

BY THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE  
CITY OF CHARLESTOWN, INDIANA

ORDINANCE NO. 1998-13

AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING  
GARBAGE, TRASH, RUBBISH, REFUSE AND DEBRIS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL for the City of Charlestown, Indiana,  
as follows:

Section 1. Storage of Garbage, Rubbish, Refuse and Debris. It shall be unlawful to deposit or leave any garbage, rubbish, refuse (organic or non-organic), debris or materials in such a place or condition that it can be blown by the wind, scattered by animals or vermin, or so as to cause clouds of particles, or so as to create unsightly conditions or health hazards.

Section 2. Combustible Refuse. It shall be unlawful to permit or store any combustible refuse in such a way as to create a fire hazard or to store or throw away any refuse of any kind in any alley, street or public way in the City.

Section 3. Garbage Receptacles. All garbage, rubbish, refuse (organic or non-organic), debris, and other waste materials shall be kept in a covered garbage receptacle designed to protect against its contents from being wind-blown and/or scattered by animals and vermin. All containers shall be maintained in good condition and any container that has any ragged or sharp edges or any other defects which may hamper or injure the person collection its contents shall be properly replaced upon notice from the City. All containers shall be of a kind suitable for collection purposes, equipped with suitable handles and tight-fitting covers, and shall be of such weight when full that they can be handled by one person. The sanitation department is authorized to refuse to collect refuse from the premises of any person whose containers fail to comply with the provisions of this ordinance or any other related ordinance of the City.

Section 4. Time Restrictions. Garbage receptacles shall be placed at the curb no more than 12 hours prior to the time scheduled for garbage pick-up and shall be removed from the curb within 12 hours after the garbage has been collected.

Section 5. Removal of Construction, Wrecking and Building Debris and the Like. All accumulations of debris and refuse of any kind caused by tree trimmers, builders, building wreckers, or other contractors of any kind shall be removed by the persons at their own expense.

Section 6. This Ordinance Does Not Repeal Other Ordinances. This ordinance shall not be construed as a repeal of any preexisting ordinances pertaining to littering, public nuisances, garbage collection, or garbage receptacles. This ordinance shall be read in pari materia with all existing City ordinances.

Section 7. Persons Liable for Violations. The persons liable for violations of this ordinance shall include the landlord, the tenant, the owner, and/or the occupant of any premises upon which a violation occurs, regardless of whether same is a person, organization, partnership, unincorporated association, or corporation.

Section 8. Penalty. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not less than One Dollar (\$1.00) nor more than Twenty-Five dollars (\$25.00) for a first offense, and not less than Twenty-Five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for any subsequent offense; and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

Section 9. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its passage and promulgation in accordance with Indiana law.

Approved this 5th day of October, 1998, by majority vote of the Common Council for the City of Charlestown, Indiana.

COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE  
CITY OF CHARLESTOWN, INDIANA:

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Accepted and approved by the Mayor of the City of Charlestown, Indiana, on this 5th day of October, 1998.

Mayor Bob Braswell  
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ATTEST:

Sharon Barnes  
Sharon Barnes, Clerk-Treasurer