

BOROUGH OF HAMBURG

Refuse Containers / Dumpsters

Ordinance No. 17-2023

SECTION I. Purpose:

An ordinance requiring dumpsters and other refuse containers that are outdoors or exposed to stormwater to be covered at all times and prohibits the spilling, dumping, leaking, or otherwise discharge of liquids, semi-liquids or solids from the containers to the municipal separate storm sewer system(s) operated by the Borough of Hamburg and/or the waters of the State so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

SECTION II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- a. Municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) – a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, manmade channels, or storm drains) that is owned or operated by the Borough of Hamburg or other public body, and is designed and used for collecting and conveying stormwater. **NOTE:** In municipalities with combined sewer systems, add the following: "MS4s do not include combined sewer systems, which are sewer systems that are designed to carry sanitary sewage at all times and to collect and transport stormwater from streets and other sources."
- b. Person – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- c. Refuse container – any waste container that a person controls whether owned, leased, or operated, including dumpsters, trash cans, garbage pails, and plastic trash bags.
- d. Stormwater – means water resulting from precipitation (including rain and snow) that runs off the land's surface, is transmitted to the subsurface, is captured by

separate storm sewers or other sewerage or drainage facilities, or is conveyed by snow removal equipment.

- e. Waters of the State – means the ocean and its estuaries, all springs, streams and bodies of surface or ground water, whether natural or artificial, within the boundaries of the State of New Jersey or subject to its jurisdiction.

SECTION III. Prohibited Conduct:

Any person who controls, whether owned, leased, or operated, a refuse container or dumpster must ensure that such container or dumpster is covered at all times and shall prevent refuse from spilling out or overflowing.

Any person who owns, leases or otherwise uses a refuse container or dumpster must ensure that such container or dumpster does not leak or otherwise discharge liquids, semi-liquids or solids to the municipal separate storm sewer system(s) operated by the [insert name of municipality].

SECTION IV. Exceptions to Prohibition:

- a. Permitted temporary demolition containers
- b. Litter receptacles (other than dumpsters or other bulk containers)
- c. Individual homeowner trash and recycling containers
- d. Refuse containers at facilities authorized to discharge stormwater under a valid NJPDES permit
- e. Large bulky items (e.g., furniture, bound carpet and padding, white goods placed curbside for pickup)

SECTION V. Enforcement:

This ordinance shall be enforced by the **Department of Public Works** of the Borough of Hamburg.

SECTION VI. Penalties:

For violations of any provisions of this ordinance the maximum penalty shall be as provided in Chapter 1, Article III, Section 1-17, and 1-18, of the Code of the Borough of Hamburg.

SECTION VII. Repealer:

Any ordinance or part thereof inconsistent with any provision of this ordinance is hereby repealed.

SECTION VIII. Severability:

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION IX. Effective date:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

ALL OF WHICH IS ADOPTED this 6th day of September, 2023, by the Borough of Hamburg

CERTIFICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that the above ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading of a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg, held on August 7, 2023 at 7 pm and will be considered for a final passage at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held on September 6, 2023 at 7 pm or as soon thereafter as same can be considered, in the Municipal Building, 16 Walkill Avenue, Hamburg, New Jersey at which time and place all persons interested therein or affected thereby will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same. A copy of said Ordinance is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk, Municipal Building, 16 Walkill Avenue, Hamburg, New Jersey and is available for public inspection during regular business hours. During the week prior and up to the time of public hearing, copies of said Ordinance will be available to the members of the general public who request the same.



Doreen Schott, RMC
Municipal Clerk

STATEMENT

The above ordinance was duly adopted by a roll call vote at the September 6, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Hamburg Mayor and Council.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Burd, Oehler, Endres, Law, Haig, Sena
Nays: none
Abstain: none
Absent: none



Doreen Schott, RMC