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Sec. 8-3-1 Title; Collection Service.

- (a) **Title.** This Chapter shall be known as the Solid Waste Management Ordinance of the City of Onalaska, hereinafter referred to as Ordinance or Chapter.
- (b) **Garbage, Recycling and Refuse Collection Service.** All residential garbage, recycling and refuse collection service shall be provided by City personnel or by private firms under contract with the City.

Sec. 8-3-2 Declaration of Policy.

It is hereby declared to be the purpose and intent of this Chapter to enhance and improve the environment and promote the health, safety and welfare of the City by establishing minimum standards for the storage, collection, transport, processing, separation, recovery and disposal of solid waste. It is also the intent of this Chapter to promote recycling, composting and resource recovery through the effective refuse collection and recycling program, as provided in Sec.

Sec. 8-3-3 Effective Date.

All provisions shall take effect and be in force from and after passage and publication.

Sec. 8-3-4 Definitions.

- (a) For the purpose of this Chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given herein unless different meanings are clearly indicated by the context.
 - (1) **Agricultural Establishment.** An establishment engaged in the rearing and slaughtering of animals and the processing of animal products or orchard and field crops.
 - (2) **Aluminum Container.** An aluminum container for food or beverages.
 - (3) **Automated Refuse Container.** City issued size as approved by Common Council container for the purposes of holding Garbage and Rubbish for pickup by City Contractor.
 - (4) **Automated Recycling Container.** City issued size as approved by Common Council container for the purposes of holding Recyclable Materials for pickup by City Contractor.

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- (5) **BI-Metal Container.** A container for beverages that is made primarily of a combination of steel and aluminum.
- (6) **Board of Public Works.** The City of Onalaska, Board of Public Works.
- (7) **Brush Site.** A site designated by the City of Onalaska Board of Public Works where citizens may drop off brush, shrubs, branches, and other tree waste meeting criteria established by the Board.
- (8) **Bulky Waste.** Items whose large size precludes or complicates their handling by normal collection, processing or disposal methods.
- (9) **City Service Dwelling Unit.** Any building containing four (4) or less dwelling units or any condominium or any manufactured home park that receives refuse and recycling collection service from the City of Onalaska.
- (10) **Commercial Unit.** Commercial units shall be all property other than City Service Dwelling Units and Multi Family Dwellings and shall include boarding houses, motels and resorts.
- (11) **Contractor.** Shall mean the entity which the City contracts with for solid waste collection services.
- (12) **Curb.** The back edge or curb and gutter along a paved street or where one would be if the street was paved and had curb and gutter.
- (13) **Demolition Wastes.** That portion of solid wastes consisting of wastes from the repair, remodeling or reconstruction of buildings, such as lumber, roofing and sheathing scraps, rubble, broken concrete, asphalt and plaster, conduit, pipe, wire, insulation and any other materials resulting from the demolition of buildings and improvements.
- (14) **Disposal.** The orderly process of discarding useless or unwanted material.
- (15) **DNR.** The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
- (16) **Dump.** A land site where solid waste is disposed of in a manner that does not protect the environment.
- (17) **Dwelling Unit.** A place of habitation occupied by a normal single family unit or a combination of persons who may be considered as equivalent to a single family unit for the purposes of this Chapter.
- (18) **Enclosures for Dumpsters.** An enclosure designed to screen and adequately house refuse and recycling containers and dumpsters, constructed with like materials which match the principal structure's architecture.
- (19) **Garbage.** Includes every refuse accumulation of animals, fruit or vegetable matter, liquid or otherwise, that attends the preparation, use, cooking, dealing in, or storing of meat, fish, fowl, fruit or vegetables originally used for foodstuffs.
- (20) **Glass Container.** A container in which food or beverages are sold that are made of clear, green, or brown glass. Drinking glasses or crystal are not included.
- (21) **Hazardous Waste.** Those wastes such as toxic, radioactive or pathogenic substances which require special handling to avoid illness or injury to persons or damage to property and the environment.
- (22) **Household Non-Combustible Recyclable Materials.** Aluminum, steel, and bi-metal containers and glass containers.
- (23) **Industrial Waste.** Waste material, except garbage, rubbish and refuse, directly or indirectly resulting from an industrial processing or manufacturing operation.
- (24) **Landfill.** A landsite where solid waste is disposed of in a manner to provide protections for the environment, in accordance with state regulations.

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- (25) **Large Item.** Any item that does not fit into City issued automated carts with lid closed.
- (26) **Litter.** Solid waste scattered about in a careless manner, usually rubbish.
- (27) **Major Appliance.** A residential or commercial air conditioner, clothes dryer, clothes washer, dishwasher, freezer, microwave oven, oven, refrigerator, stove, furnaces, boilers, dehumidifiers, water heaters, and any other appliances designated by the Board of Public Works.
- (28) **Multiple Family Dwelling.** A building under one (1) ownership containing five (5) or more dwelling units, including those which are occupied seasonally.
- (29) **Newspaper.** Newspapers printed on newsprint.
- (30) **Non-Collectable Material:** Includes lead acid batteries; major appliances, waste oil; Hazardous waste; Toxic waste; Chemicals; Explosives or ammunition; Tires. Appliances or materials that may be designated by the Board of Public Works.
- (31) **Non-Residential Facilities and Properties.** Commercial, retail, industrial, institutional, and governmental facilities and properties. This term does not include multiple family dwellings.
- (32) **Non-Residential Solid Waste.** Solid waste from agricultural, commercial, industrial or institutional activities or a building or group of buildings consisting of four (4) or more dwelling units.
- (33) **Person.** Any individual, corporation, partnership, association, local governmental unit, as defined in Sec. 66.0131(1), Wis. Stats., state agency or authority or federal agency.
- (34) **Plastic Container.** An individual, separate, rigid plastic bottle, can, jar, or carton, except for a blister pack, that is originally used to contain a product that is the subject of a retail sale.
- (35) **Plastic Bottle.** A Number 1 through Number 7 Type Plastic Bottle or Jug.
- (36) **Postconsumer Waste.** Solid waste other than solid waste generated in the production of goods, hazardous waste as defined in Sec.289.01 Wis. Stats., waste from construction and demolition of structures, scrap automobiles, or high-volume industrial waste, as defined in Sec.289.01, Wis. Stats.
- (37) **Private Waste Hauler.** A person licensed by the DNR to provide solid waste collection services.
- (38) **Recyclable Materials.** Includes yard waste; aluminum containers; glass containers; plastic #1 through #7; newspaper; steel containers; fiber board; corrugated; and bi-metal containers, and other items or materials that may be designated by the Board of Public Works.
- (39) **Residential Solid Waste.** All solid waste that normally originates in a residential environment from residential dwelling units.
- (40) **Residential Unit.** Residential unit shall mean an individual household capable of independent habitation by a family unit. A single family dwelling shall be considered to be one (1) residential unit; multi-family dwelling shall be considered to be multiple residential units, the number of residential units to equal the number of family units to be housed therein. Residential units shall not include boarding houses, motels or resorts.

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- (41) **Rubbish.** Includes combustible and noncombustible waste material, except rocks, concrete, bricks and similar solid materials, plaster or dirt, that is incidental to the operation of a building and shall include, by way of enumeration but not by way of limitation, tin cans, bottles, rags, paper, cardboard, sweepings.
- (42) **Scavenging.** The uncontrolled removal of materials at any point in solid waste management.
- (43) **Solid Waste.** Garbage, rubbish, recyclables and other useless, unwanted or discarded material from agricultural, residential, commercial, industrial or institutional activities. Solid waste does not include solid or dissolved material in domestic sewage.
- (44) **Solid Waste Facility.** Has the meaning specified in Sec. 289.01(35) Wis. Stats.
- (45) **Solid Waste Treatment.** Any method, technique or process which is designed to change the physical, chemical, or biological character, or composition of solid waste. Treatment includes incineration.
- (46) **Steel Container.** A steel food or beverage container, commonly referred to as a tin can.
- (47) **Storage.** The interim containment of solid waste in an approved manner after generation and prior to collection and ultimate disposal.
- (48) **Storage Areas.** Areas where persons place containers during non-collection days as well as areas where containers are set out on collection day.
- (49) **Waste Tire.** A tire that is no longer suitable for its original purpose because of wear, damage, or defect.
- (50) **Whitegoods.** Heavy consumer durables, namely large appliances such as air conditioners, refrigerators, stoves etc.
- (51) **Yard Waste.** Leaves, grass clippings, yard and garden debris and brush, including clean woody vegetative material no greater than one-half (1/2) inch in diameter. This term does not include stumps, roots, or shrubs with intact root balls.
- (52) **Yard Waste Containers.** Non-City issued containers that are equipped with suitable handles and tight fitting covers, are water-tight and have a capacity of not less than five 5-gallons and not more than thirty-three (33) gallons and are made of metal, durable plastic or other suitable, moisture resistant materials. .
- (53) **Yard Waste Site.** A site designated by the City of Onalaska Board of Public Works where citizens may drop off non-woody yard waste.
- (54) **Dumpster Sizing.** Recommend dumpster size for Multiple Family Dwelling use shall be a minimum of one-half (0.5) cubic yard per unit. E.g. four (4) unit = two (2) cubic yards; six (6) unit = three (3) cubic yards, etc. If the property owner wishes to utilize a smaller size he/she shall provide adequate proof of the Inspection Department that refuse generation will be less than average at the proposed site. If loose debris becomes a problem at any residential or non-residential dumpster location, the Inspection Department in its discretion, may require pick-up more frequently or larger sized dumpster.

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Sec. 8-3-5 General Regulations for City Serviced Dwelling Units

- (a) **General Container Standards.** City Serviced Dwelling Units shall each be issued one (1) automated cart each for refuse and recycling collection. The size of the automated cart shall be set by the Common Council. The Automated Refuse and Recycling Carts shall be owned by the City and shall remain at each place of issuance.
- (b) **Approved Containers.** All Garbage, Rubbish and Recyclable Materials set out for collection shall be placed in City Automated Refuse and Recycling Containers. No Refuse or Recyclable Materials will be collected from non-City issued containers.
- (c) **Yard Waste.** Yard Waste Containers shall be used for Yard Waste disposal. Yard waste containers including contents shall not exceed sixty (60) pounds in weight. City Serviced Dwelling Units may place Yard Waste in paper yard waste bags or Yard Waste Containers. Said containers shall be picked up by City's contractor on the approved pick-up day, currently the same day as refuse pickup.
- (d) **Request for Additional Containers.** City Service Dwelling Units may request additional automated containers for refuse and recycling. Each additional cart requested shall have a yearly fee of \$70.00 for refuse and \$30.00 for recycling.
- (e) **Automated Cart Replacement or Damage:** If Automated Refuse or Recycling Containers are lost, damaged or destroyed by City Service Dwelling unit a new automated cart will be issued at a cost of \$85. If the automated is damaged by the City or Contractor a new Automated Refuse or Recycling Container will be provided at no cost. If Automated Refuse or Recycling Containers needs maintenance due to normal wear and tear City Service Dwelling Units shall contact Contractor for scheduling repair of Automated Refuse or Recycling Containers.
- (f) **Illegal Containers.** Contractor shall not be obligated to pick up any Garbage, Rubbish or Recyclable Materials not within City issued Automated Refuse or Recycling Containers.
- (g) **Materials Deposited in Garbage Containers.** Rubbish, except broken glass, and garbage shall be deposited into Automated Refuse Containers. Liquid Garbage shall not be deposited in such containers. Kitchen Garbage shall be drained of all moisture and completely wrapped in paper or plastic or placed in a plastic bag before it is deposited or placed in the Automated Refuse Containers.
- (h) **Recyclables to Be Separated & Clean.** City Serviced Dwelling Units shall separate all recyclable materials from refuse and prepare them for recycling according to requirements established and publicized by the Board of Public Works. Recycling shall be single stream deposited into the Automated Recycling Container. To the greatest extent practicable, the Recyclable Materials separated in accordance with this section shall be substantially clean and kept free of containments such as food or product residue, oil or grease or other non-recyclable materials, Recyclable Materials shall be stored in a manner which protects them from wind, rain and other inclement weather conditions until such time as the materials are set at the Curb for collection.
- (i) **Special Handling Recyclables.** No person shall place any lead acid battery, waste oil, motor vehicle tire or tractor tire with post-consumer waste. Any person having waste oil, lead acid battery, or said tires shall take it to an appropriate private retail recycler, or designated City disposal site if available.

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- (j) **White Goods Disposition.** All discharged major appliances shall be delivered to a facility licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to recycle appliances. Citizens must arrange to have major appliances collected at their home by a private waste hauler or delivered to the La Crosse County Solid Waste Facility.
- (k) **Prohibition on Placing Recyclable Materials in Refuse.** The following materials shall be separated from Postconsumer Waste. Mixing of these recyclable materials with Postconsumer Waste from residential, commercial, industrial or other sources is prohibited. All City Service Dwelling Units must place the materials listed below in City issued Automated Recycling Container for pickup by Contractor:
 - a. Aluminum containers.
 - b. Glass containers.
 - c. Steel or bi-metal containers.
 - d. Plastics #1 through #7.
 - e. Newspaper.
 - f. Magazines and other materials printed on similar paper, including glossy newspaper inserts.
 - g. Office paper/white paper.
 - h. Fiberboard (cereal boxes, soda cartons, beer cartons, etc.)
 - i. Corrugated card board.

These recyclable materials shall not be mixed with Garbage or Rubbish or disposed of at any Landfill or Incinerator, without written permission of the Board of Public Works, except Waste Tires may be burned with energy recovery in a facility licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Board of Public Works permission may be granted only to allow disposal of contaminated or unmarketable Recyclable Materials.

- (l) **Brush.** Brush is to be secured in bundles less than four (4) feet in length and weighing less than seventy (70) pounds. Leaves and grass clippings placed in containers pursuant to 8-3-5(c) above for Yard Waste.
- (m) **Refusal to Collect Refuse or Recycling in Violation.** The City and Contractor may refuse to collect Garbage, Rubbish, Recyclable Materials and Yard Waste if they are not prepared in accordance with the requirements established by the City.

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Sec. 8-3-6 Collection of Automated Containers for City Serviced Dwelling Units

(a) Placement For Collection.

- (1) Accessibility: City Automated Refuse and Recycling Containers shall be accessible to Contractor's collection crews. Automated Refuse and Recycling Containers shall be placed immediately behind the Curb of the public street, along alley or at location as determined by Board of Public Works, for collection with a minimum of three (3) feet clear space on either side. Yard Waste Containers shall likewise be placed in neat, orderly fashion behind the Curb. During winter months, Automated Refuse and Recycling Containers shall not be placed on top of the snow bank, nor shall it be placed in the roadway. The owner shall either shovel out an area behind the Curb or placement area in which to place the Automated Refuse and Recycling Containers or Owner shall place it in Owner's driveway. Collection crews will not collect refuse and recycling unless it is placed at the curb of a public street, alley or location as determined by the Board of Public Works. City Serviced Dwelling Units shall bring their Automated Refuse and Recycling Containers to the public right-of-way for collection. Should collection crews be unable to discharge contents of Automated Refuse and Recycling Containers using normal handling procedures, the containers including contents, will be left at curb side. The owner shall make provisions to assure that the Solid Waste therein can be collected on the next collection day.
- (2) No automated containers for refuse or recycling other than those of the City shall be placed, kept, stored or located within the right-of-way of a street or alley; provided, however, that the Common Council may authorize the location of such containers within the public right-of-way at specified places and times when such location is necessary for the expeditious collection and disposition of refuse.
- (3) City Service Dwelling Unit Physically Impaired Roll Out Service: Qualifying City Service Dwelling Units that submit City required form and physician's note will be eligible for Physically Impaired Roll Out Service for one (1) year. Contractor will only pick up Automated Refuse and Recycling Containers that are visible from street at driveway or alley and not within a building. Automated Refuse and Recycling Containers will not be collected under this service if driveway is not clear of snow and ice.

(b) Restriction on Time of Placement.

- (1) All Automated Refuse and Recycling Containers shall be placed in collection locations as designated in Subsection (a) above only after 4:00 p.m. on the evenings prior to the regular collection time.
- (2) All Automated Refuse and Recycling Containers shall be removed from the curbside collection point within twenty-four (24) hours after the regular collection time.
- (3) City employees or employees of Contractor will not enter any structures to access Automated Refuse and Recycling Containers or refuse.

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(c) Collection Schedule.

- (1) The designation of the day or days of refuse and recycling collection shall be made by the Common Council, or committee thereof, and such information shall be advertised so that all occupants, tenants and proprietors of all residential units will be advised of the correct collection schedule. Unless hardship is shown, caused by extreme weather conditions or other hazardous situations, refuse shall be collected from all residential units weekly.
- (2) The occupant, tenant or proprietor of a new residential unit shall notify the City Engineer that collection of refuse from such place is required.

Sec. 8-3-7 General Regulations for Non-City Serviced Dwelling Units.

- (a) **Non-Residential Facilities and Properties and Multiple Family Dwelling Refuse.** All Non-Residential Facilities and Properties and Multiple Family Dwelling (consisting of five (5) or more dwelling units) shall provide for the prompt removal and proper disposal of all refuse generated by or at that Non-Residential Facility and Property or Multiple Family Dwelling. This shall include all buildings or facilities used wholly or partly for non-residential purposes, including those owned or occupied by non-profit organizations and all Multiple Family Dwellings. Refuse generated by or at Non-Residential Facilities and Properties or Multiple Family Dwellings shall not be placed along with or mixed with refuse generated at a City Serviced Dwelling Unit.
- (b) **Dumpster Requirement for Multiple Family Dwellings.** The owner or operator of any Multiple Family Dwelling shall be required to provide a dumpster or dumpsters consisting of appropriate size as recommend by the City's Inspection Department for the deposit of refuse. All dumpsters shall be placed at safe convenient locations for use and pick-up.
- (c) **Size Requirements for Dumpster Enclosures.** All dumpsters shall be enclosed in an appropriately sized enclosure so as to insure the safety of persons providing refuse and recycling collection. Enclosures are required for all refuse and recycling dumpsters.
 - a. Appropriately sized enclosures are:
 - i. For a one (1) to two (2) cubic yard dumpster, an enclosure of not less than:
 1. One hundred twenty inches (120") in width; by
 2. One hundred ten inches (110") in length with an unobstructed gate opening (when gate is fully open)
 - ii. For a three (3) to four (4) cubic yard dumpster, an enclosure of not less than:
 1. One hundred forty inches (140") in width; by
 2. One hundred thirty-two inches (132") in length, with an unobstructed gate opening (when gate is fully open).
 - iii. For a five (5) to six (6) cubic yard dumpster, an enclosure of not less than:
 1. One hundred fifty-seven inches (157") in width; by
 2. One hundred thirty-two inches (132") in length, with an unobstructed gate opening (when gate is fully open).

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- iv. For a seven (7) to eight (8) cubic yard dumpster, an enclosure of not less than:
 - 1. One hundred eighty inches (180") in width; by
 - 2. One hundred thirty-two inches (132") in length, with an unobstructed gate opening (when gate is fully open).
 - v. For dumpsters over 8 cubic yards, location and access approval from the Inspection Department is necessary prior to installation.
- (2) All enclosures shall be at least six (6) feet high and be constructed of materials which match the principle structure's architecture.
- (3) No garbage shall be collected from dumpsters in inappropriately sized enclosures.
- (4) All persons who presently have dumpsters in inappropriately sized enclosures shall have sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Subsection to comply with its provisions.
- (d) **Recycling Responsibilities for Multiple Family Dwellings and Non-Residential Facilities and Properties**
- a. **Responsibilities of Owners.** Owners of designated agents of Multiple Family Dwellings and Non-Residential Facilities and Properties shall do all of the following to recycle materials as outlined in this section:
 - i. Provide adequate, separate containers for the recyclable materials.
 - ii. Notify all users, tenants and occupants in writing at the time of renting or leasing the property and at least semi-annually thereafter about the established recycling program.
 - iii. Provide for the collection of the recyclable materials separated from the solid waste and the delivery of the materials to a recycling facility.
 - iv. Notify users, tenants and occupants of reasons to reduce and recycle solid waste, which materials are collected, how to prepare the materials in order to meet the processing requirements, collection methods or sites, locations, and hours of operation, and a contact person or company, including a name, address and telephone.
 - b. **Exemptions.** The preceding requirements of Subsection (d)(a.) i. - iv. for the owners of designated agents of Non-Residential Facilities and Multiple Family Dwellings do not apply if the refuse generated within the facility or property is delivered to and treated at a processing facility licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources that recovers for recycling all non-combustible recyclable materials in as pure a form as is technically and practically feasible.
 - c. **Compliance Audit.** The City's Inspection Department can audit up to fifteen percent (15%) of all non-residential recycling programs for compliance annually.
- (e) **Reporting Requirements for Private Recyclers.** All licensed waste haulers or salvage dealers in the City of Onalaska shall report quarterly to the City the quantity in weight of each of the following materials that they have collected for recycling. Such date shall be reported to the Public Works Office no later than forty-five (45) days after the end of March, June, September and December each year.

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(f) **Enforcement of Reporting Requirements.**

- a. **Inspections.** For the purpose of ascertaining compliance with the provisions of this Section, an authorized representative of the Board of Public Works may inspect recyclable materials separated for recycling, post-consumer waste intended for disposal, recycling collection sites and facilities, collection vehicles, collection areas of Multiple Family Dwellings and Non-Residential Facilities and Properties, and any records relating to recycling activities, which shall be kept confidential when necessary to protect proprietary information. No person may refuse access for purposes of inspection, and who presents appropriate credentials. No person may obstruct, hamper, or interfere with such an inspection.
- b. **Citations.** Any person who violated a provision of this Section may be issued a citation by the City of Onalaska Police Department or an authorized agent of the Board of Public Works. The issuance of a citation shall not preclude proceeding under any other ordinance or law relating to the same or any other matter. Proceeding under any other ordinance or law relating to the same or any other matter shall not preclude the issuance of a citation under this Subsection.

Sec. 8-3-8 General Regulations for All City Serviced Dwelling Units, Multiple Family Dwellings and Non-Residential Facilities and Properties.

(a) **Prohibited Activities and Non-Collectable Materials.**

- a. **Dead Animals.** It shall be unlawful to place any dead animal, or parts thereof, in a container for collection provided, however, this Section shall not apply to animal parts from food preparation for human consumption.
- b. **Undrained Food Wastes.** It shall be unlawful to place any garbage or other food wastes in a container for collection unless it is first drained and wrapped.
- c. **Ashes.** It shall be unlawful to place hot ashes for collection.
- d. **Improper Placement.** It shall be unlawful to place, or allow to be placed, any solid waste upon the roads, streets, public or private property within the City contrary to the provisions of this Chapter.
- e. **Compliance With Chapter.** It shall be unlawful to store, collect, transport, transfer, recover, incinerate or dispose of any solid waste within the boundaries of the City contrary to the provisions of this Chapter.
- f. **Improper Transportation.** It shall be unlawful to transport any solid waste in any vehicle which permits the contents to blow, sift, leak or fall therefrom. If spillage does occur, the collection crew shall immediately return spilled materials to the collection vehicle and shall properly clean, or have cleaned, the area. All vehicles used for the collection and transportation of solid waste shall be durable, easily cleanable and leak-proof, if necessary, considering the type of waste and its moisture content. Collection vehicles shall be cleaned frequently to prevent nuisances and insect breeding and shall be maintained in good repair.

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- g. **Interference With Authorized Collector.** No person other than an authorized collector shall collect or interfere with any garbage or recycling materials after it has been put into automated carts and deposited in the proper place for the collector, nor shall any authorized person molest, hinder, delay or in any manner interfere with an authorized garbage collector in the discharge of his duties.
- h. **Scavenging.** It shall be unlawful for any person to scavenge any solid waste placed for collection. All City Service Dwelling Unit recyclable material collected and deposited, as provided in this section, shall be the property of the City of Onalaska unless altered by written City contract with Contractor.
- i. **Private Dumps.** It shall be unlawful for any person to use or operate a Dump.
- j. **Burning of Waste.** It shall be unlawful for any person to burn solid waste in any manner, except as provided elsewhere in this Code of Ordinances.
- k. **Non-Collectible Materials.** It shall be unlawful for any person to place for collection any of the following wastes:
 - i. Hazardous waste;
 - ii. Toxic waste;
 - iii. Chemicals;
 - iv. Explosives or ammunition;
 - v. Drain or waste oil or flammable liquids;
 - vi. Large quantities of paint;
 - vii. Tires;
 - viii. Stone, concrete, rubber, earth or sod;
 - ix. Construction debris; and
 - x. Appliances.
- l. **Animal or Human Wastes.** It shall be unlawful for any person to place animal wastes and/or human wastes for collection unless such waste is placed in a plastic bag. These wastes should be disposed of in plastic bags or in the sanitary sewer system. Such items as "kitty litter" may be placed for collection if animal wastes are removed prior to disposal unless kitty litter is placed in a plastic bag.
- m. **Hospital Wastes.** It shall be unlawful for any person to place for collection any pathogenic hospital wastes.
- n. **Building Waste.** All waste resulting from remodeling, construction or removal of a building, roadway or sidewalk shall be disposed of by the owner, builder or contractor.
- o. **Waste Motor Oil Recycling.** No person shall dispose of any waste motor oil by placing it with refuse for regular collection by the City, by pouring it on the ground, into storm sewers, ditches or waterways, or into gutters or City streets. Any person wishing to dispose of waste motor oil shall utilize or at any other legal waste motor oil site.
- p. **Yard Waste.** Yard waste shall not be disposed of with any other type of waste or refuse. Yard waste shall be disposed of and deposited for pick up in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.
- q. **Waste Tires/Tires.** In order to prevent encephalitis infections, tires may not be disposed of or stored outside where they may collect rain, water and harbor a breeding place for mosquitos.

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- (b) **Construction Debris.** City will not dispose of any construction debris. Property owner must contract with private waste hauler or deliver to the La Crosse County Solid Waste Facility for disposal.
- (c) **Large Items.** City will not dispose of any large items. Property owner must contract with a private waste hauler or deliver to the La Crosse County Solid Waste Facility for disposal.
- (d) **White Goods.** City will not dispose of any white goods. Property owner must contract with a private waste hauler or deliver to the La Crosse County Solid Waste Facility for disposal.
- (e) **Collection and Disposal of Refuse other than by City.** Refuse which is not collected by the City, its agents, employees or contractors may be collected and disposed of by private rubbish haulers. All vehicles used to transport rubbish shall be provided with equipment to prevent rubbish from blowing out of, falling from or otherwise escaping from such vehicle. All rubbish haulers shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations established by the Common Council or Committee thereof.
- (f) **Garbage Accumulation; When a Nuisance.** The accumulation or deposit of garbage, trash or putrescible animal or vegetable matter in or upon any lot or land or any public or private place within the City which causes the air or environment to become noxious or offensive or to be in such a condition as to promote the breeding of flies, mosquitoes or other insects, or to provide a habitat or breeding place for rodents or other animals, or which otherwise becomes injurious to the public health is prohibited and declared to constitute a nuisance.
- (g) **Refuse from Outside the Municipality.** It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to place, deposit or cause to be deposited, for collection, any waste or refuse not generated within the corporate limits of the City of Onalaska.
- (h) **Restriction on Hours of Refuse Collection.** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to collect refuse in the City of Onalaska between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.