



# City of Rowlett

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Ordinance: ORD-020-25

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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROWLETT, TEXAS AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROWLETT, CHAPTER 50 "SOLID WASTE," BY AMENDING SECTIONS 50-2, 50-6 AND 50-9 AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 50-10; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, changes to the City of Rowlett's bulk waste collection contract require revisions to the City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 50 regarding Solid Waste to align the City's ordinances with the changes to the City's solid waste collection contract and services provided; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Rowlett finds it to serve the health, public safety, and general welfare to amend Chapter 50 to align with the changes to the City's bulk waste collection services to be offered under its amended solid waste collection contract;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROWLETT, TEXAS THAT:**

**SECTION 1:** The Code of Ordinances of the City of Rowlett, Texas, is hereby amended at Chapter 50 "Solid Waste", by amending Section 50-2 "Placement for collection" to read in its entirety as follows:

**"Sec. 50-2. Placement for collection.**

- (a) All residents and commercial establishments that do not use a commercial container service shall place their solid waste in the city/public right-of-way for collection. Polycarts shall be placed so that they may be mechanically picked up and emptied. The recycling polycart should be placed approximately three feet from and adjacent to the trash polycart.
  - (b) No polycarts or recycling containers shall be allowed to remain in the city/public right-of-way prior to: 4:00 p.m. on the day before collection or after 12:00 p.m. on the day after collection.
  - (c) All solid waste and recyclables shall be placed inside the polycarts. Nothing may be placed on top of the polycart lid. The lid must be closed to prevent littering and to render contents inaccessible to insects, rodents, and other animals.
  - (d) Commercial establishments that do not use commercial container service shall place their approved containers at the appropriate collection point on the scheduled collection day.
  - (e) Bulk and brush shall be placed curbside no later than 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled day of collection. Failure to place bulk and brush items at the designated collection point by 7:00 a.m. on the specified collection day may result in the items not being collected.
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- (f) The quantity of bulk and brush set out during a collection week may not exceed two cubic yards per week. Bulk and brush will be collected on the same day as recycling and trash.
- (g) Bulk and brush items shall not be placed:
  - (1) in the street, on the sidewalk, or in any manner that will interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic or with solid waste collection service;
  - (2) within five feet from polycarts and recycling bins, mailboxes, utility boxes or parked cars;
  - (3) under low hanging tree limbs or power lines;
  - (4) in an alley either paved or unpaved; or
  - (5) in front of a vacant lot or business.
- (h) The city may issue a citation for a violation described herein without first providing written notice for the second violation within a 12-month period."

**SECTION 2:** The Code of Ordinances of the City of Rowlett, Texas, is hereby amended at Chapter 50, "Solid Waste," by amending Section 50-6 "Use of containers" to read in its entirety as follows:

**"Sec. 50-6. Use of containers.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit, or allow to be deposited, any type of waste or other substance in a waste container without permission from the owner or lessee of the container.
  - (b) Every person who owns, leases, or rents a waste container shall maintain the container in a clean and sanitary condition and in good repair. The container shall be emptied at least once every seven (7) consecutive days.
  - (c) It shall be unlawful for the owner, lessee, or renter of a waste container to allow the container to overflow with waste.
  - (d) Except when being cleaned, the drain plug of a waste container shall be securely in place to prevent leakage.
  - (e) Commercial customers shall ensure that no liquid waste of any type is placed in their containers and that no solid waste is placed outside the containers.
  - (f) Every person who owns or leases a waste container and uses the same in connection with a business or commercial purpose shall maintain supervision over any such waste container and shall ensure that the lids and doors of the waste container are kept closed except when the waste container is being emptied, filled, cleaned, or repaired.
  - (g) There shall be no parking in front of or within five feet of either side of commercial waste containers.
  - (h) Customers may not relocate or alter the appearance of containers without the written approval of the city manager or appointed representative.
  - (i) No unacceptable waste shall be placed in any container for residential or commercial collection. Unacceptable waste shall mean any solid waste, the acceptance and handling of which by contractor would cause a violation of any permit or regulatory requirement, including, but not limited to, untreated medical waste, solid or dissolved material in domestic sewage, or solid or dissolved
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material in irrigation return flows, industrial discharges subject to regulation by permit, refrigeration appliances that have not had refrigerants removed by a certified technician, tires, automobile/vehicle batteries, computers, petroleum products, paints and other chemicals and solvents identified as hazardous by the US Environmental Protection Agency. Empty containers of household hazardous waste materials above which are also listed in the recycling program will be collected if tightly capped as required in the recycling program.”

**SECTION 3:** The Code of Ordinances of the City of Rowlett, Texas, is hereby amended at Chapter 50 “Solid Waste”, by amending Section 50-9 “Grass Clippings” to read in its entirety as follows:

**“Sec. 50-9. Grass clippings.**

- (a) Grass clippings shall be placed in bags for collection. Bagged grass clippings may be disposed of by placing the bags inside the trash polycart or by setting them out for bulk collection. If grass clippings are set out for bulk collection, they shall be placed in clear bags or in bags specifically designed for yard waste.
- (b) Polycarts must not exceed the established weight limits, and individual bags shall not weigh more than forty (40) pounds. “

**SECTION 4:** The Code of Ordinances of the City of Rowlett, Texas is hereby amended at Chapter 50 “Solid Waste” by adding a new Section 50-10 “Enforcement; remedies; penalties” to read in its entirety as follows:

**“Section 50-10. Enforcement; remedies; penalties.**

- (a) The remedies provided for in this article are nonexclusive. The city may, at its option, pursue the remedies provided for in this article as well as any and all other remedies available to the city at law or in equity.
- (b) Violations of the provisions of this article are deemed strict liability offenses. No intent need be pleaded or proven in the prosecution of any offense or violation of any provision of this article.
- (c) Any person, firm or association violating any provision of this article relating to the solid waste collection shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500.00. All other violations of any provision of this article deemed a public health or safety concern shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$2,000.00. It is the intent of the city in adopting this article that the provisions of this article govern fire safety and public health and sanitation.
- (d) Each day in which a violation of any provision of this article occurs shall be deemed to be a separate offense.”

**SECTION 5:** All provisions of the ordinances of the City of Rowlett in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be, and the same are hereby, repealed, and all other provisions of the ordinances of the City of Rowlett not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

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**SECTION 6:** Should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision thereof other than the part so decided to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, and shall not affect the validity of the Code of Ordinances as a whole.

**SECTION 7:** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and the publication of the caption, as the law and charter in such cases provide.

At a meeting of the City Council on July 1, 2025, this Ordinance be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes: 7** Mayor Winget, Mayor Pro Tem Schupp, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Britton, Councilmember Reaves, Councilmember Gibbs, Councilmember Bowers and Councilmember Bowers III.

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Approved by   
Jeff Winget, Mayor

Date July 1, 2025

Approved to form by   
Victoria Thomas, City Attorney

Date July 1, 2025

Certified by   
Deborah Sorensen, City Secretary

Date July 1, 2025

