

**ORDINANCE #18-05  
SANITATION ORDINANCE**

**AMENDING SANITATION ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION  
AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE AND TRASH WITHIN THE CITY OF BRONTE,  
TEXAS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bronte is subject to certain federal and state environmental laws, rules, and regulations, governing the collection and disposal of garbage and trash, as herein defined; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the City to comply with all such environmental laws, rules and regulations for the benefit, welfare, and best interest of the citizens of Bronte;

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:**

A. **DEFINITIONS:** The following terms shall be defined for the purpose of this ordinance as follows, to-wit:

1. **Garbage-** All glass, tin cans, paper boxes, waste materials from kitchen, refuse from kitchen, residential waste materials, grocery store waste material, restaurants, cafes, hotels, and such other waste and/or discarded material as may be discarded from residential and/or commercial locations in and about the City of Bronte.
2. **Trash-** Rubbish, including but not limited to, yard cleanings, grass clippings, leaves, tree trimmings, grass, shrubbery, and other such discarded residential and/or commercial material as may be discarded by residential occupants and commercial businesses in the City of Bronte.

B. **CONTAINERS REQUIRED:**

1. Each and every owner, occupant, tenant and/or lessee using or occupying any building, house, or structure within the City for residential usage, church utilization, schools, lodges, commercial establishments, businesses, and/or other purposes not receiving sanitation container system service as described herein, shall be provided 96 gallon polycart.

C. **DESIGNATED PICKUP POINT FOR CONTAINERS FOR REMOVAL:**

As to all houses, buildings, and premises from which garbage is to be collected and removed which are adjacent and adjoining to a street, the owner, occupant, tenant, and/or lessee of the premises, shall be required to place the polycart(s) at the curb adjacent to the City street fronting the premises in order that it may be easily accessible to the City's collection service in its collection and removal of garbage. In the event it is not practical to collect or remove garbage from a street as to those locations and/or sites where said street is not fully "developed", "opened", or other obstruction may exist, the owner, occupant, tenant, or lessee of the premises shall place polycarts at points designated by an authorized agent of the City, said point being accessible to the City Agent.

The designation of the location of polycarts as designated herein shall be at the sole and complete discretion of the City in regard to the most accessible point for collection and removal of the same. The decision of the City in regard to the location of the designated point shall be final.

D. **WET GARBAGE:**

All garbage and/or trash that is mixed with water and/or other liquids shall be drained before being deposited in the container or receptacle.

**E. AUTHORIZED PERSONS TO COLLECT AND HAUL GARBAGE AND TRASH:**

The City of Bronte, by and through its duly authorized agents, licensees, permits, franchisees, and employees shall be the only authorized person to empty garbage cans/or trash receptacles and convey, haul, and transport the same through the streets, alleys, and public roads of the City of Bronte. The collection charges for garbage service shall be made to all residents using water within the City of Bronte, regardless of whether or not the residents have polycarts for collection. The fee for garbage hauling shall be considered a part of the city services, unitized as to the water and septic sewer service.

**F. COLLECTION CHARGES:**

The monthly rates and charges shall be, to-wit:

- (a) Premises within city limits used for private residences, single or double unit apartment houses, single mobile home sites and/or locations, shall be charged \$20.34 per family unit as to occupied residences, apartments, and units. One polycart container will be provided for each trash service location. Each additional polycart shall be \$20.34 per polycart.
- (b) Premises within city limits used for commercial business, and/or public purposes not received sanitation container service as described herein shall be charged \$32.45 per month. One polycart container will be provided for each trash location. Each additional polycart shall be \$32.45 per polycart.
- (c) Commercial and residential premises located outside the City Limits shall be charged at a rate of 1.75 times above the rate charged within city limits.
- (d) If a polycart is lost or damaged by the resident, a \$70.00 replacement fee will be assessed.
- (f) All person(s) residential or commercial requesting 2-yard, 4-yard, 6-yard or 8-yard container(s) shall be charged \$45 for delivery and \$45 for pickup.

**G. WHOM TO BE BILLED:**

All person, businesses, commercial institutions, and/or public agencies within the city limits who are served by city water meters are required to pay the garbage collection fee with the following exception:

- 1. Water service customer is in a nursing home, hospital or rehab center for a continuous period of more than 60 days;
- 2. Water service customer resides outside the City for a continuous period of more than 60 days;
- 3. Property has been vacant and unoccupied for a continuous period of more than 60 days;
- 4. The land is vacant of any dwellings.

**H. CONTAINERIZED SANITATION SYSTEM:**

- 1. After the effective date of this ordinance, certain public, business and/or commercial locations and sites shall receive sanitation container system service for the removal of garbage and trash under the rates and rules hereinafter set forth. A residential service may be allowed sanitation container system service on a short time basis. Pursuant to sanitation container system services, the City will furnish a container or containers to be used in the collection and/or removal of garbage and trash. The following formula shall be used as to the fees charged for garbage and/or trash hauling, to-wit:

Charges for one pick up per week:

<u>Container Size</u>	<u>Rate</u>
2 yd.	103.00
4 yd.	128.75
6 yd.	180.25
8 yd.	257.50

Charges for two pickups per week shall be charged at a rate of 1.5 times above the rate charged for one pick up per week.

**I. CONVENIENCE CENTER/INSIDE CITY LIMITS CURB SIDE SERVICE**

A monthly Inside City Limits Curb Side Service Fee of \$2.00 shall be added to each Sanitation Service account. The fees will be used to pay for the Inside City Limits Curb Side Service.

City of Bronte Utility customers who wish to use the convenience center will need to bring a City of Bronte Utility statement or Driver’s license with a City of Bronte physical address.

City of Bronte Utility Customers will pay the following Gate Fees:

- Bed of pick up (6' or 8' bed)                     \$10
- One axle (12' trailer)                                 \$20
- Two axles (16' or 20' trailer)                     \$30

Exception: School, Churches, Housing Authority and Rehab Center will be issued a voucher from City Hall

All Others that choose to use the Convenience Center are required to pay a fee of \$25.00 per pickup load and/or \$50.00 per trailer load.

Bulk items such as furniture, mattresses, microwaves, dishwashers, plastic or metal trash cans, pallets, plastic pipe, wooden or wire (rolled and mashed, clean, no post, weed, or grass) fence, washers, dryers, stoves, ovens, vehicle bumpers and fenders, t-post, tin, and c-purlins may be disposed of at the Convenience Center. Household trash, tires, oil, fluorescent light bulbs, batteries, chemicals, paints, hazardous materials, solvents, commercial construction materials, e-waste (TV's monitors, printers, computers, laptops, fax machines) tree limbs, grass and weeds, may not be disposed at the Convenience Center.

Location of the Convenience Center is 117 West Jackson. It is available only on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 8:00 am to noon.

**J. METHOD OF BILLING**

City shall, through its garbage and water departments, include the fees for the services herein provided on monthly bills to such persons and receiving water from the City. In the event any person is not receiving water services, the charges for the garbage services shall be directed to the person receiving garbage service.

**K. PROHIBITION AGAINST BURNING OF TRASH, LEAVES, AND/OR GARBAGE**

All open air burning of trash, leaves, grass, shrub clippings, and/or other garbage is specifically banned and prohibited from the effective date of this ordinance.

**L. SEVERANCE OF PROVISIONS**

In the event any provision of this ordinance shall be deemed invalid, all remaining provisions of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

M. PENALTIES

1. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF ORDINANCE

Any person, firm corporation, or association who violates any of the provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred dollars (\$200) and each and every day of continuance thereof shall constitute a distinct and separate offense.

2. VIOLATION

Violation of any of the terms or provisions of this ordinance by any corporation or association shall subject the officers and agents actively in charge of business of such corporation or association to the penalty herein provided.

3. INJUNCTION

In addition to the penal remedy herein, the City Attorney shall, upon the direction of the City Council, institute any appropriate action or proceeding, including actions for injunction to prevent, restrain, correct, or abate any act, conduct, work, business, practice or use which is a violation of and illegal under this ordinance.

N. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

All ordinances in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of any conflict with this ordinance.

O. EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2019.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on 28 day of March 2019.

  
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Paul Gohman, Mayor

ATTEST

  
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Teresa Ballard, City Secretary

