

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-07
CITY OF ROYAL OAK,
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES

An Ordinance to amend the 2004 Ordinance Adopting the Royal Oak Code of Ordinances, codifying and adopting a new Code of the City of Royal Oak by amending Section 633-13, Composting, of Chapter 633, Solid Waste, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Royal Oak, Michigan, to add provisions incorporating, by reference, the Royal Oak Composting Guide and to prohibit commercial composting at private residences in the City.

THE CITY OF ROYAL OAK ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Amendment.

That Section 633-13, Composting, of Chapter 633, Solid Waste, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Royal Oak, Michigan, is hereby amended, to read as follows:

Sec. 633-13.

Composting is permitted subject to the following conditions:

- A. All compost shall be adequately and properly contained within a compost bin such as a manufactured composter or approved homemade structure. Approved homemade and manufactured compost bins are outlined in the Royal Oak Composting Guide, which is hereby incorporated by reference. All future amendments and revisions to the Royal Oak Composting Guide, when they become effective, are likewise incorporated, and adopted by reference. Notwithstanding any provision in this section, when there is a conflict between this section and the Royal Oak Composting Guide, this section controls.
- B. Composting shall be conducted in a manner that does not create a nuisance by reason of unsightliness, odor, or attraction of rodents or other pests.
- C. Compost bins shall be located in a rear yard, at least 15 feet from any dwelling on adjacent property and at least five feet from the property line.
- D. Compost shall not include meat, fish, dairy products, vegetable or animal oils, animal fats, bones, or pet waste. Plastics, synthetic products, or other nonbiodegradable materials are also prohibited.
- E. Compost bins are not permitted in drainage easements.
- F. Commercial composting is prohibited at private houses or residential buildings.

SECTION 2. Repealer.

All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict with this ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 3. Severability.

Should any section, subdivision, clause, or phrase of this ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or in part, shall not be affected other than the part invalidated.

SECTION 4. Savings.

All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this ordinance takes effect, are saved, and may be consummated according to the law in force when they were commenced.

SECTION 5. Effective Date.

This ordinance as ordered shall take effect ten (10) days after its adoption and upon publication.

SECTION 6. Inspection.

A copy of this ordinance may be inspected or purchased at the city clerk's office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on regular business days and between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Fridays.

Michael Fournier, Mayor

Melanie Halas, City Clerk

Date Adopted: 06/10/2024
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Effective Date: 06/20/2024