

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - XX  
CITY OF OAK GROVE, KENTUCKY**

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT**

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF OAK GROVE, KENTUCKY.

**WHEREAS**, the Oak Grove city council desires to ensure that the City of Oak Grove, Kentucky continues to be a desirable place to live and do business, and

**WHEREAS**, the Oak Grove city council desires to ensure continued provision of convenient and efficient solid waste management collection services yet curtail abuses thereof,

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the city council of the City of Oak Grove, Kentucky as follows:

**I. DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**CITY.** The City of Oak Grove, Kentucky.

**PERSON.** An individual, trust, firm, joint stock company, corporation (including a government corporation), partnership, association, federal agency, state agency, commission, or any interstate body.

**SOLID WASTE.** Any garbage, refuse, sludge, and other discarded material, including solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous material resulting from industrial, commercial, agricultural operations, and from community activities, but does not include those materials including, but not limited to, sand, soil, rock, gravel, or bridge debris extracted as part of a public road construction project funded wholly or in part with state funds, recovered material, special wastes as designated by KRS 224.50-760, solid or dissolved material in domestic sewage, manure, crops, crop residue, or a combination thereof which are placed on the soil for return to the soil as fertilizers or soil conditions, or solid or dissolved materials in irrigation return flows or industrial discharges which are point sources subject to permits under Section 402 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (86 Stat. 880), or source, special nuclear, or by-product material as defined by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (68 Stat. 923).

**II. STORAGE OF SOLID WASTE**

Solid waste stored outside shall only be stored in containers supplied by the city or the city's franchisee, and the coverings of such containers, if applicable, shall be closed at all times except when depositing or removing solid waste.

### **III. COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE**

Collection of solid waste by the city or the city's franchisee at least once per week shall be mandatory for all residences, businesses, industries, and all other locations accumulating solid waste.

### **IV. TRANSPORTATION OF SOLID WASTE**

All solid waste transportation vehicles shall be maintained in a safe, clean and sanitary condition, and shall be so constructed, maintained and operated as to prevent spillage of solid wastes therefrom. All vehicles to be used for transportation of solid waste shall be constructed with covers which shall be an integral part of the vehicle or shall be a separate cover of suitable material with fasteners designed to secure all sides of the cover to the vehicle and shall be secured whenever the vehicle is transporting solid waste, or, as an alternate, the entire bodies thereof shall be enclosed, with only loading hoppers exposed. No solid waste shall be transported in the loading hoppers. They shall be cleaned as often as necessary to prevent a nuisance and insect breeding and shall be maintained in good repair.

### **V. DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTE**

All hazardous waste and special waste as defined by state or federal law shall be disposed of only as prescribed by state or federal law.

### **VI. FRANCHISE REQUIRED**

No person may engage in the business of solid waste collection unless the person holds a franchise issued by the city authorizing the person to collect, transport, and dispose of solid waste.

### **VII. BULKY SOLID WASTE COLLECTION**

The city's franchisee shall collect solid waste that is too bulky to be stored in the containers supplied by the city's franchisee. The city's franchisee may assess and collect additional fees for the collection of bulky solid waste. Persons shall contact the city's franchisee to arrange for the collection of bulky solid waste. Bulky solid waste to be collected by the city's franchisee pursuant to this section shall not be placed next to the street more than three (3) days prior to the date of collection. The city's franchisee shall

not be obligated to collect bulky solid waste pursuant to this section that is dangerous to the health or safety of city personnel, unreasonably bulky, or excessive in amount. No person shall place more than six (6) items of bulky solid waste next to the street to be collected by the city.

### **VIII. PROHIBITED PRACTICES**

It shall be unlawful for any person to

- (A) Dispose of solid waste by dumping same on any premises within the city with or without the consent of the owner of the premises;
- (B) Place for collection by the city or the city's franchisee any solid waste generated or produced outside of the city;
- (C) Permit or assist any person to place for collection by the city or the city's franchisee any solid waste generated or produced outside of the city;
- (D) Fail to have solid waste collected as provided in this chapter;
- (E) Interfere in any manner with solid waste collection and transportation equipment, or with solid waste collectors in the lawful performance of their duties as such, whether such equipment or collectors shall be those of the city or the city's franchisee;
- (F) Burn solid waste unless an approved incinerator is provided or unless a variance has been obtained;
- (G) Place any dead animal for collection by the city or the city's franchisee;
- (H) Own or operate a dump;
- (I) Place any tire, paint, chemicals, or any other hazardous waste for collection by the city or the city's franchisee.

### **IX. REPEAL OF ORDINANCES**

City of Oak Grove Ordinances 1991-5, 1991-6, 1996-8 and 2016-06 are hereby repealed.

### **X. PENALTY AND ENFORCEMENT**

A violation of any provision of this Ordinance may be enforced by the city as a civil action. A separate violation shall be deemed committed on each day during which or on which a violation occurs or continues.

The city shall be entitled to recover all costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the city in enforcing any provision of this Ordinance.

**XI. SEVERABILITY**

Each section and each provision of each section of this ordinance are severable, and if any provision, section, paragraph, sentence, or part thereof, or the application thereof to any person, licensee, class, or group is held by a court of law to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such holding shall not affect or impair the remainder of this ordinance, it being the legislative intent to ordain and enact each provision, section, paragraph, sentence, and part thereof separately and independently of the rest.

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**XII. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its publication.

Date of First Reading of Ordinance: February 17, 2026

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Date of Second Reading of Ordinance: March 3, 2026

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Date of Publication of Ordinance:

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Ordinance published in:

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Jacqueline Oliver, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lorelynn Fisher, City Clerk

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Certification

I, Lorelynn Fisher, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed clerk of the City of Oak Grove, Kentucky, that the foregoing Ordinance is a true and correct copy of an ordinance duly adopted at a meeting of the City Council on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, that the Ordinance referred to therein is in the form presented to said meeting and in the form executed, and the said ordinance appears as a matter of public record in the Official City Ordinance Book and is in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my signature on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

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Lorelynn Fisher, City Clerk