



DEPARTMENT OF STREETS AND SANITATION
CITY OF CHICAGO

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Dear Business Owner:

Chicago is a world-class city, home to myriad of vibrant communities in which we work and live. In order to maintain the beauty of our city and keep our neighborhoods clean, we need the support of our residents and businesses.

For your convenience, below is an outline of the general sanitation laws that apply to Chicago businesses. We ask your cooperation in complying with the following:

- Sidewalks and exterior areas must be kept clean, free of weeds and all litter. Outside areas adjacent to the premises must be kept clean, neat and monitored daily. (4-4-310)
- Snow and ice must be removed from sidewalks in front of and adjacent to all buildings housing places of business. (4-4-310)
- Arrange for refuse to be removed by a licensed scavenger service. (7-28-310)
- Have sufficient containers to hold all garbage. All commercial dumpsters must have information prominently displayed on the exterior identifying the user of the dumpster and the scavenger company servicing it. (7-28-220)
- Check the dumpster area often. Dumpsters must be in good condition properly sealed and not leaking. Garbage must be contained with lids closed and locked. (7-28-210)
- Use and maintain a clean grease box. Grease box must be properly contained with the walls and ground around the container clean at all times. (7-28-302)
- Burrows and openings must be sealed, and dock areas must be well baited to promote rodent control. (7-28-660)

We have also included the corresponding excerpts from the Municipal Code for your reference. Thank you for your attention to these important regulations and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Charles L. Williams
Commissioner

Attachment

Department of Streets and Sanitation

Chicago Municipal Code Provisions

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<u>CODE FINE</u>		<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
7-28-040	\$50-200	Abandonment of refrigerator (with door attached)
7-28-060	\$200-500	Conditions detrimental to health Anything in the City which is, or maintains, a nuisance, or anything dangerous to life or detrimental to health; includes stagnant water.
7-28-070	\$200-500	Piling used materials to <i>excessive heights</i> .
7-28-080	\$300-1000	Nuisance in connection with business Anything dangerous or detrimental to health allowed to exist in connection with any business or work performed in the city.
7-28-090	\$250-500	Nuisances brought into city Cannot keep any live or dead animal (or any substance or thing) which is a nuisance or dangerous to health
7-28-120(a)	\$600-1200	Weeds with average height over 10 inches a) owner (or one who controls property) must cut / control weeds
7-28-220	\$250-500	Duty to Provide Refuse Containers and Service Scavenger must maintain container in good condition Owners of multiple unit buildings (5 or more units) and occupants of business units must contract for sufficient containers and refuse removal at own expense
7-28-227	\$200-500	Construction / demolition sites must a) Provide and maintain commercial refuse containers for litter. b) Deposit all litter in refuse container. c) Cover refuse container with tightly-fitting lid. d) Cause sufficient removal of refuse by private scavenger. e) Place container so it does not cause a nuisance to adjacent property. This ordinance <i>does not apply to construction and demolition debris</i> (gravel, dirt, etc.), but only garbage and litter generated by workers (e.g., lunches).

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7-28-230	\$250-500	<p>Location of refuse containers; All containers should be placed:</p> <p>a) for alley collections, at the alley lot line on the premises serviced. It is the property owner's responsibility to provide suitable space at the alley line.</p> <p>b) for curb collections, at the curb line no earlier than the evening of collection.</p> <p>No container (private or City) shall be placed so as to constitute a nuisance to adjacent property.</p>
7-28-240	\$250-500	<p>Multiple unit buildings (more than four units) must provide private scavenger service (picked up at least once a week)</p> <p>This exempts buildings where the units are individually heated <i>and the building was already receiving City services as of June, 2000.</i></p> <p>This also exempts licensed bed-and-breakfasts, and townhouses where Streets and Sanitation determines that the placement of containers does not constitute a health or safety hazard.</p>
7-28-260	\$200-500	<p>Open lids; Use of container;</p> <p>a) Owner, agent, or occupant must place all refuse in container or compactor, with tightly fitting cover in place; container must be maintained so spilled refuse is cleaned in a timely matter; can't use someone else's container.</p> <p>b) User / Installer of sanitary container must keep tightly fitting cover in place.</p>
7-28-261	\$200-500	<p>Overflowing container;</p> <p>a) Overloading container, preventing closure; depositing refuse on top of or stacked against container. <i>This paragraph only applies to the person who actually overloads the container.</i></p> <p>b) Owner or agent allowing accumulation of refuse / overflowing container. <i>This applies to owner, agent and occupant.</i></p>
7-28-270	\$250-500	<p>"Contents of container;" Placing anything other than "refuse" (as defined in 7-28-200), in any container.</p>
7-28-280	\$250-500	<p>Removing, uncovering, displacing contents of refuse container</p>
7-28-300	\$250-500	<p>Restaurant garbage must be placed in container and removed on each day of operation.</p>

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7-28-301	\$250-500 Grease containers must be leak-proof, and subject to inspection by Department of Streets and Sanitation.
7-28-302	\$250-500 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Grease container users must keep cover in place, remove spilled grease after every use, and have a contract with a licenses scavenger for grease removal b) Grease haulers must provide tightly fitting cover and remove grease spilled during collection
7-28-305	\$250-500 Grease container can be placed on public way only if Streets and Sanitation determines that there is no other suitable location for it.
7-28-310	\$200-500* All businesses, <i>except licensed Bed and Breakfasts</i> , must have sufficient private scavenger service \$400-750** * First Offense ** Second Offense
7-28-315	\$200-500 Business with adjacent parking lot for customers must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Remove all litter from parking area, emptying litter baskets into commercial refuse containers daily. b) Must provide and maintain sufficient number of litter baskets.
7-28-331	\$200-500 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Scavengers must indelibly label containers with the address of the location services and the name of the business or person responsible for paying the scavenger bill. Does not apply to grease containers. Container must be placed so that label is visible from the alley. b) Illegal to alter or obscure label.
7-28-360	\$250-500 Must remove all garbage and waste before vacating premises
7-28-390	\$1500* Dumping on Public Way (<i>from a vehicle</i>) \$2500-3500** * <i>For first load</i> ** <i>For each subsequent load</i>
7-28-395	\$200-500 Construction Debris on Public Way; Any person who constructs, demolishes, remodels, excavates, or performs any maintenance operation on private property shall not allow any debris (dirt, rocks, sand, etc.) to accumulate on public way, clearing debris at least once per day. Does <i>not</i> specify method of removal (mechanical, manual, etc.)

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7-28-440	\$1500* Dumping on Real Estate without permit ("Fly Dump") \$2500-3500**
	<i>*For first load **For each subsequent load</i>
7-28-450	\$750-1500 a) Owner, occupant, agent, or person in possession or control of any parcel of real estate shall remove any abandoned or derelict motor vehicle; garbage; ashes; refuse; trash; rubbish; waste; manure; or other substance or material that may contain disease or germs, or be scattered by the wind, or decompose, or become noxious or unhealthful or otherwise threaten the public health, safety or welfare.
7-28-455	\$1500-3000 a) This section allows us to clean private property and recover the costs at hearing. Please notify the Law Department if you wish to send a Notice to Abate under this section.
7-28-460	\$300-1000 Substances (dust, dirt, ash, etc.) scattered in the wind; scattering / flying from construction, demolition, or rehab work.
7-28-470	\$250-500 Refuse on Roof - allowing accumulation of refuse on roof.
7-28-490	\$250-500 Roofers throwing dirt or roofing refuse upon public way or adjoining property.
7-28-500	\$250-500 Roofing refuse must be lowered in buckets, with ropes or pulleys, or other mechanical device (can't throw it off the roof).
7-28-510	\$250-500 Objects that damage tires deposited or left in public way.
7-28-610	\$250-500 Workmen's Temporary Closets; Construction sites must have sufficient toilet facilities for workers.
7-28-660	\$250-500 Rat stoppage; All buildings, or parcels on which a building has been demolished or is being constructed, must be rat-stopped (sealing all openings in walls, ground, basements, etc. to prevent access from rats into buildings from the outside.)
7-28-710	\$300-600 Accumulation of garbage or trash (food or shelter for rats) in any building, structure or premises.
7-28-720	\$300-600 Accumulation of materials or junk (shelter for rats); includes lumber, boxes, bricks, stones, auto bodies or parts, etc., unless evenly stacked on open racks 18 inches above the ground.

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7-28-740	\$300-600	Open lots must be kept free of trash, refuse, misc., waste, etc.
7-28-750	\$300-600	(a) Open lot must be fenced; fence maintained in good repair. (b) Owner's contact info must be posted on fence.
7-38-080	\$200-500	Mobile Food Vendor in Prohibited District Only applies to specific Wards; list on file at City Clerk
8-4-135	\$100-500	Own or operate defaced commercial vehicle
10-8-180	up to \$50	Must remove ice and snow from sidewalk in front of property.
10-8-220	up to \$50	Conveying loose materials; Sand, stone, gravel, etc., must be secured so substances do not scatter in public way
10-8-230	up to \$50	Overloading vehicle (scattering contents on public way)
10-8-271	\$200-1000	Distributing advertising matter in residential building so that it could interfere with security mechanism (door lock). Applies only to Wards 43, 44, and 47.
10-8-310	\$200-1000	Placing advertising matter in / on auto (includes handing to occupants of vehicles.)
10-8-320	\$200-1000	Posting bills on any public property (including telephone poles) It is presumed that any person or business whose goods, services, activities, or events are promoted by a sign, posted it or caused it to be posted.
10-8-340	\$100/per pole per day	b) Hanging banners on a city light pole without a permit.
10-8-402	\$50-500	Occasional Sale: must have and display permit
10-8-403	\$50-500	Frequency of Occasional Sales; not more than three days long; not more than twice in a year (three if person is moving out)
10-8-404	\$50-500	Advertising occasional sale beyond premises where sale is taking place
10-8-405	\$50-500	Displaying goods for sale beyond premises where sale taking place

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10-8-460	up to \$50	Spilling Oil (also gasoline, turpentine, kerosene, etc.)
10-8-470	\$100-500	Spilling substances on roadway; overload vehicle, unsecured load.
10-8-480	\$50-200	Casting refuse and liquids (littering) public way, sewer, drain Litter includes boxes, wrappers, garbage, clothes, rubbish, refuse
10-28-030	\$25-100	Placing ice or snot on public way
10-28-064	\$200-500	Advertising sign on public way - placing or maintaining a sign advertising or directing people to a business, regardless or where business is conducted
10-28-070	\$50-250	Storage of goods on public way (personal prop., merchandise, etc.)
10-28-792	\$200-500	Permit required for compactor or grease box on public way
10-32-040	\$10-500	Trees, shrub, plant nuisances; interfering with the spread of light from street light, obstructing traffic signal, now allowing 10 ft. clearance above public way, diseased/dying limbs, pests, etc. <i>Use this section <u>only</u> if a Notice to Abate was served and the time for them to correct the problem has elapsed.</i>
10-32-050	\$10-500	Owner of property adjacent to parkway is responsible for routine maintenance, including watering, weeding, and mowing.
10-32-060	\$10-500	Remove, trim, damage, or plant parkway tree without permit
10-32-110	\$10-500	Attaching material to tree (without permit)
10-32-140	\$10-500	Placing substances on parkway without permit (asphalt, cement, stone, lumber, etc.)
10-32-170	\$10-500	Causing injury to public tree or shrub
13-32-235	\$100-500* \$1000**	Permits for building demolition must certify that rodent abatement measures were conducted within 14 days of application. Making false statement, submitting false information, or omitting information on application is a violation.

* *First Offense*

** *Second Offense*