

**Ordinance to Revise and Update the Provisions in the Williamston
Town Code regarding Construction and Improvements and/or Improvements
On Residential and Commercial Property**

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Mayor and City Council in the Town of Williamston to continue to revise and update the applicable provisions of the Williamston Town Code regarding construction and improvements on real and personal property and;

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Mayor and Council that certain provisions for revising, amending and updating the provisions of Codes would be appropriate at this time and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe that the following provisions are in the best interest of the citizens of the Town of Williamston and it more clearly defines the rights, uses and obligations of contractors, builders, landscapers, tree surgeons, landlords and other interested persons who may be having improvements made upon real and personal property and;

THEREFORE, it is Ordained;

1. The following provisions are hereby made part of the Williamston's City Code and provide as following:

Contractor, means but not limited to anyone who is engaged in doing construction or making improvements on residential and commercial property, i.e., builders, landscapers, tree surgeons, landlords who rent property and residents who are doing their own home improvements, and commercial contractors.

Building Project, means any project which necessarily requires any, but not limited to, new landscaping, new building, demolition or renovation and home improvements.

Sec. 6-49 Discarding Building Project Debris

- (A) Any contractor or private individual who wishes to build within the city limits of the Town of Williamston will be required to discard trash and debris into a dumpster, not furnished by the Town for the duration of the building project.
- (B) Any contractor or private individual who wishes to build within the city limits of the Town of Williamston will be responsible for taking away and discarding in a proper landfill any and all trash and debris left at the building project after the project is completed. This will be done in a timely manner determined by the Town of Williamston.

Sec. 12-12 Placement of Household Garbage.

- (A) Household garbage and trash containers, shall be placed on the side of the street at the edge of the property on the morning of the day of pickup by the residence. Pickup starts at 7:00 a.m.
- (B) Household garbage containers shall not be larger than 32 gallons in size and should have a drain hole in the bottom so that rainwater will not sit in the container. (No 55 Gallon Drums)
- (C) All household garbage shall be in plastic bags and tied by the residence.
- (D) Household garbage not properly bagged and placed, will not be picked up.
- (E) Some household items, such as paint cans, cardboard boxes, flower pots and large plastic toys that will not fit into plastic bags shall be neatly placed beside the rest of the bagged household garbage.
- (F) The Town may in certain cases make exceptions for the elderly and those with special needs.

Recycling Pickup

- ~~(A) Recycling material shall be placed at the edge of the property near the road on the morning of the day of pickup. Recycling shall be placed in a blue bin provided by the Town, all items that can be recycled are listed on the side of the blue bin, and no other materials shall be placed in the blue bin.~~

Disposal of Leaves and Grass Clippings

- (A) Leaves and grass clippings to be picked up shall be enclosed in disposable containers such as plastic bags, securely tied and placed in a location near the street and in a separate pile from other trash or debris to facilitate the collection process. No other foreign materials can be mixed with the leaves or grass clippings, such as, but not limited to paper, cans, flower pots, metal, string, or glass.

Yard Trimmings

- (A) Normal seasonal yard trimmings and pruning such as tree limbs, shrubs, small stumps, vegetative materials, silts, root mats, gravel, rock, topsoil and clay in reasonable quantities shall be removed by the Town. Yard trimmings shall be placed at the edge of the property on the weekend before the week of their normal pickup and parallel to the road, separate from all other trash and debris. No other foreign material shall be mixed with yard trimmings.

- (B) Tree limbs that are up to four inches in diameter, shall be no longer than six feet in length, limbs that are more than four inches in diameter shall be no longer than two feet in length.
- (C) Unreasonable amounts of yard trimmings, such as lot clearing, cutting of trees and large stumps, shall be the responsibility of the tenant, property owner, or contractor to take away and dispose of said material in the proper manner.
- (D) The Town may make special exceptions for removal or normal seasonal yard trimmings and pruning in reasonable quantities for the elderly with special needs, even when contracted on application approved by the Public Works Department.

Construction/Demolition Material

- (A) Every contractor, tenant, or homeowner who constructs, repairs, or alters a building in the Town of Williamston shall remove all refuse incident to the construction, repairs or alterations at his or her own expense and no part thereof shall be deposited or left on the side of any street or property located in the Town of Williamston.
- (B) Certain exceptions may be made for the elderly and residents with special needs even when contracted on application approved by the Public Works Department.
- (C) No treated lumber, railroad cross ties, roofing materials or any other materials determined to pose a potential threat to the environment, determined by the Anderson County Solid Waste Department and DHEC shall be picked up by the town. It shall be the responsibility of the contractor, homeowner or tenant to dispose of such items in the appropriate landfill at his or her own expense.
- (D) The following is a list of materials that is considered to be construction and demolition materials, and the Town shall pickup a reasonable amount of these items.

Untreated lumber	Hardened concrete	Bricks and Blocks
Insulation Materials	Plaster	Plaster Board
Floor Tile	Wall Tile	Ceiling Tile.
Cured Asphalt	Pipes	Hardened Cement
Floor Coverings	Glass Wire	Structural Fabric
Glass	Mirrors	Furniture

- (E) Metal, tires and batteries, shall be picked up by the Town when time allows, provided that the tenant, or homeowner places these items at the edge of the property near the road in separate piles and away from any other materials.

Cleaning of Lots

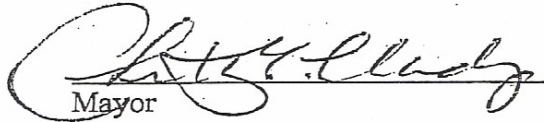
- (A) It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain or to permit to be maintained any properties, including vacant lots or land upon which has weeds, undergrowth, trash,

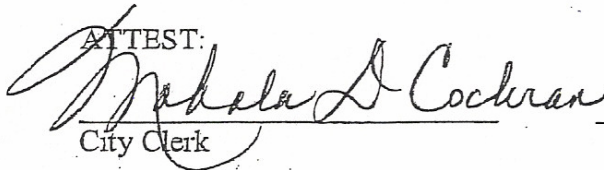
garbage, stagnant water, building materials, glass, wood or other debris deleterious to good health and public sanitation. No one is permitted or cause to accumulate in any manner which is or may become a nuisance causing injury to the health or welfare of residents or public in the vicinity or causing injury to neighboring property.

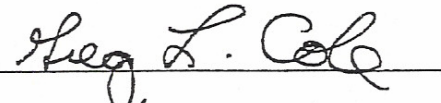

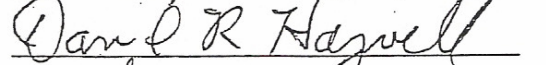

(B) Should any property owner fail to keep such property cleared, the Town may cause the property to be kept cleared and in a sanitary condition for health purposes or cleared for fire prevention, and the cost of keeping such property cleared shall be an assessment against the property owner. The expense shall be added to the annual tax levied and shall be collected by the Town in the same manner as the annual property tax.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, WE SET OUR HAND AND SEALS THIS 13th
DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2004

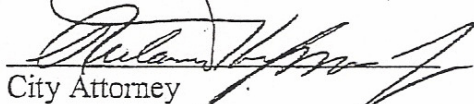
IT IS SO ORDERED


Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney

1st reading: Aug 2, 2004

2nd reading: SEPT 13, 2004