

217. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ‘BULKY WASTE POLICY’ FOR THE CITY OF GROTON, CONNECTICUT FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING BULKY WASTE COLLECTION GUIDELINES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE (INITIALLY APPROVED MARCH 21, 2016; FINALLY APPROVED APRIL 18, 2016)**

WHEREAS, the City of Groton has established guidelines for controlling junk, trash, bulky waste, and other nuisances; and

WHEREAS, the City Council reviewed bulky waste collection and the recommendations of staff regarding what types of waste are considered bulky waste for the purposes of collections; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the bulky waste collection regulations and finds that such changes are necessary to provide clearer guidelines regarding bulky waste collection services to the residents of the City of Groton.

I. Definitions:

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following words, terms and phrases shall have the following meanings, unless the context indicates otherwise:

Bulky Waste: Large items of waste materials which do not fit in a trash receptacle. This may include such items as appliances, furniture and brush. In addition, metal of any size should be treated as bulky waste.

Construction and Demolition Waste: Waste building material and rubble resulting from construction, remodeling, repair, and demolition operations on houses, commercial buildings and other structures. This includes, but is not limited to, treated and untreated wood scrap or lumber, sheetrock, wall board, fencing, plaster or plaster board, asphalt shingles or other roofing materials, fiberglass insulation, blocks or other masonry, ceramic tile, or sliding glass doors.

Hazardous Material: Freon, paint, oil or petroleum based products, batteries, pesticides, televisions, computer monitors and any substance or item that can be hazardous to the environment.

II. Bulky Waste Pick-up

a) Pick-ups **shall be** by appointment only and **shall be** scheduled with the Public Works Department one week prior to pick up.

b) Pick-ups will usually be on Wednesdays.

c) Items to be picked up must be placed at the curbside in such a way that they do not block

travel lanes, sidewalks, driveways or adjacent properties. Items must be away from trees, telephone poles, wires or other obstacles.

d) Items to be picked-up **shall be** separated into the following piles:

- brush, including small branches in 8' x 4' x 4' piles
- metal (smaller metal items should be bundled together)
- appliances (refrigerator and freezer doors must be removed)
- miscellaneous items contained in groups no larger than 8' x 8' x 4'
- Mattresses, limited to the number allowed by the City.

e) All items for pick-up are to be placed curbside **by** 7AM on the day of pick up (6AM Memorial Day through Labor Day). Items are not to be placed by the curbside more than four days prior to a scheduled pick up.

f) Regular household garbage and recyclable items will not be picked up with Bulky Waste. The following items **cannot be taken** with trash or bulky waste:

- Construction and Demolition Waste as defined in this Ordinance
- Creosote lumber or railroad ties
- Tires with or without rims
- Hazardous Materials
- Tree stumps or logs
- Motor vehicles and marine vessels
- Carpet or carpet padding
- Grass clippings

g. The City of Groton Public Works Department reserves the right to amend the list of items which can be considered Bulky Waste upon approval of the Council.

III. Fees

a) The City of Groton Public Works Department may recommend Bulky Waste fees for approval by the City Council. Bulky Waste fees **must be** paid the week before the pick-up date and are non-refundable.

b) There may be an additional fee charged per item for the following items:

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| Refrigerators | Freezers | Heat pumps |
| Air Conditioners | Dehumidifiers/Humidifiers | Fluorescent Light Fixtures |
| Mercury Vapor Lamp Fixtures | | |

IV. Improper Discarding of Bulky Waste Prohibited

Discarding Bulky Waste items, Construction and Demolition Waste, or Hazardous Material in a manner that is inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance is prohibited.

V. Enforcement and Violations

- a) Any authority having jurisdiction to enforce city ordinances shall have the authority to enforce the provisions of this article.
- b) Any property's owner, agent, tenant or person responsible for the property where a violation of this Ordinance exists shall be subject to a fine of \$100. Each twenty-four-hour period that the violation of this Ordinance continues shall be considered a separate offense.
- c) If the owner, agent, tenant, or responsible person fails to correct the violation, the Bulky Waste will be treated as blight in accordance with City of Groton Ordinance #202, An Ordinance Concerning Blight and Public Nuisance and be subject to all the provisions set forth therein, including but not limited to action to abate the nuisance and the recording of liens.

VI. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become immediately upon final passage.

WHEREAS, this Ordinance was published in The Day, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Groton on March 26, 2016 and March 27, 2016;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council finally approve "An Ordinance amending "Bulky Waste Policy" for the City of Groton, Connecticut for the purpose of amending bulky waste collection guidelines; providing severability, providing penalty clause; providing publication; and providing an effective date".

Initially approved: March 21, 2016

Finally approved: April 18, 2016


Marian K. Galbraith, Mayor


Debra Patrick, City Clerk