

ORDINANCE NO. 085

LITTER CONTROL ORDINANCE

The City Council of the City of Dallas City, Counties of Hancock and Henderson, State of Illinois, hereby ordain as follows:

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities of each municipality may pass all ordinances and make all rules and regulations proper or necessary, to carry into effect the powers granted to municipalities, with such fines or penalties as may be deemed proper (65 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 5/1-2-1); and

WHEREAS, the authorities of the City believe it is in the best interest of the citizens of Dallas City to enable the City to abate littering and dumping within the community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF DALLAS CITY, HANCOCK AND HENDERSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals. All recitals set forth in the preamble above are hereby fully incorporated into this Ordinance as if set forth in their entirety in this Section 1.

Section 2. Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this Ordinance, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section; otherwise, they shall have their usual and customary meanings.

"Authorized private receptacle" is a container of watertight construction with a tight-fitting lid or cover capable of preventing the escape of contents within. Such receptacles shall have handles or other means for safe and convenient handling and be of such size or sufficient capacity to hold all litter generated between collection periods and shall be in compliance with the regulations promulgated.

"Construction sites" means any private or public property upon which repairs to existing buildings, construction of new buildings, or demolition of existing structures is taking place.

"Litter" is garbage, refuse, and rubbish and all other waste material which, if thrown or deposited as herein prohibited, tends to create a danger to public health, safety and welfare.

"Private premises" means all property including, but not limited to, vacant land or any land, building or other structure designed or used for residential, commercial, business, industrial, institutional or religious purposes, together with any yard, grounds, walk, driveway, fence, porch, steps, vestibule, mailbox and other structure appurtenant thereto.

"Public place" means any and all streets, sidewalks, boulevards, alleys or other public ways, lakes, rivers, watercourses or fountains and any and all public parks, squares, spaces, grounds, and buildings.

"Public receptacles" means any receptacles provided by or authorized by the city.

"Vehicle" is every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon land or water, including devices used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

Section 3. Littering Prohibited.

No person shall deposit any litter within the city except in public receptacles, in authorized private receptacles for collection or in any duly licensed disposal facility.

Section 4. Prevention of Scattering.

Persons placing litter in public receptacles or in authorized private receptacles shall do so in such manner as to prevent litter from being carried or deposited by the elements upon any public place or private premises.

Section 5. Upsetting or Tampering with Receptacles.

No person shall upset or tamper with a public or private receptacle designed or used for the deposit of litter or cause or permit its contents to be deposited or strewn in or upon any public place or private premises.

Section 6. Sidewalks and Alleys to be Kept Free from Litter.

Persons owning, occupying or in control of any public place or private premises shall keep the sidewalks and alleys adjacent thereto free of litter.

Section 7. Littering from Vehicles.

A. No person, while the operator of or passenger in a vehicle, shall deposit litter upon any public place or private premises.

B. No person shall drive or move any loaded or partly loaded truck or other vehicle within the city unless such vehicle is so constructed or loaded as to prevent any part of its load, contents or litter from being blown or deposited upon any public place or private premises. Nor shall any person drive or move any vehicle or truck within the city, the wheels or tires of which carry onto or deposit in any public place or private premises, mud, dirt, sticky substances, litter or foreign matter of any kind.

Section 8. Litter in Parks.

No person shall deposit litter in any park within the city except in receptacles and in such a manner that the litter will be prevented from being carried or deposited by the elements upon any part of the park or upon any other public place or private premises. Where receptacles are not provided, all such litter shall be removed from the park by the person responsible for its presence and properly disposed of elsewhere in a lawful manner.

Section 6. Penalty.

Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this ordinance shall be fined not less than \$500.00 for each offense, and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

Section 7. Enforcement.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten days after its passage and publication as required by law. If any portion of this Ordinance shall be determined to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction in the State of Illinois, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED this ^{3rd} ~~1st~~ day of ^{November} ~~August~~, 2025, by the affirmative vote of the City Council as follows:

AYES: 4

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

APPROVED by me this ^{3rd} ~~1st~~ day of ^{November} ~~August~~, 2025.

Kevin Sif
Mayor

ATTEST:

Steven K Vorhies
City Clerk