

PALMER TOWNSHIP
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE 2022-472

AN ORDINANCE OF PALMER TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 138-3, ENTITLED "STORAGE PRACTICES"

WHEREAS, the Township of Palmer approved Chapter 138 Article I on May 15, 1967 by Ordinance No. 85 for refuse disposal; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Palmer Township Board of Supervisors to replace Chapter 138-3, in its entirety; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance establishing the new storage practices has been properly published in accordance with the regulations of the Second Class Township Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Palmer Township Board of Supervisors, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, by the authority vested in the Palmer Township Board of Supervisors via the Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania known and cited as the Second Class Township Code, that the following provisions of Chapter 138-3, entitled "Storage Practices" is hereby reenacted, restated and amended in its entirety as follows:

1. Chapter 138-3, entitled "Storage Practices" shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following language:

ARTICLE I:

§ 138-3 Storage practices.

A. Preparation of refuse.

- (1) All refuse shall be drained free of liquids before disposal.
- (2) Refuse shall be:
 - (a) Placed in township approved containers.

B. Refuse containers.

- (1) Containers shall be made of durable, watertight, rust-resistant material, having a close-fitting lid and handles to facilitate collection.
- (2) Residential containers shall be of the size and type as designated by the township.
- (3) It shall be unlawful to permit the accumulation of residue of liquids, solids or a combination of such material on the bottom or sides of containers, it being the intention of this provision that the interior of containers shall be kept clean by thorough rinsing and draining as often as necessary.

C. Storage of refuse on residential properties.

- (1) Containers. Each residential unit shall utilize township approved containers and shall place and keep all refuse therein.
- (2) Except for days on which refuse is being collected, all refuse containers must be kept to the side or rear of the premises. Municipal waste containers shall not be stored on front porches or within 3-feet of the front door.

Exceptions:

- (a) In High Density Residential areas, as defined in Chapter 190, containers may be kept along the front of the house or structure. A natural or manmade screen is encouraged. Manmade screens shall be accordance with the requirements of Chapter 190.
- (b) For single-family attached and semi-detached homes, containers may be kept along the front of the house or structure, upon request and approval by the Board of Supervisors, provided that such containers are obscured from view from the public street by a natural or manmade screen and located and a minimum of 5-feet from property lines. Manmade screens shall be accordance with the requirements of Chapter 190.
- (c) Where a waiver is obtained, by the Board of Supervisors, due to the infeasibility by topographic constraints or disability limitations.
- (d) For residents that are approved for and utilize the Township's assisted collection program provided by the contracted hauler.

D. Storage of municipal waste on multifamily, commercial, institutional, and industrial properties and establishments.

- (1) Containers. Storage of municipal waste on commercial, institutional, and industrial properties shall be made of durable, watertight, rust-resistant material, having a close-fitting lid when necessary, and in the size and shape suitable to facilitate safe collection. Such containers shall be kept clean and in good working order.
- (2) Location of containers. Containers for collection at multifamily, commercial, institutional, and industrial properties and establishments shall be located on such premises at a place which shall not interfere with public or private sidewalks, driveways, roads, streets, highways or entrances and exits or public or private buildings.
- (3) Except for days on which refuse is being collected, all municipal waste containers must be kept to the side or rear of all premises, obscured from view from the public street and shall be in accordance with the approved site plan, if applicable.

2. This ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after its adoption.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED into law by the Palmer Township Board of Supervisors this
11 day of July, 2022.

PALMER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS



JEFFREY YOUNG, CHAIRMAN

ATTESTED BY:



ROBERT A. WILLIAMS, SECRETARY