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CONNELLSVILLE TOWNSHIP  
FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Ordinance No. 2019-3

**TOWNSHIP OF CONNELLSVILLE GARBAGE ORDINANCE**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONNELLSVILLE REPEALING AND REPLACING  
ORDINANCE No. 87-2 ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 8, 1987, AND TITLED AN ORDINANCE  
RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY: PROVIDING FOR A MANDATORY  
MUNICIPAL COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE FOR ALL GARBAGE,  
RUBBISH AND ASHES ACCUMULATED IN CONNELLSVILLE TOWNSHIP**

**Trash collection in the Township is mandatory for all residents.**

**SECTION I. DEFINITIONS**

The following words, when used in this ordinance, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Garbage" means the animal and vegetable waste resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of foods.

(b) "Ashes" means the residue from the burning of wood, coal, coke and other combustible materials for the purpose of cooking and heating.

(c) "Rubbish" means all waste materials not included in garbage and ashes, and means garbage, ashes and rubbish as herein defined.

(d) "Person" means a natural person, firm, co-partnership, association or corporation.

(e) "Collector" means the person to whom the Supervisors have awarded the contract to collect, remove and dispose of garbage, ashes and rubbish.

**SECTION II. ADMINISTRATION**

(a) All refuse accumulated in Connellsville Township shall be collected, conveyed and disposed of by the Collector, and the cost of such service shall be paid to the collector in amounts determined by contract between the Supervisors and the Collector, by the person producing the refuse, or responsible for the existence or disposal thereof, or for whom such refuse is removed.

(b) The collection and disposal of refuse in the Township of Connellsville shall be under the supervision of the Supervisors. They shall have the authority to make regulations concerning the days of collection, type and location of waste containers and such other matters pertaining to collection and disposal as they may deem advisable.

(c) The disposal of said refuse shall be made at a place and in a manner expressly authorized by the Supervisors.

(d) Ownership of refuse set out for collection shall be vested in the Township.

### SECTION III. PRECOLLECTION PRACTICES

(a) Garbage, ashes and rubbish SHALL EACH BE PLACED AND MAINTAINED IN SEPARATE CONTAINERS.

(b) Preparation of Refuse.

1. All garbage before being placed in garbage cans for collection shall have drained from it all free liquids and may be wrapped in paper.

2. All rubbish shall be drained of liquid before being deposited for collection.

(c) Refuse Containers.

1. Garbage receptacles shall be made of corrosion resistant materials, and must be provided with a tight-fitting cover.

2. No person shall use for the reception of garbage any receptacle having the capacity of more than fifty-five gallons.

3. All garbage receptacles shall be kept as sanitary as possible, and shall be thoroughly cleansed by occupant after garbage is removed by the collector.

4. Rubbish receptacles shall be of a suitable kind, which can be easily handled by one person.

5. All refuse receptacles shall be provided by the owner, tenant, lessee, or occupant of the premises.

6. All refuse receptacles shall be maintained in good condition. Any receptacle that does not conform to this ordinance, or that may have or be in a dangerous condition, shall be placed on notice. Failure to comply with the notice shall be grounds for removal of the defective receptacle as refuse.

(d) Storing of Refuse

1. No person shall place any refuse in any street, alley or other public place, or on any private property, whether owned by such person or not, within Connellsville Township, except it be in proper receptacle. No person shall throw or deposit any refuse in any stream or other body of water.

2. Any unauthorized accumulation of refuse on any premises is hereby declared to be a nuisance and is prohibited. Failure to remove any existing accumulation of refuse within the allotted time after the effective date of this ordinance shall be deemed a violation hereof.

3. It shall be unlawful for any person other than the occupants of the premises on which refuse receptacles are stored, or the collector, to remove the covers of any of the contents of refuse receptacles, except during the process of actual collection.

(e) Points of Collection

1. Refuse receptacles shall be placed for collection at ground level on the property, not within the right-of-way of a street or alley, and accessible to and not more than 80 feet from the side of the street or alley from which collection is made.

SECTION IV. COLLECTION PRACTICES

(a) Frequency of Collection

1. Refuse shall be collected at least once each week.
2. School buildings, hotels, restaurants, other businesses and institutions as deem it necessary, may enter into an agreement with the collector for a greater frequency of collection. Where necessary to protect the public health, the Supervisors may require that more frequent collection be made.

(b) Limitation on Quantity

1. The reasonable accumulation of refuse for each family will be collected for a standard charge. The collector may refuse to collect unreasonable amounts or may make an additional charge for such amounts.
2. Large restaurants, hotels, apartment buildings, schools and other buildings and institutions shall have their reasonable accumulation of refuse for the collection period collected at a fair charge based on the average weight or volume. The collector may refuse to collect unreasonable amounts or may make an additional charge for such amounts.

(c) All accounts shall be considered delinquent if not paid by the due date of the month after which service is rendered. All delinquent accounts are subject to late charges, penalties, administrative fees, and any and all costs associated with collecting the delinquent account, in any other lawful matter as for the collection of a municipal claim.

SECTION VI. PENALTY

Any person, whether as principal, agent, employee, who violates or assists in violation of this ordinance or any regulation made pursuant hereto shall, on conviction, pay a fine of not less than \$100.00 and in default of payment of such fine and costs of prosecution, shall be imprisoned for a period of not more than 5 days. After notice, each day of noncompliance shall be a separate offense, and separate proceedings may be instituted and penalties imposed.

SECTION VII. SEVERABILITY

Each provision of this ordinance shall be independent of all others, and in event any provision is declared invalid, all others shall remain in force.

SECTION VIII.

This ordinance shall not operate to avoid or alter, in whole or in part, any existing collection contract.

SECTION IX.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION X. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval as required by law. ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Connellsville at a duly assembled public meeting held the 11th day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:



Darla Hann

Secretary, Darla Hann

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CONNELLSVILLE  
TOWNSHIP, FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was advertised in the Daily Courier on, a newspaper of general circulation in the Municipality and was duly enacted and approved as set forth at a regular meeting of the Connellsville Township Board of Supervisors held on April 8, 2019.

Darla Hann

Secretary, Darla Hann