

STATE OF GEORGIA

CITY OF THOMASTON

ORDINANCE NO. 1218

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THOMASTON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 70 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF THOMASTON, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 70-26. - DEFINITIONS TO PROVIDE FOR REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS THERETO, SECTION 70-28. - PENALTY FOR VIOLATION SO THAT PENALTIES ARE APPLICABLE TO NONRESIDENTIAL UNITS, SECTION 70-29. - PREPARATION OF GARBAGE AND RUBBISH GENERALLY TO REQUIRE SCHEDULED PICKUPS YARD WASTE AND RESTRICTING THE TIME IN WHICH THOSE ITEMS CAN BE SET OUT, AND SECTION 70-32. - RESERVED; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING CODE SECTIONS; TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND LIKE PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Thomaston, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by virtue of the authority thereof, as follows:

SECTION ONE

The Code of the City of Thomaston, Georgia, Section 70-26; be and it hereby is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 70-26. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Brown and white goods means appliances, furniture, water heaters, stoves, sinks, televisions, computers, chairs, couches, and the like, excluding materials resulting from work by a contractor.

Garbage means all waste accumulations of animal, fruit or vegetable matter that result from the preparation, use, cooking of or dealing in the storage of meat, fish, fowl, fruits, vegetables or other foods and shall include the containers and wrappings used for the storage of all such substances.

Residential unit means any premises occupied and used by a person or persons as a separate household or living quarters.

Rubbish means all disposable matter other than garbage and yard waste.

Solid waste means all solid matter intended for disposal, other than sewage.

Yard waste means all organic material offered for disposal other than garbage, and specifically grass clippings, bundled tree limbs, shrubbery trimmings, leaves, and other outdoor vegetation, excluding limbs generated by commercial materials, licensed gardeners, tree companies, landscapers, general contractors, and the like.

SECTION TWO

The Code of the City of Thomaston, Georgia, Section 70-28; be and it hereby is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 70-28. – Penalty for violation.

- (a) Any person violating or failing to comply with any provision of this article shall, upon conviction, be punished as provided in Section 1-11.
- (b) The sanitation department of the city or the city's duly approved and licensed independent contractors shall decline to render sanitation services to the residential unit or nonresidential unit in violation of this article until such time as each is in complete compliance with the provisions of this article.

SECTION THREE

The Code of the City of Thomaston, Georgia, Section 70-29; be and it hereby is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 70-29. - Preparation of garbage, rubbish, yard waste and brown and white goods generally, and the placement of all solid waste for pickup.

All solid waste shall be prepared and placed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, and the city's duly approved and licensed independent contractor(s),

shall not collect any solid waste unless the provisions of this chapter are complied with.

- (1) Garbage shall be stored in a dumpster or a proper container as described hereinafter in this article.
- (2) Rubbish, except the types governed by specific provisions of this article, shall likewise be stored in a dumpster or in a proper container as described hereinafter in this article.
- (3)
 1. Yard waste intended for disposal, as set forth below, shall not include sticks and limbs that exceed six inches in diameter nor five feet in length, and shall be placed separately from all other material intended for disposal. The customer shall have the following options for collection of such yard waste:
 - (1) Place yard waste material in containers provided by the city's duly approved and licensed independent contractor(s); or
 - (2) Place yard waste in bags, so long as each bag does not exceed 55 gallons in volume.
 2. All yard waste must be placed on or near the curb, provided that it may be placed in a back alley where back alleys exist, but under no circumstances shall it be placed so as to obstruct traffic or a storm drain.
- (4)
 1. Customers are allowed to have sticks and limbs that exceeds six inches in diameter or five feet in length, or brown and white goods, or a combination thereof, picked up by calling the city's duly approved and licensed independent contractor(s) two (2) times per month. Said materials may be placed at curb or alley side, but it shall not be placed:
 - a. Within 15 feet of any utility poles or fixtures, plants, or other obstacles;
 - b. Under any type of utility service lateral;
 - c. Nor within the streets or alleys so as to obstruct traffic or storm drains; or
 - d. On the curb or alley side sooner than 24 hours prior to the scheduled pickup.
 2. The two (2) scheduled pickups shall result in no additional cost. However, any customer that exceeds two (2) scheduled pickups within a month shall pay the cost associated therewith directly to the contractor.

3. Any appliances containing freon, such as refrigerators, freezers, or air conditioning units will not be collected unless all freon based gases have been removed and so labeled by a qualified technician.

- (5) Boxes, crates and cartons will not be collected unless the same are broken down and securely fastened into bales or bundles weighing not more than 25 pounds and not exceeding four feet in any dimension and deposited on the curb, or adjacent to the back alley in areas where back alleys exist, or in the street when placed so as not to obstruct traffic or storm drains.
- (6) Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, and like printed matter shall not be collected unless securely fastened in bundles weighing not more than 25 pounds and deposited on the curb, or adjacent to the back alley in areas where back alleys exist, or in the street when placed so as not to obstruct traffic or storm drains.
- (7) All garbage, and rubbish, excluding rubbish described in Sec. 70-30, shall be stored in a container provided by the city's duly approved and licensed independent contractor, and said container shall be placed at the curb or alley no earlier than 4:00 p.m. on the day prior to the scheduled collection day and no later than 7:00 a.m. on collection day. Once the garbage and rubbish are collected, and within 24 hours thereof, all containers shall be removed from the curb or alley. If the garbage is collected from the front of the residence, the container must be moved to the residence. If the garbage is collected from the rear of the house, the container may remain in the rear of the residence, so long as it is not within the right-of-way.

SECTION FOUR

The Code of the City of Thomaston, Georgia, Section 70-32; be and it hereby is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 70-32. – reserved.

SECTION FIVE

All other portions of Chapter 70 not herein amended shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION SIX

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

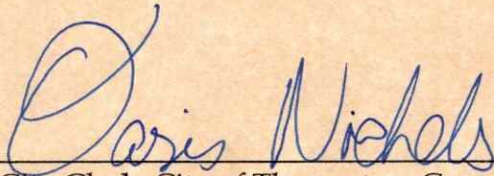
SECTION SEVEN

If any section, clause, sentence or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way effect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION EIGHT

The amendments set forth in this ordinance shall become effective upon the adoption thereof.

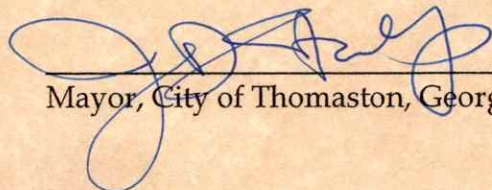
The foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Thomaston, Georgia, and transmitted by me to the Mayor, this 5th day of March, 2024.



City Clerk, City of Thomaston, Georgia

Approved by me and returned to said City Clerk as "approved", this 5th day of March, 2024.





Mayor, City of Thomaston, Georgia