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Dumpster Regulations

The City of Taunton Board of Health, in accordance with, and under the authority granted by Sections 31A and 31B of Chapter 111 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereby adopted the following rules and regulations at a meeting of the Board held on February 7, 2012, effective March 1, 2012.

Dumpster Regulations and for the Storage, Removal, and Transportation of Garbage, Rubbish, Offal, or Other Offensive Substances

1. Definitions:

- A. Board: The Board of Health or its agent or designee.
- B. Dumpster: Any container (other than a conventional trash can with lid) used for the outside storage of garbage, rubbish, or refuse of any sort.
- C. User/Property Owner: Any individual, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity that contracts or request for the installation, maintenance, or servicing of a dumpster.
- D. Company/Corporation: Any individual, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity that contracts with or responds to requests from users by providing for the installation, maintenance, or servicing of a dumpster

2. Licensing of Dumpster Companies/Contractors/ Waste Haulers

- A. No company/contractor shall supply a dumpster service in the City for the purpose of storage, removal, or transportation of rubbish, garbage, offal, and other materials and substances without first obtaining a Waste Haulers Permit from the Board of Health.
- B. The company/contractor supplying the dumpster shall have the company and business telephone number conspicuously displayed on the dumpster.
- C. The dumpster company/contractor shall provide dumpsters in good working order at all times.

3. Permitting Dumpsters at Property Locations

- A. The user/property owner, at any location, that contracts the use of a dumpster less than 6 cubic yards must apply for a City of Taunton Board of Health Dumpster Permit. A separate permit must be obtained for each dumpster in use upon the property.
- B. All non-temporary permits shall expire at the end of the calendar year in which they were issued.
- C. Temporary permits will be issued to an individual for a period of time not to exceed fifteen (15) days, in connection with fairs, carnivals, or for other similar temporary needs. Such permit may be renewed for an additional (15) days, as the need requires, upon proper application. The individual shall comply with all the provisions within, applicable to the operation of the dumpster.
- D. The Board of Health may refuse an annual permit or temporary permit, if in its discretion, the size or capacity for the dumpster does not fulfill the requirements of the Board of Health.
- E. A fee of \$50.00 shall be paid upon application for all non-temporary dumpster permits. A fee of \$25.00 shall be paid upon applications for all temporary dumpsters. Failure to renew a non-temporary dumpster at the end of the calendar year will result in a \$50.00 late fee.

4. Dumpster Use for All Dumpsters within the City of Taunton

- A. All dumpsters in residential areas must be enclosed with a 6' stockade fence or a 6' chain link fence with privacy slats. Dumpsters in commercial areas, which are chronic offenders of this ordinance, will be, at the Board's discretion, required to enclose their dumpsters with a 6' stockade fence or a 6' chain link fence with privacy slats.
- B. Each dumpster must be located at a distance from the lot line so as not to interfere with the safety, convenience, or health of abutters or residents. Dumpster location must be approved by the Board of Health.
- C. All dumpsters must have lids that remain closed at all times when not in use.
- D. Each dumpster must be of sufficient size and capacity to eliminate overflowing, and the property owner or authorized agent of the premises utilizing the service must take appropriate action immediately to empty contents when full.
- E. Each dumpster must be situated so as not to obstruct the view of flowing traffic.

- F. It shall be the responsibility of the owner or agent whose property is being serviced to maintain the dumpster area free of odors, scattered or overflowing debris, and all other nuisances.
- G. The dumpster contractor shall have the dumpster deodorized when emptied or if necessary, washed or sanitized as directed or ordered of the Board of Health.
- H. All dumpsters shall display a clearly visible decal or stencil showing the name and business telephone number of the company/contractor that services the unit.
- I. These regulations apply to all dumpsters in the City of Taunton whether for residential, commercial, or industrial use.

5. Regulation Application, Modifications, Suspension, Revocation, and Waivers

- A. These regulations shall apply to all dumpsters used anywhere within the City of Taunton.
- B. Permits May be modified, suspended, revoked, or recalled by the Board of Health, after notice and hearing, for failure of the company/contractor, and/or property owner to comply with the provisions of this ordinance.
- C. The Board of Health may, by written decision, vary the application of any provision of these regulations with respect to any particular case, when the enforcement thereof would do manifest injustice; provided that any such decision of the Board of Health shall not conflict with the express purpose of these regulations. Any variance shall, while it is in effect, be available to the public during normal business hours in the Board of Health office.

6. Penalties

- A. Any person who violates the terms of these regulations shall be subject to a fine of \$25.00 for the first offense, \$50.00 for the second offence, and \$100.00 for each subsequent offense under the non-criminal disposition authorized by M.G.L. Chapter 40 Section 21D. Each day shall constitute a separate offense.
- B. Failure to renew a non-temporary dumpster at the end of the calendar year will result in a \$50.00 late fee.

The revised City of Taunton Dumpster Regulations was unanimously adopted by a vote of the Taunton Board of Health, after a public hearing on February 7, 2012, and will become effective as of March 1, 2012.

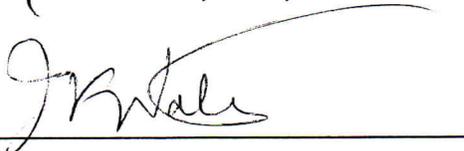
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