

Having previously been introduced at the November 5th council meeting, Council Member Rakastraw moved the adoption of the following Ordinance, which was seconded by Council Member Boolsola:



ORDINANCE NO. 181119-079

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SEC. 34-10 OF THE ALABASTER CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE COLLECTION OF RESIDENTIAL YARD WASTE, JUNK AND RUBBISH

THE PUBLIC GOOD REQUIRING IT, Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Alabaster, Alabama as follows:

Section 1. Repeal and Replace: Section 34-10 of the Alabaster Code of Ordinances (2015) is hereby repealed and replaced as follows:

Sec. 34-10. - Residential yard waste, junk and rubbish pickup.

- (a) The following shall be the policy governing residential biodegradable yard waste, junk and rubbish pickup by the city public works department:
 - (1) **Weekly:** Biodegradable yard waste from routine residential yard maintenance will be picked up weekly per a published schedule of the weekdays.
 - (2) **Bi-annually:** Junk and rubbish from routine residential cleanup will be picked up twice a year pursuant to a schedule published by the public works department.
 - (3) **As-needed.** Residents shall make arrangements with and pay for private contract haulers licensed by the city to collect biodegradable yard waste, junk and rubbish from major residential lot cleanings and clearings. No waste shall be picked up from commercial establishments.
 - (4) **Special Events.** The Council may provide, by resolution, for special events, times and places for the collection and/or disposal of Residential yard waste, junk and rubbish pickup.
- (b) The following items are permissible for pickup pursuant to the above schedule:
 - (1) **Biodegradable yard waste.**
 - a. Trees and limbs. Trees are defined as being one inch in diameter and larger. Tree limbs are defined as being less than one inch in diameter.
 - b. Bagged leaves, bagged grass clippings, densely stacked pine straw and pine cones, and densely stacked tree and shrub trimmings. Note: Bags are used to prevent damage to lawns when being picked up by the city loader.
 - c. Any biodegradable yard waste containing junk or rubbish shall be treated as junk or rubbish and will not be collected other than pursuant to the policy set out in Sec. 34-10(a)(2) or (a)(3).
 - (2) **Junk and rubbish.**
 - a. Old furniture, mattresses and similar manmade items may be put out for pickup no sooner than one day before pickup is scheduled. This service is limited to residential only and not commercial rental cottages and units; weight limited to 300 pounds per item. The city public works department (205-664-6810) or city hall (205-664-6800) must be notified before any unusual item not listed is put out for pickup. No items longer than ten feet in length may be put out for pickup. White goods, such as; washing machines, dryers and stoves shall be picked up. Either a franchised hauler or the city will remove these items.

- b. No commercially created trash or construction refuse, or homeowner-created construction refuse resulting from major lot cleaning, home construction, major renovation, repair or demolition will be picked up. Commercial haulers licensed by the city may be employed by the owner for this purpose. Trash or debris resulting from routine or minor homeowner maintenance and repairs, including minor lot clearing or yard maintenance will be removed.
- c. A fee in the amount established by the city will be assessed to the property owner for yard trash in excess of ten cubic yards. The owner will be billed for the charges by the city.

(c) The property owner must adhere to the following guidelines when leaving trash for pickup:

- (1) All biodegradable yard waste, junk and rubbish ready for pickup must be placed on the right-of-way in front of the owner's property on the owner's side of the street within ten feet, but not nearer than two feet from the edge of the roadway/pavement, unless otherwise directed by the city public works director to avoid equipment contact with overhead power lines and for other safety reasons. Trash must be placed contiguous to the owner's property and not in front of a neighbor's vacant lot. All materials should be placed away from utilities and other obstructions; i.e., telephone pedestals, transformers, fire hydrants, water valves or mailboxes.
- (2) All grass clippings and leaves must be bagged for pick-up service. All trees and limbs must be cut to a maximum length of ten feet and neatly stacked up for removal.
- (3) On vacant lots, only bagged or densely stacked trash generated by routine maintenance and cleanup will be picked up; no trees, limbs, shrubs or other trash generated by major lot cleaning or clearing operations will be picked up. Commercial haulers may be employed by the owner for this purpose.
- (4) No garbage, or other putrefied refuse, will be picked up by the city trash truck. This includes animal droppings as well and no appliances containing Freon, oil or gas. If any of these items are mixed with normal trash, the entire pile will not be picked up. No dirt, rocks, stumps, tires, paint, propane tanks, batteries, medical waste or hazardous materials will be picked up.
- (5) Biodegradable yard waste, junk and rubbish must be separate when placed at the curb by the residents.

Section 2. **Effective Date:** Upon its adoption and publication as required by law, This Ordinance shall be effective on April 6, 2019.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2018.

ATTEST:



J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

CITY OF ALABASTER



By: Council President Scott Brakefield

APPROVED:



Marty B. Handlon, Mayor