person to dump or place on any premises, land or waterway within the corporate limits of the city any dead animals or any waste vegetable or animal matter of any kind.

Sec. 8-273: Storage of Lumber, Bricks and Similar Materials

It shall be unlawful for any person to permit to accumulate on any premises, improved or vacant, or on any open lot or alley in the city, any lumber, boxes, barrels, bricks, stones or similar materials that may be permitted to remain thereon, unless the materials shall be placed on open racks that are elevated not less than 18 inches above the ground and evenly piled or stacked so that these materials will not afford harborage for rats.

Sec. 8-276: Storage of Garbage and Refuse

All garbage or refuse consisting of waste animal or vegetable matter upon which rats may feed, and all small dead animals, within the corporate limits of the city, shall be placed and stored until collected by the solid waste department in covered containers of a type prescribed by the health officer according to existing conditions.

Sec. 8-301: Removal Required (Weeds and Debris)

It shall be unlawful for the owner and/or occupant of property to fail to cut grass, weeds and other overgrowth vegetation on property when the grass, weeds and other overgrowth vegetation is of a greater height than one foot on the average, or to permit the property to serve as a breeding place for mosquitoes, as a refuge for rats and snakes, as a collecting place for trash and litter, or as a fire hazard,

any one of which situations is declared to be a nuisance. It shall be the duty of the owner and occupant to cut and remove all grass, weeds and other overgrowth vegetation as often as necessary so as to comply with this section. Vacant lots shall be cut at least three times per year, as required during the growing season (April through September). Heavily wooded lots where equipment cannot maneuver on the lot because of density of the area shall be trimmed within 100 feet of street right-of-way and adjacent improved property and kept free of litter.

Sec. 8-331: Duties of Property Owners (Sidewalk Maintenance)

(a) It shall be the duty of all owners of property in the city upon which sidewalks have been laid to keep such walkways clean and free from obstruction. Owners of property shall report defective conditions in sidewalks to the city manager or director of public services.

(b) All persons who own real estate in the city which abuts upon any street right-of-way shall be required to keep that portion of the right-of-way which lies between the property line and the street side of the gutter of the adjoining street free from unsightly vegetation or other things which would mar or detract from the beauty and cleanliness of the street upon which their property abuts. Any owner of business or institutional property who shall place or allow grass to grow upon the portion of the right-of-way lying between the property line and the curb-line of the street upon which his real estate abuts shall keep such grass properly mowed and free from rubbish of all kinds. If such owners are not in the possession of their property, then this section shall apply to their tenants or those who have possession or control of the property.

City Ordinances: Motor Vehicles and Traffic

Sec. 12-6: Removal of Trees, Shrubs or Other Plants Constituting Traffic Hazard

(a) The director of public services is hereby authorized to remove any and all shrubbery, trees, weeds, bushes or plants of any kind from the streets and sidewalks of the city when it is determined by such officer that the tree, shrub or other plant constitutes a dangerous condition in the movement of motor vehicle traffic within the city or interferes in any way with the orderly and safe movement of such traffic. Such officer is further authorized to cut and remove any portion of any trees, shrubbery, bushes or plants which overhang the streets or sidewalks of the city and which interfere in the judgment of such official with the safe and proper movement of motor vehicle traffic.

(b) Whenever it shall be determined by the director of public services that there exists on any privately owned property or lot located at any street intersection of the city any tree, bush, shrubbery or other plant which obstructs the view of motor vehicles or other traffic or which interferes with the safe and orderly movement of traffic or creates a dangerous condition, the owner and occupant of such private lot or property shall, within ten days after written notice given by the city, remove any such tree, bush, shrubbery or other plant. Any owner or occupant of such privately owned property or lot who shall fail or refuse to remove any such tree, bush, shrubbery or other plant shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable, upon conviction, in accordance with section 1-5.

Sec. 12-41: Unattended Motor Vehicles

It shall be unlawful for any person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle to leave such vehicle unattended on any street, alley, other public property, or new or used car lot, or on any private parking lot to which the general public is invited and at which there is no attendant, without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition and removing the ignition key from the vehicle; provided, however, the provisions of this section shall not be applicable to vehicles used for public transportation, vehicles used for delivery and emergency purposes, or vehicles owned and operated for governmental purposes by the city, county or state. Whenever any police officer shall find a motor vehicle standing unattended with the ignition key in the vehicle in violation of this section, such police officer shall prepare a citation against the owner of the vehicle and shall affix the citation to the vehicle. The registered owner of a vehicle found in violation shall be held prima facie responsible for any such violation.

Sec. 12-42: Storage of Commercial, Recreational Vehicles or Trailers on Streets

No person shall store or permit to be stored any commercial vehicle, recreational vehicle or trailer of any size or description, upon any of the streets of the city. For the purpose of this section, storage shall mean the leaving or parking of such vehicle unattended on a street for a longer time than two hours, day or night. For the purposes of this section, the term "street" shall include any area within the street right-of-way including the area between the curb-line and adjacent property lines.

City Ordinances: Trash Collection

Sec. 19-34: Materials to be Removed by Occupant

(a) *Non-household waste.* Rubbish, ashes or building materials not resulting from normal household use must be removed from the premises by the occupant.

(b) *Packing materials.* Any owner or occupant of any establishment or institution where packing and unpacking and/or loading and unloading of materials at exterior locations take place shall provide suitable containers there for the disposal and storage of such materials and shall make appropriate arrangements for the collection and disposal thereof. Furthermore, it shall be the duty of the owner or occupant to remove at the end of each working day any materials that have not been containerized at these locations.

Sec. 19-35: Receptacle Requirements; Placement of Receptacles

(a) *Receptacles generally.* Every person producing or having refuse collected by the city shall keep, on the premises or property occupied or used by him, refuse roll carts or bulk containers as specified in this article, in locations accessible using normal collection methods, to handle accumulations of refuse on the premises or property in the interval between collections by the city. In those areas designated by the city, every person producing or having recyclable materials to be collected by the city may, on a voluntary basis and upon request to the city, keep on the premises or property occupied or used by him recyclables containers as specified in this article, in locations accessible using normal collection methods, to handle accumulations of recyclable materials on the premises or property in the interval between collections by the city.

(b) *Placement at curb.* Roll carts and, in those areas designated by the city, recyclables containers are to be placed at curbside no later than 8:00 a.m. on the day of the collection and removed no later than 7:30 p.m. on the day of collection. Special exceptions to this requirement may be granted when the superintendent of solid waste determines that there is no person living in the house who is physically capable of rolling the cart to and from the curb or carrying the recyclables containers to the curb.

(c) *Roll carts.* One roll cart shall be issued to each household in the city. The roll carts remain the property of the city for use of the households to which they are issued. Residents who damage roll carts issued to them must pay for repairing the carts or purchasing replacement carts from the city. Carts that are damaged through normal use as a result of being emptied by city forces will be repaired or replaced at city expense. Collection will be suspended at any location at which a roll cart is missing or at which a roll cart is damaged to such an extent as to interfere with normal collection methods.

(d) *Recyclables containers.* A recyclables container shall be issued to each requesting household in those areas designated by the city. The recyclables containers shall remain the property of the city for use of the household to which they are issued. Residents who damage or lose the recyclables container issued to them must pay for purchasing a replacement recyclables container from the city. Recyclables containers that are damaged through normal use as a result of being emptied by city forces will be replaced at city expense.

Sec. 19-36: Placement of Waste in Receptacles

(a) Garbage and rubbish must be placed in refuse roll carts or bulk containers as specified in this article. In those areas designated by the city, recyclable materials, in order to be recycled, must be placed in recyclables containers. Glass and plastic shall have all lids removed prior to being placed in the recyclables container. Other material resulting from normal household use also should be placed in refuse roll carts, provided the total weight of the filled receptacle shall not exceed 200 pounds.

(b) As many as three 30-gallon trash bags and/or boxes will be collected biweekly with the roll cart. Solid waste in excess of the amounts described in this section will be removed by the street cleaning crew on the assigned day.

Sec. 19-37: Materials not to be Placed in Receptacles

(a) Excess waste. Materials resulting from normal household use, other than garbage, in quantities too great to be placed in roll carts may be placed contiguous to the front of the household premises off of the paved portion of the street right-of-way, but not in median strips or in front of property of another without consent.

(b) Bulky waste. Appliances, furniture, bedding and other bulky items resulting from normal household use shall be subject to special collection upon call to the sanitation division. These items shall be placed at the street only on the day agreed to for pickup.

(c) Tree trimmings and yard waste. Shrubbery trimmings, tree trimmings, grass clippings, leaves and other outdoor vegetation shall be kept separate from all other garbage, rubbish or other household materials and be placed contiguous to the front of the premises off of the paved portion of the street right-of-way, but not in median strips or in front of property of another without consent. Tree limbs shall not exceed six feet in length or have diameters greater than eight inches.

Sec. 19-41: Restrictions on Collection

(a) Receptacles on streets or sidewalks. All receptacles for business or commercial establishments shall be made available to the collectors not later than 7:00 p.m. All receptacles placed on city streets or sidewalks shall be removed not later than 9:00 a.m. following collection, and no receptacles shall be placed on any sidewalk or street between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or between the hours of 10:00 p.m. Saturday through 6:00 p.m. Sunday.

(b) Bulk containers. All bulk containers shall have the words "No Parking--Towing Enforced" or words of similar import in letters of not less than four inches in height in contrasting color painted on the approach side of the container. Parking enforcement shall be the responsibility of the recipient of collection services.

(c) Hazardous refuse. No hazardous materials shall be collected.

(d) Dead animals. Small dead animals will be collected without charge between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. upon notification to the solid waste division and provided the body is in a location accessible to the collector. Owners of large dead animals shall be responsible for their removal and disposal.

(e) Lot clearing. No materials such as trees, shrubbery or underbrush resulting from land being cleared, either by order of the health department or otherwise, or from construction or demolition either resulting from order by the building official or otherwise, will be collected by the city without charge.

(f) Commercial cutting. The city will not collect without charge materials such as trees, shrubbery, underbrush, chips or sawdust resulting from commercial cutting operations. Commercial cutters, such as tree surgeons and landscapers, are required to dispose of waste produced by their operations promptly at no expense to the city.

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