

CHAPTER 2025-52

No. 438 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12, "HEALTH AND
SANITATION" ARTICLE III, "GARBAGE, TRASH, AND REFUSE", OF
THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE

Approved November 12, 2025

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

Section 1. Section 12-63 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence is amended as follows:

Sec. 12-63. - Time to place waste for collection; duty to remove after collection.

(a) The owner of any dwelling shall be deemed to have allowed an unsanitary condition and a nuisance to exist whenever garbage, trash or debris at that dwelling is placed out early for municipal collection. "Early" shall mean prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day preceding the date of garbage collection.

(b) The owner of any dwelling shall be deemed to have allowed an unsanitary condition and a nuisance to exist whenever containers used for the deposit of garbage, trash or debris at that dwelling are not removed from the public way by midnight of the designated collection day for that particular area of the city.

(c) Except for the placement of containers on the public way for trash collection, an owner of any dwelling shall be deemed to have allowed an unsanitary condition and nuisance to exist at that dwelling whenever containers for the storage of garbage, trash or debris are not screened or are otherwise viewable from the street. This provision shall not apply to nonresidential uses.

(d) Upon the first violation of this article, the owner of the subject dwelling shall be issued a warning by public works director or his/her duly authorized agent notifying the owner of the violation. Penalties for violation of subsection (b) shall not be assessed at more than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) cumulatively per calendar year for each individual dwelling. For all violations that occur after a warning is issued to a particular owner for a specific property: The penalty shall not exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the first violation, fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the second violation, and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for all subsequent violations occurring within a calendar year. Occupants of non-owner-occupied dwellings shall be issued a notice that informs the dwelling's occupant of the violation.

(e) Chronic violators. Whoever shall be found in violation of the provisions of this article on four (4) or more occasions within the calendar year shall be deemed a chronic violator. If a chronic violator has not paid to the City the full sum of all penalties assessed for such violations, the City may provide written notice, sent by U.S. Mail, of its intent to remove all City-issued waste containers. Such notice shall provide the violator fourteen (14) days from the date of mailing to remit payment in full of all penalties assessed. Upon expiration of that period, the City may remove all of its issued containers from the dwelling until such time as all penalties assessed for violations of this ordinance and all expenses for the removal of said containers and their redelivery to the dwelling have been paid to the City in full. The expenses for removal and redelivery shall be set by the Department of Public Works and published on the City's website. Following the first such mailed notice, the Department of Public Works may, in the case of subsequent violations by the same chronic violator, remove containers without providing an additional mailed notice. The City may also summon a chronic violator to the City of Providence Municipal Court but shall not do so in substitution of the penalties specified in this subsection.

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