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### **Sec. 8-1-1 Rules and Regulations.**

The Common Council, acting as Board of Health, may make reasonable and general rules for the enforcement of the provisions of this Chapter and for the prevention of the creation of health nuisances and the protection of the public health and welfare and may, where appropriate, require the issuance of licenses and permits. All such regulations shall have the same effect as ordinances, and any person violating any of such regulations and any lawful order of the Common Council shall be subject to the general penalty provided for in this Code.

### **Sec. 8-1-2 Public Safety and Health Hazards/Nuisances Regulated.**

- (a) **Purpose.** No person, company or corporation shall erect, contrive, cause, continue, maintain or permit to exist any public health or safety hazard within the City of Owen. The Common Council, acting as the Board of Health, shall abate health nuisances pursuant

to Ch. 823, Wis. Stats., which is adopted by reference and made part of this Section, or pursuant to the procedures of this Section.

(b) **Definitions.** The following definitions shall be applicable in this Section:

(1) **Health and Safety Hazard.** A public health and safety hazard or nuisance is an object, act, occupation, condition or use or property which shall continue for such length of time as to:

- a. Substantially annoy, injure or endanger the comfort, health, repose or safety of the public; or
- b. In any way render the public insecure in life or in the use of property.

(2) **Public Hazards Affecting Health.** The following acts, omissions, places, conditions and objects are hereby specifically declared to be hazards and nuisances, but such enumeration shall not be construed to exclude other health hazards coming within the definition of Subsection (b)(1):

- a. Accumulation of decayed animal or vegetable matter, trash, rubbish, or any material whatsoever in which flies, mosquitoes, disease-carrying insects, rats or other vermin may breed.

(3) **Safety Hazards.**

a. The following acts, omissions, places and conditions are hereby declared safety hazards and nuisances. However, such enumeration shall not be construed to exclude other hazards affecting public safety coming within the provisions of Subsection (b)(1):

1. All buildings and structures so old, dilapidated or out of repair as to be dangerous, unsafe, unsanitary or otherwise unfit for human use or occupancy.
2. All abandoned or non-operational refrigerators, freezers, and iceboxes from which the doors and other covers have not been removed or are not equipped with a device for opening the door from the inside.
3. Fire code or safety violations found when the required state fire inspections are performed.

b. Time to repair or correct fire code or safety violations will be on an individual basis granted upon notice of violation.

(4) **Public Safety and Other Hazards.** The following acts, omissions, places and objects are hereby specifically declared to be public safety or health hazards and nuisances offending the health, comfort, repose or safety of City residents, but such enumeration shall not be construed to exclude other hazards within Subsection (b)(1):

a. All property owners within the City of Owen who allow their property to accumulate trash, litter or rubbish shall be in violation of this Subsection.

1. Litter as used in this Subsection includes but is not limited to trash and/or wastepaper lying scattered about.
2. Trash, as used in this Subsection, includes but is not limited to some thing or object worth little or nothing or is in a crumpled or broken inoperable condition.

3. Rubbish, as used in this Subsection, includes but is not limited to waste materials, garbage and refuse of every character and kind collected and/or accumulated.

(c) **Abatement of Public Hazards.**

- (1) **Inspection of Premises.** Whenever a person residing within five hundred (500) feet or adjacent to a hazard makes a written complaint to the City a City enforcement officer that a public health or safety hazard exists within the City of Owen, the enforcement officer shall promptly and forthwith inspect or cause to be inspected the premises complained of and shall make a written report of his/her findings to the Common Council. Whenever practicable, the enforcement officer shall cause photographs to be made of the premises and shall file the same in the office of the City Clerk-Treasurer.
- (2) **Summary Abatement.**
  - a. **Notice to Owner.** If the enforcement officer shall determine that a public health or safety hazard exists within the City of Owen and that there is great and immediate danger to the public health, safety, peace, morals or decency upon a person, company, or corporation causing, permitting, or maintaining such a hazard, whether an owner or occupant of the premises where such hazard is caused, permitted, or maintained. If immediate personal service cannot be made, a copy of such notice shall be posted on the premises in a location likely to attract the attention of the owner or occupant thereof, as well as direct mail notice to the last known owner of said property. Such notice shall direct the person, company or corporation causing, permitting, or maintaining such hazard, or owner or occupant of the premises to start abatement within twenty-four (24) hours and complete such abatement within thirty (30) days, and shall state that unless such hazard is so abated, the City may cause the same to be abated and will charge the cost thereof to the owner, occupant, or person causing, permitting or maintaining the hazard.
  - b. **Abatement by City.** If the health or safety hazard is not abated within the time provided or if the owner, occupant or person causing the hazard cannot be found, the enforcement officer in the case of health hazards and other causes shall cause the abatement or removal of such public hazards.
  - c. **Abatement by Court Action.** If the enforcement officer shall determine that a health or safety hazard exists on private premises but that the nature of such hazard is not such as to threaten great and immediate danger to the public health, safety, peace, morals or decency, he/she shall file a written report of his/her findings with the Common Council who shall cause an action to abate such hazard to be commenced in the name of the City in the Circuit Court of Clark County in accordance with the provisions of Ch. 823, Wis. Stats. In the alternative, the Common Council may direct the enforcement officer to issue one

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or more citations for each day of violation for said time period, and to report back whether compliance has occurred.

- d. ***Other Methods Not Excluded.*** Nothing in this Section shall be construed as prohibiting the abatement of the health or safety hazards by the City of Owen or its officials in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin.

(d) **Enforcement.**

- (1) ***Penalty.*** Any person who shall violate this Section shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a forfeiture as prescribed in Section 1-1-7. Enforcement under this Section may be in addition to other appropriate City ordinances.
- (2) ***Separate Violations.*** Each day of violation of this Section shall constitute a separate offense.

***State Law Reference:*** Ch. 823, Wis. Stats.

***Cross-Reference:*** Title 11, Chapter 6, Public Nuisances; Title 15, Chapter 4, Minimum Housing Code

### **Sec. 8-1-3 Deposit of Deleterious Substances Prohibited.**

No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited in any public street or on any public ground or on any private property not his/her own any refuse, garbage, litter, waste material or liquid or any other objectionable material or liquid. When any such material is placed on the person's own private property, it shall be properly enclosed and covered so as to prevent the same from becoming a public nuisance.

### **Sec. 8-1-4 Destruction of Noxious Weeds.**

- (a) The City Clerk-Treasurer shall annually on or before May 15th publish as required by state law a notice that every person is required by law to destroy all noxious weeds on lands in the City which he/she owns, occupies or controls. A joint notice with other towns or municipalities may be utilized.
- (b) If the owner or occupant shall neglect to destroy any weeds as required by such notice, then the Weed Commissioner of the City shall give five (5) days' written notice by mail to the owner or occupant of any lands upon which the weeds shall be growing to the effect that the said Weed Commissioner after the expiration of the five (5) day period will proceed to destroy or cause to be destroyed all such weeds growing upon said lands and that the cost thereof will be assessed as a tax upon the lands upon which such weeds are located under the provisions of Sec. 66.0407, Wis. Stats. In case the owner or occupant shall further neglect to comply within such five (5) day notice, then the Weed Commissioner shall

destroy such weeds or cause them to be destroyed in the manner deemed to be the most economical method and the expense thereof, including the cost of billing and other necessary administrative expenses, shall be charged against such lots and be collected as a special tax thereon.

- (c) As provided for in Sec. 66.0407, Wis. Stats., the City shall require that all noxious weeds shall be destroyed prior to the time in which such plants would mature to the bloom or flower state. The growth of noxious weeds in excess of eight (8) inches in height from the ground surface shall be prohibited within the City of Owen corporate limits. Noxious weeds shall include any weed, grass or similar plant growth which, if allowed to pollinate, would cause or produce hayfever in human beings or would cause a skin rash through contact with the skin. Noxious weeds, as defined in this Section and in Section 8-1-6, shall include but not be limited to the following:

Cirsium Arvense (Canada Thistle)  
Ambrosia artemisiifolia (Common Ragweed)  
Ambrosia trifida (Great Ragweed)  
Euphorbia esula (Leafy Spurge)  
Convolvulus arvensis (Creeping Jenny) (Field Bind Weed)  
Tragopogon dubius (Goat's Beard)  
Rhus radicans (Poison Ivy)  
Cirsium vulgaries (Bull Thistle)  
Pastinaca sativa (Wild Parsnip)  
Arctium minus (Burdock)  
Xanthium strumarium (Cocklebur)  
Amaranthus retroflexus (Pigweed)  
Chenopodium album (Common Lambsquarter)  
Rumex Crispus (Curled Dock)  
Cannabis sativa (Hemp)  
Plantago lanceolata (English Plantain)  
Polygonum cuspidatum  
Fallopia japonica (Japanese knotweed)

Noxious grasses, as defined in this Section and in Section 8-1-6, shall include but not be limited to the following:

Agrostia alba (Redtop)  
Sorghum halepense (Johnson)  
Setaria (Foxtail)

Noxious weeds are also the following plants and other rank growth:

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Ragweed  
Thistles  
Smartweed  
Dandelions (over 8 inches in height)

*State Law Reference:* Sec. 66.0407, Wis. Stats.

**Sec. 8-1-5 Regulation of Natural Landscapes.**

- (a) **Natural Lawn/Landscape Defined.** "Natural lawn" or "natural landscape" as used in this Section shall include common species of grass and wild flowers native to North America which are designed and purposely cultivated to exceed eight (8) inches in height from the ground. Specifically excluded in natural lawns are the noxious grasses and weeds identified in Section 8-1-4 of this Chapter and areas part of a designated stormwater detention/retention area with its own City-approved management plan. The growth of natural landscaping in excess of eight (8) inches in height from the ground surface on non-agricultural lots or parcels of land three (3) acres or under (as classified under the City Zoning Code) shall be prohibited within the City of Owen corporate limits unless a Natural Lawn Management Plan is approved and a permit is issued by the City as set forth in this Section. Natural landscaping shall not contain litter or debris and shall not harbor undesirable wildlife, vermin or pests.
- (b) **Natural Landscape Management Plan Defined.**
- (1) Natural Landscape Management Plan as used in this Section shall mean a written plan relating to the management and maintenance of a natural landscape which contains the street address or a legal description of the property where the proposed natural landscape is being requested, a statement of intent and purpose for the lawn, a detailed description of the vegetational types, plants and plant succession involved, and the specific management and maintenance techniques to be employed.
  - (2) Applications for a permit shall require a written Management Plan of the lawn or area containing the following:
    - a. Legal description of the property to have the natural lawn or naturalized area and the name(s) and address(es) of the title holders and/or managers thereof;
    - b. Statement of intent and purpose for the lawn or area;
    - c. General description of the vegetation type, plants, and plant succession involved and management and maintenance techniques to be employed;
    - d. Statement that the lawn or area shall not contain litter or debris;
    - e. Gardening, botanical authorities and references relative to purpose of the project.
  - (3) a. Property owners who wish to plant and cultivate a natural landscape must submit their written plan and related information to the City. "Property Owner" shall be

defined to include the legal title holder and/or the beneficial owner of any such lot according to most current City records. Natural Landscape Management Plans shall only indicate the planting and cultivating of natural landscapes on property legally owned by the property owner.

- b. Applicants are strictly prohibited from developing a natural landscape on any City-owned property including street rights-of-way. This shall include at a minimum property located between the sidewalk and the street or a strip not less than ten (10) feet adjacent to the street where there is no sidewalk whether the area is under public or private ownership.
- (4) Natural landscapes shall not be permitted within five (5) feet of the side or rear setback to an abutting property owner's land unless waived in writing by the abutting property owner on the side so affected. Such waiver is to be affixed to the Lawn Management Plan filed with the City Clerk-Treasurer. Such waiver may be revoked, in writing, by the abutting property owner at a later time, a copy to be filed with the permittee and the City Clerk-Treasurer.
  - (5) All drainage swales shall be free of plantings and maintained in accordance with Section 8-1-4 above. In addition, a five percent (5%) area exclusive of the setback area shall be left open for maintained paths. The setback area shall have a height of no more than eight (8) inches, excluding trees and shrubs.
  - (6) Any subsequent property owner who abuts an approved natural landscape may revoke the waiver thereby requiring the owner of the natural landscape to remove the natural lawn that is located in the five (5) foot section abutting the neighboring property owner. Such revocation shall be put in writing and presented to the City Clerk-Treasurer by the subsequent abutting property owner. Upon receiving the written request to revoke the original waiver, the Common Council shall contact the owner of the approved natural landscape and direct the owner to remove the natural landscape located in the ten (10) foot section abutting the neighboring property owner. The Common Council shall revise the approved Natural Lawn Management Permit accordingly. The owner of the approved landscape lawn shall be required to remove the five (5) foot section abutting the neighboring property owner within twenty (20) days of receipt of the written notification from the City provided the notification is received sometime between May 1 and November 1. Property owners who receive notification from the City between November 1 and April 30 shall be required to remove the ten (10) foot section abutting the neighboring property owner no later than May 20 following receipt of the notification.
- (c) **Application Process.**
- (1) Property owners interested in applying for permission to establish a natural landscape shall file an application with the City Clerk-Treasurer. The completed application shall include a Natural Landscape Management Plan. Upon submitting a completed application, a fee as prescribed in Section 1-3-1 will be assessed by the City. Upon



receiving payment, copies of the completed application shall be mailed by the City to each of the owners of record, as listed in the Office of the City Assessor, who are owners of the property situated wholly or in part within one hundred (100) feet of the boundaries of the properties for which the application is made. If within fifteen (15) calendar days of mailing the copies of the complete application to the neighboring property owners the City receives written objections from fifty-one percent (51%) or more of the neighboring property owners, the City shall deny the application. Neighboring property owners shall be defined as all those property owners who are located within one hundred (100) feet of the proposed natural landscape site.

- (2) If the property owner's application is in full compliance with the Natural Landscape Management Plan requirements and less than fifty-one percent (51%) of the neighboring property owners provide written objections, the Common Council may issue permission to install a natural landscape. Permits shall be granted for an indefinite period, but may be revoked for failure to comply with the Management Plan.
- (d) **Application for Appeal.** The property owner may appeal the City Clerk-Treasurer's decision to deny the natural lawn permit request to the Common Council at an open meeting. All applications for appeal shall be submitted within fifteen (15) calendar days of the notice of denial of the Natural Lawn Management Plan. The decision rendered by the Common Council shall be final and binding.
- (e) **Prohibited Plant Species.** The following noxious grasses or weeds will not be allowed in a natural landscape area:

<b>Common Name(s)</b>	<b>Latin Name(s)</b>
Buckthorn	Rhamnus Cathartica Rhamnus Frangula
Burdock (Yellowdock)	Artium Lappa
Field Bindweed (Wild Morning Glory)	Convolvulus Arvensis
Garlic Mustard	Alliaria Petiolata
Goatsbeard (Oyster Plant, Salsify)	Tragopogon Porrifolius
Leafy Spurge	Euphorbia Esula
Marijuana	Cannabis Sativa
Nettle	Urtica Dioica
Oxeye Daisy	Chrysanthemum Leucanthemu
Pigweed (Lambs Quarters)	Chenopodium Album
Pigweed (Amaranth)	Amaranthus Retroflexus
Poison Ivy	Rhus Radicans
Quackgrass	Bromus Brizaeformis
Ragweed (Common)	Ambrosia Artemisifoia

Ragweed (Great)	Ambrosia Trifida
Spotted Knapweed	Centaurea Maculosa
Thistle Bull	Cirsium Vulgare
Thistle Canada	Cirsium Arbense
Thistle Musk or Nodding	Carduus Nutans
Thistle Star (Caltrops)	Centaurea Calicitraba
Thistle Sow (Field)	Sonchus Arvensis
Thistle Sow (Common)	Sonchus Oleraceus
Thistle Sow (Spiny Leaved)	Sonchus Asper
Sweet Clover (Yellow)	Melilotus Officinalis
Sweet Clover (White)	Melilotus Alba
Yellow Mustard (Yellow Rocket (Winter Cress))	Barbarea Vulgaris
Japanese Bamboo	
Wild Mustard	

(f) **Safety Precautions For Natural Grass Areas.**

- (1) When, in the opinion of the Fire Chief of the Department serving the City of Owen, the presence of a natural landscape may constitute a fire or safety hazard due to weather and/or other conditions, the Fire Chief may order the cutting of natural landscapes to a safe condition. As a condition of receiving approval of the natural landscapes permit, the property owner shall be required to cut the natural lawn within the three (3) days upon receiving written direction from the Fire Chief.
- (2) Natural landscapes shall not be removed through the process of burning unless stated and approved as one of the management and maintenance techniques in the Landscape Management Plan, and appropriate City open burning permits have been obtained. The Fire Chief shall review all requests to burn natural landscapes and shall determine if circumstances are correct and all applicable requirements have been fulfilled to insure public safety. Burning of natural landscapes shall be strictly prohibited unless a written permit to burn is issued by the Fire Chief. The Fire Chief shall establish a written list of requirements for considering each request to burn natural landscapes, thereby insuring the public safety. In addition, the property owner requesting permission to burn the natural landscapes shall produce evidence of property damage and liability insurance identifying the City as a party insured. A minimum amount of acceptable insurance shall be Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00).

- (g) **Revocation Of An Approved Natural Landscape Management Plan Permit.** The Weed Commissioner, Building Inspector, City Clerk-Treasurer or a law enforcement officer shall have the authority to revoke an approved Natural Landscape Management Plan Permit if the owner fails to maintain the natural landscape or comply with the provisions set forth in this Section. Notice of intent to revoke an approved Natural Landscape Management

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Plan Permit shall be appealable to the Common Council. All applications for appeal shall be submitted within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of the written Notice of Intent to revoke the approved Natural Landscape Management Plan. Failure to file an application for appeal within the fifteen (15) calendar days shall result in the revoking of the Natural Landscape Management Plan Permit. All written applications for appeal filed within the fifteen (15) calendar day requirement shall be reviewed by the Common Council in an open meeting. The decision rendered by the Common Council shall be final and binding.

(h) **Public Nuisance Defined – Abatement After Notice.**

- (1) The growth of a natural landscape as defined in this Section shall be considered a public nuisance unless a Natural Landscape Management Plan has been filed and approved and a permit is issued by the City as set forth in this Section. Violators shall be served with a notice of public nuisance by certified mail to the last-known mailing address of the property owner.
- (2) If the person so served with a notice of public nuisance violation does not abate the nuisance within ten (10) days, the Enforcement Officer may proceed to abate such nuisance, keeping an account of the expense of the abatement, and such expense shall be charged to and paid by such property owner. Notice of the bill for abatement of the public nuisance shall be mailed to the owner of the premises and shall be payable within ten (10) calendar days from receipt thereof. Within sixty (60) days after such costs and expenses are incurred and remain unpaid, the City Clerk-Treasurer shall enter those charges onto the tax roll as a special tax as provided by state statute.
- (3) The failure of the City Clerk-Treasurer to record such claim or to mail such notice or the failure of the owner to receive such notice shall not affect the right to place the City expense on the tax rolls for unpaid bills for abating the public nuisance as provided for in this Section.

(i) **Penalty.**

- (1) Any person, firm or corporation which does not abate the nuisance within the required time period or who otherwise violates the provisions of this Section shall be subject to the general penalty found in Section 1-1-7.
- (2) In addition to any penalties herein provided, the City may issue stop work orders upon owners of lots where work is unfinished under a previously issued permit for any violation of this Section.

**Sec. 8-1-6 Regulation of Length of Lawn and Grasses.**

(a) **Purpose.**

- (1) **General Intent.** This Section is adopted due to the unique nature of the problems associated with lawns, grasses and noxious weeds being allowed to grow to excessive length in the City of Owen. Except as provided in Section 8-1-5 governing natural

landscapes, the owner or occupant of any lot or parcel in the City which is three (3) acres or less in area shall install and maintain landscaping, plantings and other decorative surface treatments, including turf grass, so as to present an attractive appearance in all yard areas in accordance with generally accepted landscaping practices in Wisconsin. Lawns shall be maintained to a height not to exceed eight (8) inches. Plantings shall be maintained so as not to present hazards to adjoining properties or to persons or vehicles traveling on public ways and shall be maintained so as to enhance the appearance and value of the property on which located and thereby the appearance and value of the neighborhood and the City of Owen.

- (2) **Definitions.** The terms used in this Section and Section 8-1-5.
- a. **Turf Grass.** Grass commonly used in regularly cut lawns or play areas such as, but not limited to, blue grass, fescue and rye grass blends.
  - b. **Natural Lawn.** Any land managed to preserve or restore native Wisconsin grasses and forbes, native trees, shrubs, wildflowers and aquatic plants.
- (b) **Public Nuisance Declared.** The Common Council finds that lawns, grasses and noxious weeds on non-agricultural lots or parcels of land three (3) acres or under, as classified under the City Zoning Code, within the City of Owen which exceed eight (8) inches in length adversely affect the public health and safety of the public in that they tend to emit pollen and other discomforting bits of plants, constitute a fire hazard and a safety hazard in that debris can be hidden in the grass, interferes with the public convenience and adversely affects property values of other land within the City. For that reason, any non-agricultural lawn, grass or weed on a lot or other parcel of land three (3) acres or under in size which exceeds eight (8) inches in length is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, except for property located in a designated floodplain area and/or wetland area, where the lawn, grass or weed is part of a natural lawn/landscape approved pursuant to Section 8-1-5 above, or areas part of a designated stormwater detention/retention area with its own City-approved management plan.
- (c) **Nuisances Prohibited.** No person, firm or corporation shall permit any public nuisance as defined in Subsections (a) or (b) above to remain on any premises owned or controlled by him/her within the City.
- (d) **Inspection.** The Weed Commissioner or his/her designee shall inspect or cause to be inspected all premises and places within the City to determine whether any public nuisance as defined in Subsections (a) or (b) above exists.
- (e) **Abatement of Nuisance.**
- (1) If the Weed Commissioner shall determine with reasonable certainty that any public nuisance as defined in Subsections (a) or (b) above exists, the Weed Commissioner shall immediately cause written notice to be served that the City proposes to have the lot grass or lawn cut so as to conform with this Section and Section 8-1-5.
  - (2) The notice shall be mailed or served on the owner of the lot or parcel of land or, if he/she is not known and there is a tenant occupying the property, then to the tenant.

- (f) **Due Process Hearing.** If the owner believes that his/her grasses or weeds are not a nuisance, he/she may request a hearing before the Common Council. To be eligible, the request for said hearing must be made in writing to the City Clerk-Treasurer's office within the five (5) days set forth in the Weed Commissioner's notice. Upon application for the hearing, the property owner must make a deposit as prescribed in Section 1-3-1. If a decision is rendered in the property owner's favor, the deposit will be returned to the property owner. If the property owner fails to appear for the hearing or if the decision is rendered against the property owner, the deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the cost of City personnel abating the nuisance, if necessary. When a hearing is requested by the owner of the property, a hearing by the Common Council, or committee thereof, shall be held within seven (7) days from the date of the owner's request. The property in question will not be mowed by the City until such time as the hearing is held by the Common Council. At the hearing, the owner may appear in person or by his/her attorney, may present witnesses in his/her own behalf and may cross-examine witnesses presented by the City as well as subpoena witnesses for his/her own case. At the close of the hearing, the Common Council shall make its determination in writing specifying its findings, facts, and conclusions. If the Common Council, or committee thereof, determines that a public nuisance did exist, the Common Council shall order the Weed Commissioner to mow the property in question unless the property has been mowed by the owner within forty-eight (48) hours of the Common Council's decision. If the owner does not abate the nuisance within the described forty-eight (48) hours, the Weed Commissioner shall cause the same nuisance to be abated and cost in excess of the forfeited fee assessed accordingly.
- (g) **City's Option To Abate Nuisance.** In any case where the owner, occupant or person in charge of the property shall fail to cut his/her lawn, grass or weeds as set forth above, then, and in that event, the City may elect to cut said lawn, grass or weeds as follows:
- (1) The written notice required in Subsection (e) shall inform said person that in the event of his/her failure to abate the nuisance within the prescribed time, the City shall abate the same and the cost thereof shall be assessed to the property owner as a special charge.
  - (2) The City shall cut or cause to be cut all grass and weeds from the subject's property and shall charge the expenses of so doing at a rate as established by the Common Council, with a minimum charge of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). The charges shall be set forth in a statement to the City Clerk-Treasurer who, in turn, shall mail the same to the owner, occupant or person in charge of the subject premises. If said statement is not paid in full within thirty (30) days thereafter, the City Clerk-Treasurer shall enter the charges in the tax roll as a special tax against said lot or parcel of land, and the same shall be collected in all respects like other taxes upon real estate, or as provided under Sec. 66.0627, Wis. Stats.

## **Sec. 8-1-7 Compulsory Connection to City Sewer and Water System.**

(a) **When Required.**

- (1) Whenever a sewer or watermain becomes available to any building used for human habitation, the owner of the property upon which the building is located shall connect the building to such main or mains in the manner prescribed by law, except the Common Council may defer connection to such water or sewer main or mains for those properties which have existing operable septic systems or wells at the time of annexation, or whose construction was permitted by the City of Owen due to exceptional circumstances unique to the property.
- (2) In the event other municipal ordinances also address this subject, the most restrictive provision shall be applicable. It is a policy of the City of Owen that the general health and welfare of its citizens is best protected through the citizens' use of a municipal sewer and water system, and that the operational and economic viability of such a system depends on the use and fiscal support by such users.

(b) **Notice; Payment.**

- (1) The owner of any parcel of land adjacent to a water or sewer main upon which there exists a need for water supply, or sewer service, whether now or in the future, and for whatsoever reason, or in a block through which such system is extended shall connect the available water or sewer main/system within one hundred eighty (180) days of notice in writing from the City to so connect. Upon failure to do so, the City may cause such connection to be made and billed to the property owner for such costs. Such costs may include, without limitation, the cost of disconnecting any private wells so as to provide for adequate cross-connection controls within the municipal water system. If such costs are not paid within thirty (30) days of billing to the property owner by the City, such costs shall be assessed as a special tax lien against the property; however, that the owner may, within thirty (30) days after the completion of the work, file a written option with the City Clerk-Treasurer stating that he/she cannot pay such amount in one (1) sum and ask that there be levied in not to exceed five (5) equal installments and that the amount shall be so collected with interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the completion of the work, the unpaid balance being a special tax lien, all pursuant to Sec. 144.06, Wis. Stats.
- (2) In lieu of the above, the City, at its sole option, may impose a penalty for the period that the violation continues, after ten (10) days written notice to any owner failing to make a connection to the municipal water or sewer system in an penalty amount to be as great as the current average residential user cost plus interest for administrative cost per month for each residential unit equivalent for the period in which the failure to connect continues, and upon failure to make such payment said charge shall be assessed as a special tax lien against the property, all pursuant to Sec. 144.06, Wis. Stats.

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- (3) This Section ordains that the failure to connect to the water or sewer system is contrary to the minimum health standards of said City and fails to assure preservation of public health, comfort, and safety of said City.
- (c) **City May Cause Connection at Expense of Owner.** In the alternative to Subsection (b), the owner or his/her agent fails to comply with the notice of the City within ten (10) days of service or mailing thereof, the Building Inspector or Public Works Director may cause connection to be made and the expense thereof shall be assessed as a special charge against the property.
- (d) **Privies, Cesspools, Etc., Prohibited After Connection With Sewer.** After connection of any building used for human habitation to a sewer main, no privy, cesspool or waterless toilet shall be used in connection with such human habitation.

**Sec. 8-1-8 Unhealthy, Hazardous or Unsightly Materials on Public or Private Property.**

- (a) **Inspections.**
- (1) Whenever the Building Inspector, Fire Inspector or other authorized City official shall, upon inspection of any premises within the City of Owen find that there is deposited, placed, stored or remaining on said premises any garbage, junk, rubbish, rubble, trash, abandoned, construction materials, rotting yard and orchard waste, merchandise or parts, accumulation of grease or food wastes in a grease trap or other place or depository which presents a risk of clogging or blocking a sewer system, or any other unhealthy, hazardous or unsightly materials or thing which create a fire or health hazard, or which is detrimental to the appearance, neatness and cleanliness of the immediate neighborhood or the City of Owen in general, such official shall issue his/her written order to the owner and/or occupant of the premises to remove said garbage, junk, rubbish, rubble or trash, abandoned, outmoded, or non-salable merchandise or parts, construction materials, rotting yard and orchard waste, accumulation of grease or food wastes in a grease trap or other place or depository which presents a risk of clogging or blocking a sewer system, or other unhealthy, hazardous or unsightly materials or things.
- (2) Said written order shall provide that such removal shall be accomplished within ten (10) days after service of said order upon the owner or occupant of the premises involved. Such written order, in addition to specifying and describing the material or things to be removed, shall also set forth on the face thereof the provisions of Subsection (b).
- (3) Prosecution of violators under this Section shall not preclude other enforcement actions allowed by law, including other actions under this Code of Ordinances.
- (b) **Appeal.** Any person aggrieved by an order of a City official under this Section may, within thirty (30) days from the date of such order, request a hearing before the Board of

Appeals. The request for said hearing must be made in writing to the City Clerk-Treasurer's office within thirty (30) days of the date of said order. The Board of Appeals shall hold a hearing within seven (7) days from the date of the aggrieved party's request. The City shall take no abatement action until such time as the requested hearing is held, except when necessary to remove a human health hazard in accordance with Subsection (g). At the hearing, the person aggrieved may appear in person and/or by attorney and may subpoena, present and cross-examine witnesses. At the close of the hearing, the Board of Appeals shall make its determination in writing specifying its findings of facts and conclusions. If the Board of Appeals determines that a public nuisance did exist, the Board of Appeals may order the City to proceed under Subsections (e), (f) and/or (h) of this Section.

- (c) **Exceptions.** Nothing contained in this Section shall be construed to prohibit the depositing of rubbish, rubble, junk, trash, abandoned, outmoded or nonsalable merchandise or parts or unsightly materials or things which are:
- (1) Lawfully sited pursuant to the City Zoning Code and operated in a manner not constituting a nuisance; or
  - (2) Temporarily deposited due to an emergency; or
  - (3) Materials during construction; or
  - (4) Collected and piled for immediate pickup and disposal by the City or by private means.
- (d) **Nonconforming Uses.** It shall not be a defense to the provisions of this Section that the owner or occupant of the premises involved has a nonconforming use under the provisions of the City Zoning Code, but the provisions of this Section shall be complied with notwithstanding that the owner or occupant of any given premises is using or occupying such premises under a valid nonconforming use.
- (e) **Abatement by City.** If the inspecting officer determines that said nuisance is a human health hazard, as defined in Sec. 254.01, Wis. Stats. and Section 8-1-2 of this Code of Ordinances, and is not abated within the time provided in Subsection (a), and there has been no appeal as set forth in Subsection (b), the officer shall file a written report of his/her findings with the Common Council, and the Common Council may abate the nuisance pursuant to Section 8-1-2.

*Cross-Reference:* Sections 8-1-2 and 10-5-8; Title 11, Chapter 6; Title 15, Chapter 4.

## **Sec. 8-1-9 Rodent Control.**

- (a) **Definitions.** The following definitions shall be applicable in this Section:
- (1) **Owner or Manager.** Whenever any person or persons shall be in actual possession of or have charge, care or control of any property within the City, as executor,



administrator, trustee, guardian or agent, such person or persons shall be deemed and taken to be the owner or owners of such property within the true intent and meaning of this Section and shall be bound to comply with the provisions of this Section to the same extent as the owner, and notice to any such person of any order or decision of the Building Inspector or his/her designee shall be deemed and taken to be a good and sufficient notice, as if such person or persons were actually the owner or owners of such property, except that whenever an entire premises or building is occupied as a place of business, such as a store, factory, warehouse, rooming house, junk yard, lumber yard or any other business under a single management, the person, firm or corporation in charge of such business shall be considered the owner or manager.

- (2) **A Rodent-Proof Container** shall be a container constructed of concrete or metal, or the container shall be lined with metal or other material that is impervious to rodents, and openings into the container such as doors shall be tight-fitting to prevent the entrance of rodents.
  - (3) **Rodent-Proofing** shall consist of closing openings in building foundations and openings under and around doors, windows, vents and other places which could provide means of entry for rodents, with concrete, sheet iron, hardware cloth or other types of rodent-proofing material approved by the City.
  - (4) **Rodent Harborage.** Any place where rodents can live and nest without fear of frequent molestation or disturbance.
  - (5) **Hardware Cloth.** Wire screening of such thickness and spacing as to afford reasonable protection against the entrance of rodents.
- (b) **Elimination of Rodent Harborages.** Whenever accumulations of rubbish, boxes, lumber, scrap metal, car bodies or any other materials provide rodent harborage, the person, firm or corporation owning or in control of such materials shall cause the materials to be removed or the materials shall be stored so as to eliminate the rodent harborage. Lumber boxes and similar materials shall be neatly piled. These piles shall be raised at least a foot above the ground. When the owner of the materials cannot be found after a reasonable search, the owner or manager of the premises on which the materials are stored shall be responsible for disposal, or proper piling, of the materials.
- (c) **Elimination of Rodent-Feeding Places.** No person, firm or corporation shall place, or allow to accumulate, any materials that may serve as a food for rodents in a site accessible to rodents. Any waste material that may serve as food for rodents shall be stored in rodent-proof containers. Feed for birds shall be placed on raised platforms, or such feed shall be placed where it is not accessible to rodents.
- (d) **Extermination.** Whenever rodent holes, burrows or other evidence of rodent infestation are found on any premises or in any building within the City of Owen, it shall be the duty of the owner or manager of such property to exterminate the rodents or to cause the rodents to be exterminated. Within ten (10) days after extermination, the owner or manager shall cause all of the rodent holes or burrows in the ground to be filled with earth or other suitable material.

- (e) **Rodent-Proofing.** It shall be the duty of the owner or manager of any building in the City of Owen to make such building reasonably rodent-proof, to replace broken basement windows and, when necessary, to cover the basement window openings with hardware cloth or other suitable material for preventing rodents from entering the building through such window openings.

## **Sec. 8-1-10 Composting Regulations.**

- (a) **Purpose and Intent.** The purpose of this Section is to promote the recycling of yard wastes and certain kitchen wastes through composting and to establish minimum standards for proper compost maintenance.
- (b) **Definitions.** "Composting" shall mean the organic waste produced from the growing, trimming, and removal of grass, branches [not exceeding one (1) inch in diameter] bushes, shrubs, plants, leaves and garden debris. Kitchen waste shall be any uncooked plant matter not contaminated by or containing meat, fish and/or dairy products.
- (c) **Maintenance.** All compost piles shall be maintained using approved composting procedures to comply with the following requirements:
- (1) All compost piles shall be enclosed in a free standing compost bin. Each compost bin shall be no larger in volume than one hundred twenty-five (125) cubic feet, and shall be no taller than forty-two (42) inches.
  - (2) All compost bins shall be so maintained as to prevent the attraction or harborage of rodents and pests. The presence of rodents in or near a compost bin shall be cause for the City to proceed under Section 8-1-9.
  - (3) All compost bins shall be so maintained as to prevent unpleasant odors.
  - (4) No compost bin shall be allowed to deteriorate to such condition as to be a blighting influence on the surrounding property or neighborhood or the City in general.
  - (5)
    - a. All compost bins shall be located not less than three (3) feet from a property line or principal building or dwelling and three (3) feet from any detached accessory building.
    - b. A variance from these setback requirements may be applied for if the property owner(s) can show a hardship exists which prohibits compliance. In addition, any variance application must include a signed written approval of the variance request from the adjacent property owner(s). Variances can be granted by the Building Inspector on an annual basis upon the proper application being submitted by the property owner(s). Screening and/or fencing of compost bins may be required as a condition of a variance being granted.
  - (6) No compost bin shall be located in any yard except a rear yard, as defined in the City Zoning Code. A compost bin may be located in a side yard as defined in the City Zoning Code subject to the annual variance procedure contained in Subsections (c)(5)b and must be screened from view to the street.

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- (7) Those composting bins which existed prior to the adoption of this Section shall be given one (1) year to comply with the requirements set forth herein.
- (d) **Ingredients.**
  - (1) No compost bin shall contain any of the following:
    - a. Lakeweeds;
    - b. Cooked food scraps of any kind or type;
    - c. Fish, meat or other animal products;
    - d. Manures;
    - e. Large items that will impede the composting process.
  - (2) Permitted ingredients in a compost bin shall include the following:
    - a. Yard waste;
    - b. Coffee grounds and used tea leaves;
    - c. Uncooked plant matter not contaminated by or containing meat, fish, and/or dairy products;
    - d. Commercial compost additives.
- (e) **Owner Responsibility.** Every owner or operator shall be responsible for maintaining all property under his or her control in accordance with the requirements of this Section.
- (f) **Municipal Exception.** Any municipal composting site maintained by the City shall be exempt from the provisions of this Section.

**Sec. 8-1-11 Discharge of Clear Waters.**

- (a) **Discharge.** No person shall cause, allow or permit any roof drain, surface drain, subsoil drain, drain from any mechanical device, gutter, ditch, pipe, conduit, sump pump or any other object or thing used for the purposes of collecting, conducting, transporting, diverting, draining or discharging clear water from any part of any private premises owned or occupied by said person to discharge into a sanitary sewer.
- (b) **Nuisance.** The discharge into a sanitary sewer from any roof drain, surface drain, subsoil drain, drain from any mechanical device, gutter, ditch, pipe, conduit, sump pump or any other object or thing used for the purposes of collecting, conducting, transporting, diverting, draining or discharging clear water from any part of any private premises is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and a hazard to the health, safety and well-being of the residents of the City of Owen and to the protection of the property.
- (c) **Groundwater.** Where deemed necessary by the Common Council, every house shall have a sump pump installed for the purpose of discharging clear waters from foundation drains and ground infiltration and where the building is not serviced by a storm sewer shall either discharge into an underground conduit leading to a drainage ditch, gutter, dry well or shall discharge onto the ground surface in such other manner as will not constitute a nuisance as defined herein.

- (d) **Storm Water.** All roof drains, surface drains, drains from any mechanical device, gutters, pipe, conduits or any other objects or things used for the purpose of collecting, conducting, transporting, diverting, draining or discharging storm waters shall be discharged either to a storm sewer, a dry well, an underground conduit leading to a drainage ditch or onto the ground surface in such other manner as will not constitute a nuisance as defined herein.
- (e) **Storm Sewer Lateral.** Where municipal storm sewers are provided and it is deemed necessary by the property owner and/or the City to discharge clear waters from a parcel of land, a storm sewer lateral shall be installed and connected to the storm sewer main at the expense of the owner.
- (f) **Conducting Tests.** If a designated City agent suspects an illegal clear water discharge as defined by this Chapter or by any other applicable provision of the Wisconsin Administrative Code as it may, from time to time, be amended, he/she may, upon reasonable notice and at reasonable times, enter the private premises where such illegal clear water discharge is suspected and conduct appropriate tests to determine whether such suspected illegal clear water discharge actually exists. In addition, City inspectors may inspect for illegal clear water discharges as a part of a routine inspection without cause.
- (g) **Sump Pump Inspection Upon Property Sale.** Upon the sale of a property, City representatives may inspect the property to determine whether sump pumps are installed to discharge into the sanitary system, which is prohibited by this Section.

### **Sec. 8-1-12 Disturbance of Refuse Containers.**

- (a) No person shall open or disturb any refuse bag or container in a manner that would cause or contribute to litter.
- (b) No person shall scavenge or remove refuse, recyclables or other items placed for collection and/or disposal without the prior express authorization of the party placing such items for collection/disposal.

### **Sec. 8-1-13 Fencing of Anhydrous Ammonia Tanks.**

- (a) **Purpose.** The Common Council has determined that anhydrous ammonia storage tanks located within the City pose a threat to public health and safety if access to such tanks is not restricted through appropriate fencing. Specifically, public health and safety may be at risk if tampering or vandalism to the tanks results in unauthorized release of the tanks' dangerous contents into the atmosphere; furthermore, anhydrous ammonia is known to be a substance used in the illicit manufacture of prohibited controlled substances, and that persons engaged in such illegal activity may tamper with unsecured storage tanks. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the municipality's police powers, which are to be liberally

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construed in favor of the municipality's authority to enact measures to protect public health and safety.

- (b) **Requirements.** Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this Section, the owners of all parcels on which anhydrous ammonia storage tanks are located, either presently or proposed, shall erect adequate fencing enclosing such tanks. The fencing shall be of a design approved by the Common Council prior to construction. Such fencing shall be kept locked and be properly maintained.
- (c) **Penalty.** Persons found to be in violation of this ordinance shall be subject to the general penalty provisions of Section 1-1-7 of the City of Owen Code of Ordinances. Each day shall constitute a separate violation.

**Sec. 8-1-14 Burial of Animal Carcasses.**

- (a) No person, firm or corporation shall bury or cause to be buried on or in any public street or on any public ground or on any private property belonging to said person, firm or corporation any dead animal, animal carcass or any parts thereof within the City of Owen, except that a resident of the City of Owen, upon receiving authorization from the Director of Public Works, may bury a domestic household pet on said person's, firm's or corporation's own private property.
- (b) Any person, firm or corporation who violates this Section shall be subject to the general forfeiture provisions of this Code of Ordinances in Section 1-1-7. In addition, said person, firm or corporation shall be required to remove any animal or animal carcass buried in violation of this Section.

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# Pollution Abatement

- 8-2-1** Cleanup of Spilled or Accidentally Discharged Wastes
- 8-2-2** Storage of Polluting Substances

### **Sec. 8-2-1 Cleanup of Spilled or Accidentally Discharged Wastes.**

- (a) **Cleanup Required.** All persons, firms, or corporations delivering, hauling, disposing, storing, discharging or otherwise handling potentially polluting substances, solid or liquid, such as, but not limited to, the following: fuel oil, gasoline, solvents, industrial liquids or fluids, milk, grease trap and septic tank wastes, sewage sludge, sanitary sewer wastes, storm sewer catch-basin wastes, oil or petroleum wastes, shall immediately clean up any such spilled material to prevent its becoming a hazard to health or safety or directly or indirectly causing pollution to the lakes and streams under the jurisdiction of the City of Owen.
- (b) **Notification.** Spills or accidental release of hazardous materials or pollutants at a site or of a quantity or nature that cannot adequately be cleaned up by the responsible party or parties shall be immediately reported to the Fire Department so that assistance can be given by the proper agency.
- (c) **Financial Liability.** The party or parties responsible for the release, escape or discharge of wastes shall be held financially liable for the cost of any cleanup or attempted cleanup deemed necessary or desirable and undertaken by the City, or its designated agent, in an effort to minimize the polluttional effects of the discharged waste.
- (d) **Reimbursement for Hazardous Material Emergency Action.**
  - (1) Any person who possessed or controlled a hazardous substance that was discharged or who caused the discharge of a hazardous substance shall reimburse the City of Owen for actual, reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by the City of Owen for any emergency action taken under, and consistent with, Sec. 166.22(3), Wis. Stats., whether such action be taken by the City of Owen or another entity on its behalf or direction.
  - (2) Reimbursement as provided under Subsection (d)(1), above, will be accomplished as provided by Sec. 166.22(5), Wis. Stats., by the Clark County Board of Supervisors, or by local emergency government officials.
  - (3) Terms not defined above shall have the meaning referred to in Sec. 166.22(1), Wis. Stats.

**Sec. 8-2-2 Storage of Polluting Substances.**

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to store any potentially polluting substances unless such substances are stored in such manner as to securely prevent them from escaping onto the ground surface and/or into any street, sewer, ditch or drainageway, lake or stream within the jurisdiction of the City of Owen.

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# Refuse Disposal and Collection

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### **Sec. 8-3-1 Title.**

This Chapter shall be known as the "Refuse Disposal and Collection Ordinance" of the City of Owen, hereinafter referred to as this "Ordinance" or "Chapter."

### **Sec. 8-3-2 Purpose.**

- (a) The purpose of this Chapter shall be to maintain and protect public health and sanitation by removal of garbage, rubbish, and other waste material generated in the in the City of Owen, to eliminate dispersal of garbage, waste, and other waste material along the streets, roads, and other public and private properties in and near the City of Owen.



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- (b) The Common Council further finds and ordains that:
  - (1) Improper disposal of household sharp medical waste, such as hypodermic needles, poses a significant health risk to workers in the waste disposal industry;
  - (2) Safe disposal of household sharp medical waste is possible through inexpensive, easily obtained means, without posing an undue burden on users of household sharp medical waste; and
  - (3) Removal of household sharp medical waste from the City's waste stream is beneficial to residents of the City as well as the City's refuse hauler and users of County or other licensed landfills.

**Sec. 8-3-3 Definitions.**

- (a) The following definitions shall be applicable in this Chapter:
  - (1) **Collector/Hauler.** City workers or the contractor or entity chosen by the Common Council to handle, transport, and dispose of the solid waste, recyclables and non-recyclables generated in the City, or, person or persons contracting with waste generators for these services, and will enforce preparation standards for recyclable materials as well as ensure community compliance with this source separation recycling program.
  - (2) **Commercial Waste.** Waste of whatever material generated by any industrial or business establishment where any trade, occupation, industry or commerce is conducted.
  - (3) **Corrugated Cardboard.** Heavy duty Kraft paper packaging material with a corrugated medium between two (2) flat paper liners, and does not include paperboard such as for cereal or laundry detergent boxes or holders for six-packs or twelve-packs of beverage cans or bottles.
  - (4) **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.
  - (5) **Deciduous Material.** Yard wastes such as leaves, grass clippings, flowers and other similar vegetation, but specifically excludes sod, dirt, twigs, fruit, vegetables and other similar material. Also included are clean woody vegetative material no greater than six (6) inches in diameter and holiday trees, but does not include tree stumps, extensive root systems or shrubs with intact root balls.
  - (6) **Demolition Wastes.** That portion of solid waste from the repair, remodeling construction or reconstruction of buildings, such as lumber, roofing and sheathing scraps, rubble, broken concrete, asphalt, plaster, conduit, pipe, wire, insulation, and other materials resulting from the demolition of buildings and improvements.
  - (7) **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.
  - (8) **Garbage.** Discarded materials resulting from the handling, processing, storage and consumption of food.

- (9) **Glass.** Glass bottles, jars and containers and does not include window glass, drinking glasses, pyrex, light bulbs or other non-container glass.
- (10) **Good Faith.** Reasonable efforts to adhere to the policies, standards and rules of this mandatory source separation recycling program.
- (11) **Hazardous Waste or Hazardous Substance.** Those wastes or substances defined as such in NR 181, Wis. Adm. Code (including all amendments provided thereto) as provided therein pursuant to Sec. 144.62, Wis. Stats., or other acts pursuant to authority vested in the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to describe and list materials as such and also includes the meaning of "hazardous waste" or "hazardous substance" as described herein. Those solid wastes or substances found in household waste [notwithstanding the household waste exclusion provided in NR 181.12(4)(a), Wis. Adm. Code].
- (12) **Household Sharp Medical Waste.** Any type of product capable of puncturing or lacerating the skin that is designed or used to treat, diagnose, or prevent a disease or medical condition, including, but not limited to, scalpels and hypodermic needles.
- (13) **Multi-Family Dwelling.** A residential building intended to be the residence of four (4) or more independent family units.
- (14) **Non-recyclable Material.** All items of waste not recyclable except hazardous waste or hazardous substances.
- (15) **Other Paper.** All paper excluding newsprint materials or materials specifically excepted in the definition of "newsprint" and "corrugated cardboard," but shall include grades of fiber materials with available markets for recycling.
- (16) **Oversize and Bulky Waste.** Large items such as furniture, mattresses, carpeting, construction or demolition materials of substantial dimensions, brush and other large items whose proportions are not easily reduced.
- (17) **Person.** Any individual, corporation, organization, association, local governmental unit, as defined in Chapter 66, Wis. Stats., state agency or authority or federal agency.
- (18) **Refuse.** Combustible and non-combustible materials including, but not limited to: paper products, wood, metal, glass, cloth and products thereof in unrecoverable condition; litter and street rubbish not including yard waste; uncontaminated ashes; and building materials such as wood, concrete, glass, plaster and other intermixed materials produced in construction or demolition of structures. "Refuse" for purposes of this Chapter shall not include "oversize or bulky waste".
- (19) **Residential Solid Waste.** All solid waste that normally originates in a residential environment from residential dwelling units.
- (20) **Residential Unit.** Each living unit in the City of Owen designed for permanent living quarters, including single-family dwellings and units in duplexes, tri-plexes, and multi-family units and each unit in a residential condominium project.
- (21) **Scavenging.** The uncontrolled and unauthorized removal of materials at any point in solid waste management.

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- (22) **Sharps Container.** A container specifically manufactured for the disposal of sharp medical waste.
- (23) **Solid Waste.** Garbage, refuse and all other discarded or salvageable solid materials, including solid waste materials, resulting from industrial, commercial and agricultural operations, and from community activities, but does not include solids or dissolved material in waste water effluents or other common water pollutants.
- (24) **Solid Waste Storage.** Safe, environmentally sound short-term containment of materials and for recyclables shall involve preserving materials in a condition meeting preparation standards.
- (25) **Tires.** For collection purposes shall mean rubber tires, from automobiles and light trucks, and other tires whose size is less than 1100 x 24.5, which are removed from rims.

**Sec. 8-3-4 Nondisposable Materials.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to place for regular collection in the City of Owen any of the following wastes:
  - (1) Hazardous waste;
  - (2) Toxic waste;
  - (3) Chemicals;
  - (4) Explosives or ammunition;
  - (5) Drain or waste oil or flammable liquids;
  - (6) Large quantities of paint;
  - (7) Dead animals;
  - (8) Trees or stumps;
  - (9) Gravel or concrete;
  - (10) Construction debris;
  - (11) Animal or human waste;
  - (12) White goods (unless as a special haul item);
  - (13) Hot ashes (ashes that are fully extinguished and dry may be left for collection in noncombustible containers);
  - (14) Tires;
  - (15) Holiday trees (special collection may be authorized);
  - (16) Bedding and furniture (special collection may be authorized);
  - (17) Appliances (special collection may be authorized).
- (b) The aforementioned materials shall be disposed of in the manner prescribed by federal or state laws, or as provided for herein.
- (c) Materials that the City collector or refuse collection permittee will dispose of for a separate fee may be disposed of by special arrangement between the waste generator and said City collector or refuse collector permittee.

### **Sec. 8-3-5 Hospital/Medical Wastes.**

(a) **Household Sharp Medical Waste Disposal.**

- (1) Household sharp medical waste shall not be deposited in any other place or manner in the City of Owen than as hereinafter provided.
- (2) Acceptable means of disposing of household sharp medical waste include:
  - a. Disposal in an approved medical waste box, such as a Sharps container; or
  - b. Disposal in a heavy plastic container, such as a laundry soap bottle, providing that the lid is permanently affixed thereto using tape or another means, and the container is marked "Medical Waste: Do Not Open."

(b) **Collector to Refuse Pickup of Non-Conforming Household Sharp Medical Waste.**

The City's collector or refuse collector permittee shall refuse to pick up any solid waste or recyclables containing household sharp medical waste not separately contained and prepared as provided in this Section.

### **Sec. 8-3-6 Building Waste.**

All demolition waste resulting from remodeling, construction, or removal of a building, roadway, or sidewalk shall be disposed of by the owner, builder, or contractor. Building materials of any kind will not be disposed of by the City or its collection service.

### **Sec. 8-3-7 Alteration of Recyclable Materials.**

It shall be unlawful to intentionally alter recyclable materials so as to render them as nonrecyclable material.

### **Sec. 8-3-8 Collection of Refuse.**

(a) **Placement for Collection.**

- (1) Residential solid waste shall be accessible to collection crews. Residential solid waste in approved containers shall be placed immediately behind the curb of the public street for collection or containers shall be placed immediately adjacent to the alley if premises abut on an alley. Yard bulky wastes from residential units shall likewise be placed in neat, orderly fashion behind the curb. During winter months, solid waste 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 in which to place his/her wastes or he/she shall place it in his/her driveway. Collection crews will not collect residential solid waste unless it is placed at the curb of a public street. Residential units shall bring their solid waste to the terrace adjacent to the street curb for collection. Should collection crews be unable to discharge contents of garbage

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containers into collection vehicles using normal handling procedures, the containers, including contents, will be left at curb side. The owner shall make provisions to assure that the refuse therein can be collected on the next collection day. Collection crews will not empty refuse containers by means other than dumping.

- (2) No garbage containers or other containers for refuse other than those approved by 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 (i.e. street privilege permit situations under Title 6, Chapter 2).

(b) **Restriction on Time of Placement.**

- (1) Receptacles and containers for refuse and rubbish shall be placed in collection locations as designated in Subsection (a) above prior to 7:00 a.m. of the scheduled collection day, but not more than twenty-four (24) hours prior to such time.
- (2) All receptacles, bags and containers for refuse and garbage disposal shall be removed from the curbside collection point within twenty-four (24) hours after the regular collection time.
- (3) Employees of licensed collectors will not enter any structures to remove garbage or refuse, except by written agreement with the property owner.
- (4) If the scheduled collection day falls on a holiday, collection will be on the following scheduled working day.
- (5) Special collections may be made if ordered by the Building Inspector, Director of Public Works, or Common Council and will be billed to the owner.

**Sec. 8-3-8 Refuse From Outside the City.**

It shall be unlawful to bring refuse from outside the City of Owen limits into the City limits for disposal unless specifically authorized by written agreement with the City of Owen.

**Sec. 8-3-10 Garbage Accumulation; When a Nuisance.**

- (a) 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 animals, or which otherwise becomes injurious to the public health, is prohibited and declared to constitute a nuisance. Refuse areas shall be kept in a nuisance- and odor-free condition. Refuse shall not be allowed to accumulate. Violation will result

- in the occupant and/or owner being notified to clean up his area, with continued violations resulting in the owner being prosecuted under provisions of this and other City ordinances.
- (b) Collection crews will not be responsible for cleaning up loose materials from any containers which have become ruptured or broken due to wet conditions, animals, vandalism or other cause. The property occupant and/or owner shall be responsible for cleaning up this litter. Litter not collected shall not be allowed to accumulate. Violators are subject to the penalties prescribed in Section 1-1-7.

### **Sec. 8-3-11 Improper Placement.**

No persons shall deposit, throw, or place any garbage, offal, dead animals, combustible refuse or other deleterious matters in any park, lane, alley, street, public grounds, or public place within the City, nor place any garbage, offal, dead animals or other refuse matter upon any private property not owned by such person without such person's consent. If not deemed noncollectible, these materials may be placed for collection on the owner's property if the same is enclosed in proper vessels or containers which shall be watertight and kept so with tightly fitting covers.

### **Sec. 8-3-12 Interference with Authorized Collector.**

No person other than an authorized collector shall collect or interfere with any waste after it shall have been put into a refuse receptacle and deposited in the proper place for the collector, nor shall any unauthorized person molest, hinder, delay or in any manner interfere with any authorized refuse collector in the discharge of his/her duties.

### **Sec. 8-3-13 Contracting with Collector/Hauler.**

- (c) The City of Owen may find that the purposes of this Chapter will be better served by consolidating refuse collection activities to obtain more cost-effective services, and to that end the City may contract with an independent contractor to provide refuse collection services in accordance with this Chapter. If any person needs a service in excess of that provided by such collector/hauler pursuant to the collection contract with the City, such person may contract, at such person's cost, for such additional services as may be required or desired.
- (d) The Common Council shall be authorized, if it so determines, to place the pro-rata cost of such collector/hauler's fee for such services with utility bills or on the tax bill for the real property from which such waste is generated. Said amount so placed on the tax bill for each year in advance of such services and when so placed shall have the same force and

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effect as real estate taxes and shall be paid as in the same manner as real estate taxes or as a special charge.

- (e) The City and the collector/hauler shall establish collection times for the collection of collectible wastes.

**Sec. 8-3-14 Condominiums and Multi-Family Dwellings.**

Each condominium association in the City shall be responsible for establishing compliance with this Chapter by the owner of each condominium unit, and shall submit its plan for compliance to the City for approval and shall submit for approval of the City any changes in such plan. Such plan may provide for the purposes of this Chapter. Each condominium unit shall be treated the same as a single residential dwelling or the entire condominium shall be treated for such purposes as a multi-family dwelling. In approving such a plan, the City shall consider which plan under the circumstances would better promote the purpose of this Chapter.

**Sec. 8-3-15 Commercial Buildings.**

The owners of commercial, retail, industrial and governmental facilities shall provide adequate separate containers for the disposal of recyclable materials as defined herein and in Title 8, Chapter 4 and shall regularly notify all users of said premises of such facilities, including employees, agents and customers of county and municipal recycling requirements.

**Sec. 8-3-16 Agricultural Operations.**

Nothing in this Chapter is intended to apply to the disposal of or the accumulation of agricultural or farm wastes, products or feed accumulated upon property used in the ordinary course of farming.

**Sec. 8-3-17 Federal and State Regulations.**

It is expected that from time to time federal and state statutes and regulations will require that items other than the items which have been deemed to be recyclable herein shall be recycled. In such event, this Chapter shall be deemed to include and shall require such other items to be recyclable hereunder.

### **Sec. 8-3-18 Violations; Penalties.**

- (a) **Violations.** Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Chapter shall be subject to a penalty which shall be as follows:
- (1) **First Offense.** Any person found in violation of any provision of this Section as a first offender shall receive a warning notice requiring compliance and may be subject to having refuse in violation of the provisions herein not collected.
  - (2) **Second and Subsequent Offenses.** Any person found guilty of violating any part of this Chapter who has previously been notified of being in violation or has been convicted of violating the same Chapter within one (1) year shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a forfeiture as provided in Section 1-1-7.
- (b) **Separate Violations by Occurrence.** Each violation and each day a violation continues or occurs shall constitute a separate offense. Nothing in this Chapter shall preclude the City from maintaining any appropriate action to prevent or remove a violation of any provision of this Chapter.

### **Sec. 8-3-19 Special Collections for Violations.**

If any entity, including those receiving collection from a private firm, is found in violation of the collection and storage requirements of this Chapter and fails to comply with a notification and/or requirements of this Chapter and fails to comply with a notification and/or citation, the Common Council, Director of Public Works, or designee shall be empowered to order a special collection to remove such violation. The person shall be notified of such special collection and the charges therefor. The special collection shall be made, and if billing plus Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) is unpaid, the bill shall be considered a lien on the property and shall be placed on the tax bill. A person shall not use the special collection provision of this Chapter to circumvent requirements for collection by a private firm.



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# Recycling

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### **Sec. 8-4-1      General Provisions.**

- (a) **Title.** The title of this Chapter is the Recycling Ordinance for the City of Owen.
- (b) **Purpose.** The purpose of this Chapter is to promote recycling, composting, and resource recovery through the administration of an effective recycling program, as provided in Sec. 159.11, Wis. Stats., and Ch. NR 544, Wis. Adm. Code.
- (c) **Statutory Authority.** This Chapter is adopted as authorized under Sec. 159.09(3)(b), Wis. Stats.
- (d) **Abrogation and Greater Restrictions.** It is not intended by this Chapter to repeal, abrogate, annul, impair or interfere with any existing rules, regulations, ordinances or permits previously adopted or issued pursuant to law. However, whenever this Chapter imposes greater restrictions, the provisions of this Chapter shall apply.
- (e) **Interpretation.** In their interpretation and application, the provisions of this Chapter shall be held to be the minimum requirements and shall not be deemed a limitation or repeal of any other power granted by Wisconsin Statutes. Where any terms or requirements of this Chapter may be inconsistent or conflicting, the more restrictive requirements or interpretation shall apply. Where a provision of this Chapter is required by Wisconsin

Statutes, or by a standard in Ch. NR 544, Wis. Adm. Code, and where the ordinance provision is unclear, the provision shall be interpreted in light of the Wisconsin Statutes and the Ch. NR 544 standards in effect on the date of the adoption of this Chapter, or in effect on the date of the most recent text amendment to this Chapter.

- (f) **Applicability.** The requirements of this Chapter apply to all persons and entities within the City of Owen. This Chapter shall not affect civic or charitable organizations who conduct fund drives for recyclable materials.
- (g) **Administration.** The provisions of this Chapter shall be administered by the Common Council, Director of Public Works and designees.

## **Sec. 8-4-2 Definitions.**

- (a) For the purpose of this Chapter:
  - (1) **Aluminum cans** shall include used beverage cans only.
  - (2) **Aluminum** means aluminum foil trays and aluminum foil and aluminum cans used for food and other non-hazardous materials, but excluding aerosol cans and cans that held paint-related products, pesticides, or other toxic or hazardous substances.
  - (3) **Bags** means clear, colorless plastic bags designated for refuse; with sufficient wall strength to maintain physical integrity when lifted by top. With a capacity not to exceed thirty (30) gallons and a loaded weight of no more than fifty (50) pounds.
  - (4) **Bi-Metal and Tin Cans** means tin coated and steel cans, bi-metal cans used for food preparation and other non-hazardous materials, but excluding aerosol cans and cans that held paint, paint-related products, pesticides, or other toxic or hazardous substances.
  - (5) **Collector** means the contractor selected by the City to collect solid waste.
  - (6) **Container board** means corrugated paperboard used in the manufacture of shipping containers and related products.
  - (7) **Container glass** shall include container glass only. "Glass" does not include ceramic cups, dishes, ovenware, plate glass, safety and window glass, heat resistant glass such as pyrex, lead-based glass such as crystal, or TV tubes.
  - (8) **Corrugated cardboard** shall include corrugated cardboard only; it does not include waxed cardboard or chipboard such as cereal boxes, shoe boxes, and similar materials.
  - (9) **Foam polystyrene packaging** means packaging made primarily from foam polystyrene that satisfies one (1) of the following criteria:
    - a. Is designed for serving food or beverages.
    - b. Consists of loose particles intended to fill space and cushion the packaged article in a shipping container.
    - c. Consists of rigid materials shaped to hold and cushion the packaged article in a shipping container.

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- (10) **Garbage** means and includes all waste resulting from the use, preparation, cooking or consumption of food.
  - (11) **Hazardous waste** means any substance or combination of substances, including any waste of a solid, semisolid, or gaseous form, which may cause or significantly contribute to an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible or incapacitating reversible illness or which may pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or environment because of its quantity, concentration or physical, chemical or infectious characteristics. This term includes but it not limited to, substances which are toxic, corrosive, flammable, irritants, strong sensitizers or explosives as determined by the City.
  - (12) **Lead-acid batteries** means automotive and related batteries that are comprised of lead plates and an acid electrolyte; the definition does not include nickelcadium batteries, dry cell batteries (flashlight) batteries or batteries used in calculators, watches, hearing aides or similar devices.
  - (13) **HDPE** means high density polyethylene, labeled by the SPI Code #2.
  - (14) **LDPE** means low density polyethylene, labeled by the SPI Code #4.
  - (15) **Magazines** means magazines and other materials printed on similar paper.
  - (16) **Major appliance** means a residential or commercial air conditioner, clothes dryer, clothes washer, dishwasher, freezer, oven, refrigerator or stove, residential and commercial furnaces, boilers, dehumidifiers and water heaters, and allowing the disposal of microwaves if the capacitor has been removed.
  - (17) **Mixed papers** shall include all grades of papers, including: white, colored, ledger, shiny, coated, carbonless or NCR papers; envelopes, including windowed, labeled, and kraft; magazines, phone books, computer printout paper, glued pads and tablets, file folders, key punch cards, post-it notes, spiral notebooks, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, etc.; can include paper clips and staples; does not include hand towels or other paper products from restrooms, or soiled napkins and paper plates; also does not include carbon paper, cellophane, or any waxed paper.
  - (18) **Multiple-family dwelling** means a property containing five (5) or more residential units, including those which are occupied seasonally.
  - (19) **Newspapers** shall include newspapers and newspaper advertisements printed on newsprint, but does not include catalogues, magazines, cardboard, or other paper products.
  - (20) **Non-recyclable material** means any material other than a recyclable material and includes garbage, rubbish and other solid waste, including but not limited to ashes, plastic material other than the type included within recyclable materials, ceramics, broken glass of all types, window glass, styrofoam, Pyrex, light bulbs, mirrors, china, waxed paper, waxed cardboard, furniture, carpeting, used clothing and other materials not defined as recyclable materials for purposes of this Chapter.
  - (21) **Non-residential facilities and properties** means commercial, retail, industrial, institutional and governmental facilities and properties. This term does not include multiple family dwellings.

- (22) **Office paper** means high grade printing and writing papers from offices in non-residential facilities and properties. Printed white ledger and computer printout are examples of office paper generally accepted as high grade. This term does not include industrial process waste.
- (23) **Other resins or multiple resins** means plastic resins labeled by the SPI Code #7.
- (24) **Person** includes any individual, corporation, partnership, association, local governmental unit, as defined in Sec. 66.0131(1)(a), Wis. Stats., state agency or authority or federal agency.,
- (25) **PETE** means polyethylene terephthalate, labeled by the SPI Code #1.
- (26) **Plastic bottles** shall include only plastic bottles clearly marked with the recycling emblem, encircling the #1 (PET or PETE) or the #2 (HDPE); does not include motor oil bottles, even if they are labeled #1 or #2.
- (27) **Postconsumer waste** means solid waste other than solid waste generated in the production of goods, hazardous waste, as defined in Sec. 144.61(5), Wis. Stats., waste from construction and demolition of structures, scrap automobiles, or high-volume industrial waste, as defined in Sec. 144.44(7)(a)1., Wis. Stats.
- (28) **PP** means polypropylene, labeled by the SPI Code #5.
- (29) **PS** means polystyrene, labeled by the SPI Code #6.
- (30) **PVC** means polyvinyl chloride, labeled by the SPI Code #3.
- (31) **Recyclable material** includes lead acid batteries, major appliances, waste oil, yard waste, aluminum containers, corrugated paper and other container board, glass containers, magazines, newspapers, office paper, rigid plastic containers including those of PETE and HDPE, steel containers, waste tires and bi-metal containers.
- (32) **Recyclable plastic** generally means high density polyethylene and polyethylene terephthalate plastic containers and specifically means any plastic containers described as recyclable on the list maintained at the office of the City Clerk, which list is incorporated herein by reference and is subject to revision and updating at any time.
- (33) **Solid waste** has the meaning specified in Sec. 144.01(15), Wis. Stats.
- (34) **Solid waste facility** has the meaning specified in Sec. 144.43(5), Wis. Stats.
- (35) **Solid waste treatment** means any method, technique or process which is designed to change the physical, chemical or biological character or composition of solid waste. "Treatment" includes incineration.
- (36) **Tin cans** shall include tin coated metal cans, and steel containers.
- (37) **Waste oil** means contaminated petroleum-derived or synthetic oil, including but not limited to motor oil, vehicle lubricants or coolants.
- (38) **Waste tire** means a tire that is no longer suitable for its original purpose because of wear, damage or defect.
- (39) **Yard waste** means leaves, grass clippings, yard and garden debris and brush, including clean woody vegetative material no greater than four (4) inches in diameter

or four (4) feet in length and holiday trees. This term does not include stumps, roots or shrubs with intact root balls.

### **Sec. 8-4-3 Separation of Recyclable Materials.**

- (a) **Recyclable Materials Designated.** All recyclable material shall be separated from other garbage and refuse and be separated from nonrecyclable material. Non-recyclables shall be placed for collection in a clear plastic bag. Recyclable plastic and glass shall be placed in the designated recycling bin and may be co-mingled. Occupants of single family and two (2) to four (4) unit residences, multiple-family dwellings and non-residential facilities and properties shall separate the following materials from postconsumer waste:
- (1) Lead acid batteries.
  - (2) Major appliances.
  - (3) Waste oil.
  - (4) Yard waste.
  - (5) Aluminum containers.
  - (6) Bi-metal containers.
  - (7) Corrugated paper or other container board.
  - (8) Foam polystyrene packaging.
  - (9) Glass containers.
  - (10) Magazines.
  - (11) Newspaper.
  - (12) Office paper.
  - (13) Rigid plastic containers made of PETE, HDPR, PVC, LDPE, PP, PS, and other resins or multiple resins.
  - (14) Steel containers.
  - (15) Waste tires.

### **Sec. 8-4-4 Separation Requirements Exempted.**

The separation requirements of Section 8-4-3 do not apply to the following:

- (a) Occupants of single family and two (2) to four (4) unit residences, multiple-family dwellings and non-residential facilities and properties that send their postconsumer waste to a processing facility licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources that recovers the materials specified in Section 8-4-3 from solid waste in as pure a form as is technically feasible.
- (b) Solid waste which is burned as a supplemental fuel at a facility if less than thirty percent (30%) of the heat input to the facility is derived from the solid waste burned as supplemental fuel.

- (c) A recyclable material specified in Section 8-4-3 for which a variance has been granted by the Department of Natural Resources under Sec. 159.11(2m), Wis. Stats., or NR544.14, Wis. Adm. Code.

## **Sec. 8-4-5 Care of Separated Recyclable Materials; Disposal of Certain Items.**

- (a) **Care of Separated Materials.** To the greatest extent practicable, the recyclable materials separated in accordance with Section 8-4-3 shall be clean and kept free of contaminants such as food or product residue, oil or grease, or other non-recyclable materials, including but not limited to household hazardous waste, medical waste, and agricultural chemical containers. Recyclable materials shall be stored in a manner which protects them from wind, rain, and other inclement weather conditions.
- (b) **Preparation and Collection of Recyclable Materials.** Except as otherwise directed by the Common Council, occupants of single-family and two to four-unit residences shall do the following for the preparation and collection of recyclables designated in Sec. 8-4-3:
- (1) **Aluminum Cans.** Shall include used beverage cans only.
  - (2) **Container Glass.** Includes container glass only. Glass must be clean, with caps removed. Labels and neck rings can remain on glass. Glass should not be broken. Glass *does not include* ceramic cups, dishes, ovenware, plate glass, safety and window glass, heat-resistant glass such as Pyrex, lead-based glass such as crystal, or TV tubes.
  - (3) **Plastic Bottles and Containers.** Includes only plastic bottles and containers clearly marked with the recycling emblem encircling the #1 (PET or PETE) or the #2 (HDPE). *Does not include* motor oil bottles, even if they are labeled #1 or #2. Caps and covers must be removed. Labels and neck rings can remain on plastic. Clean all bottles and containers.
  - (4) **Bi-Metal Containers.** Includes tin coated metal cans, bi-metal cans, and steel containers, which must be clean and labels must be removed. If convenient, please cut out both ends and flatten. Cut out ends are recyclable.
  - (5) **Corrugated Cardboard.** Includes clean corrugated cardboard only, and does not include waxed cardboard or "chipboard" such as cereal boxes, shoe boxes, and similar materials. Cardboard must be flattened and bundled in bundles not more than twelve (12) inches high and twenty-four (24) inches wide and thirty-six (36) inches long.
  - (6) **Mixed Papers.** Includes all grades of papers: including white, colored, ledger, shiny, coated, carbonless or NCR papers; envelopes: including windowed, labeled and kraft; magazines, phone books, computer printout paper, glued pads and tablets, file folders, keypunch cards, post-it notes, spiral notebooks, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, etc. Can include paper clips and staples. *Does not include* hand towels or other paper products from restrooms, or soiled napkins and paper plates. *Also does not include* carbon

- paper, cellophane, or any waxed paper. Shall be placed for collection in paper grocery bags, boxes, or bundled in bundles not more than twelve (12) inches high.
- (7) **Newspapers.** Includes newspapers and newspaper advertisements.
- (c) **Lead Acid Batteries, Major Appliances, Waste Oil and Yard Wastes.** Occupants of single-family and two to four unit residences, multi-family dwellings and nonresidential facilities and properties shall manage lead acid batteries, major appliances, waste oil and yard wastes as follows (additional fees may be applicable):
- (1) **Lead Acid Batteries.** Lead acid batteries shall be recycled at retail establishments.
- (2) **Bulky Item Collection Service.**
- Bulky items will be picked up separately from regular collection of refuse and recyclables.
  - Bulky item collection includes larger items such as couches, chairs, mattresses, etc.
  - Carpeting should be cut no longer than four (4) feet, rolled and tied not larger than one (1) foot in diameter.
  - Please notify Veolia Environmental Services when bulky items require collection. [(888) 271-7176].
- (3) **Appliance Pickup Service.** Appliances (such as refrigerators, freezers, stoves, air conditioners, furnaces, dehumidifiers, water heaters, etc.) are not included in regular bulky item collection. Citizens must call Veolia Environmental Services to arrange collection of Appliances; there shall be a separate charge for such service.
- (4) **Construction Containers.** For larger amounts of construction materials and cleanups, Veolia Environmental Services offers temporary containers in six (6) cubic yard and twenty (20) cubic yard sizes. Please call Veolia Environmental Services for pricing and more information.
- (5) **Yard Waste.** Yard waste shall be separated from other refuse and recyclables and shall be taken to the municipal composting site. Yard waste may not be set out for refuse collection.
- (d) **Commercial, Retail, Industrial, Institutional and Government Facilities.** The owners of commercial, retail, industrial, institutional and government facilities shall provide adequate, marked containers for separate handling and collection of recyclable materials, excluding oil and major appliances. All owners shall maintain sufficient, well-kept containers to meet their generator's requirements for recycling purposes. All owners shall attempt to make all users of their facilities aware that the City requires recycling by ordinance.

## **Sec. 8-4-6 Responsibilities of Owners or Designated Agents of Multiple-Family Dwellings.**

- (a) Owners or designated agents of multiple-family dwellings shall do all of the following to recycle the materials specified in Section 8-4-3:

- (1) Provide adequate, separate containers for the recyclable materials.
  - (2) Notify tenants in writing at the time of renting or leasing the dwelling and at least semi-annually thereafter about the established recycling program.
  - (3) Provide for the collection of the materials separated from the solid waste by the tenants and the delivery of the materials to a recycling facility.
  - (4) Notify tenants of reason 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 site, locations and hours of operation, and a contact person or company, including a name, address and telephone number.
- (b) The requirements specified in Subsection (a) do not apply to the owners or designate agents of multiple-family dwellings if the postconsumer waste generated within the dwelling is treated at a processing facility licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources that recovers for recycling the materials specified in Section 8-4-3 from solid waste in as pure a form as is technically feasible.

### **Sec. 8-4-7 Responsibilities of Owners or Designated Agents of Non-Residential facilities and Properties.**

- (a) Owners or designated agents of non-residential facilities and properties shall do all of the following to recycle the materials specified in Section 8-4-3:
- (1) Provide adequate, separate containers for the recyclable materials.
  - (2) Notify in writing, at least semi-annually, all users, tenants and occupants of the properties about the established recycling program.
  - (3) Provide for the collection of the materials separated from the solid waste by the users, tenants and occupants and the delivery of the materials to a recycling facility.
  - (4) Notify users, tenants and occupants of reasons to reduce and recycle, 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 number.
- (b) The requirements specified in Subsection (a) do not apply to the owners or designate agents of non-residential facilities if the postconsumer waste generated within the facility or property is treated at a processing facility licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources that recovers for recycling the materials specified in Section 8-4-3 from solid waste in as pure a form as is technically feasible.

### **Sec. 8-4-8 Prohibitions on Disposal of Recyclable Materials Separated for Recycling.**

No person may dispose of in a solid waste disposal facility or burn in a solid waste treatment facility any of the materials specified in Section 8-4-3 which have been separated for recycling, except waste tires may be burned with energy recovery in a solid waste treatment facility.



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**Sec. 8-4-9 Enforcement.**

- (a) For the purpose of ascertaining compliance with the provisions of this Chapter, any authorized officer, employee or representative of the City of Owen may inspect recyclable materials separated for recycling, postconsumer 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 to any authorized officer, employee or authorized representative of the City of Owen who requests access for purpose of inspection, and who presents appropriate credentials. No person may obstruct, hamper, or interfere with such an inspection.
- (b) Any person who violates a provision of this Chapter may be issued a citation by a law enforcement officer or other authorized City official. 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.
- (c) Any person who violates this Chapter may be assessed a penalty per Section 1-1-7. In addition, items left for collection in violation of the requirements of this Chapter may not be collected.