TITLE 17

REFUSE AND TRASH DISPOSAL

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CHAPTER 1

REFUSE

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17-101. Refuse defined. Refuse shall mean and include garbage, and rubbish, leaves, brush, and refuse as those terms are generally defined except that dead animals and fowls, body wastes, hot ashes, rocks, concrete, bricks, and similar materials are expressly excluded therefrom and shall not be stored therewith. (1990 Code, § 8-201)

17-102. Premises to be kept clean. All persons within the town are required to keep their premises in a clean and sanitary condition, free from accumulations of refuse except when stored as provided in this chapter. (1990 Code, § 8-202)

17-103. Storage. Each owner, occupant, or other responsible person using or occupying any building or other premises within this town where refuse accumulates or is likely to accumulate, shall provide and keep covered an adequate number of refuse containers. The refuse containers shall be strong, durable, and rodent and insect proof. They shall each have a capacity of not less than twenty (20) nor more than thirty-two (32) gallons, except that this maximum capacity shall not apply to larger containers which the solid waste

1Municipal code reference
Property maintenance regulations: title 13.
collector handles mechanically. Furthermore, except for containers which the
town handles mechanically, the combined weight of any refuse container and its
contents shall not exceed seventy-five (75) pounds. No refuse shall be placed in
a refuse container until such refuse has been drained of all free liquids. Tree
trimmings, hedge clippings, and similar materials shall be cut to a length not
to exceed four (4) feet and shall be securely tied in individual bundles weighing
not more than seventy-five (75) pounds each and being not more than two (2)
feet thick before being deposited for collection. (1990 Code, § 8-203)

17-104. Location of containers. Where alleys are used by the refuse
collectors, containers shall be placed on or within six (6) feet of the alley line in
such a position as not to intrude upon the traveled portion of the alley. Where
streets are used by the refuse collectors, containers shall be placed adjacent to
and back of the curb, or adjacent to and back of the ditch or street line if there
is no curb, at such times as shall be scheduled by the refuse collector for the
collection of refuse therefrom. As soon as practicable after such containers have
been emptied they shall be removed by the owner to within, or to the rear of, his
premises and away from the street line until the next scheduled time for
collection. (1990 Code, § 8-204)

17-105. Disturbing containers. No unauthorized person shall uncover,
rifle, pilfer, dig into, turn over, or in any other manner disturb or use any refuse
container belonging to another. This section shall not be construed to prohibit
the use of public refuse containers for their intended purpose. (1990 Code,
§ 8-205)

17-106. Collection. It shall be the responsibility of each citizen of the
Town of Pegram to assure that all of their refuse accumulated within the
corporate limits shall be collected, conveyed, and disposed of in a legal manner
by individually hiring a refuse collector. (1990 Code, § 8-206)

17-107. Collection vehicles. The collection of refuse shall be by means
of vehicles with beds constructed of impervious materials which are easily
cleanable and so constructed that there will be no leakage of liquids draining
from the refuse onto the streets and alleys. Furthermore, all refuse collection
vehicles shall utilize closed beds or such coverings as will effectively prevent the
scattering of refuse over the streets or alleys. (1990 Code, § 8-207)

17-108. Disposal. The disposal of refuse in any quantity by any person
in any place, public or private, other than at the site or sites designated for
refuse disposal by the board of mayor and aldermen is expressly prohibited.
(1990 Code, § 8-208)
CHAPTER 2

PENALTIES

SECTION
17-201. Penalties.

17-201. Penalties. Any violation of any provision of this title shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed fifty dollars ($50.00), or not to exceed the maximum amount which the legislature of the State of Tennessee may hereafter establish. This section shall not apply to fines that are remedial in nature.