

TITLE VI PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

CHAPTER 4 UTILITIES – REFUSE COLLECTION

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6-4-1 DEFINITIONS. For the use in this chapter, the following terms are defined as follows:

1. “Refuse”. Includes all garbage, rubbish, ashes, or other substances offensive to sight or smell, dangerous to the public health or detrimental to the best interests of the community except dead animals not killed for food.
2. “Garbage”. Includes all animal, fruit, vegetable, and other refuse resulting from the preparation of food and drink.
3. “Rubbish”. Includes all other refuse not falling within the term “garbage” except those objects too large to be placed in bags.

6-4-2 ADMINISTRATION. Administration of this chapter shall be by the City Council, or such employee designated by the City Council.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.12(4))

6-4-3 STORAGE AND COLLECTIONS. All households shall be bound by the current collections contract as agreed to by and between the City Council and the contracted waste hauler. Upon changes or modifications to said collections contract, notification to the public will be made via the local newspaper, as well as copies of the revised conditions shall be available at City Hall.

All containers for garbage and rubbish shall be kept as provided in the rules and regulations for collection of refuse.

6-4-4 NECESSITY OF PERMIT. No person shall collect garbage or rubbish except such person’s unless by contract with the City of Britt.

In the event any business, firm, or corporation may elect to dispose of refuse or waste matter as may accumulate on any premises, property, or location, the same may be done provided that such disposal and transporting of any refuse or waste matter complies with the provisions of this chapter, and is approved by the City Council.

6-4-5 BURNING OF REFUSE.

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to burn or incinerate any garbage, rubbish, or refuse within the City except by permission of the City Council.

2. This section shall not apply to any incinerator operated under a license granted by the City or any burning conducted under the direction of the fire department for training purposes.

3. This section shall not apply to outdoor cooking appliances used for residential recreational purposes using commonly acceptable fuels.

6-4-6 REFUSE OTHER THAN GARBAGE. Each person shall dispose of all refuse other than garbage and rubbish accumulation on the premises such person owns or occupies before it becomes a nuisance. If it does become a nuisance, it shall be subject to provisions of Title III, Chapter 2 of this Code.

6-4-7 BURNING OF YARD WASTE. Yard waste shall not be burned at any time

6-4-8 SANITARY LANDFILL. The City Council by resolution may designate a sanitary landfill and establish reasonable rules and regulations necessary to control its use by the public and make charge for the use thereof.

6-4-9 RECREATIONAL FIRES. Recreational fires shall be defined as open fires for cooking, heating, recreation and ceremonies provided they comply with the limits for emission of visible air contaminants established by the State Department of Natural Resources. Recreational fires shall be limited to small fires utilizing only natural wood, small sticks and faux logs. It is unlawful to burn in such fire (a) paper products, (b) plastic, (c) tires, (d) treated, stained or varnished lumber or any lumber that contains any chemical substances, (e) construction materials except dimensional lumber that has not been treated with chemicals or stained and is cut into lengths not exceeding the diameter of the fire containment device, and/or (f) yard waste such as leaves and grass clippings. Such recreational fires shall be contained in a non-combustible fire ring or other recreational fire containment device not exceeding three (3) feet in diameter with the flame height not to exceed four (4) feet. Such fire shall be supervised by a competent individual at all times and shall be extinguished completely before the responsible person leaves the site of the recreational fire.

The following scheduled fines are fixed for violation of this article:

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| 1. | First Offense - | \$25.00 |
| 2. | Second Offense - | \$100.00 |
| 3. | Third Offenses - | \$200.00 |