

**PERKASIE BOROUGH
ORDINANCE NO. _____**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PERKASIE, BUCKS COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 96, GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND REFUSE
OF THE PERKASIE BOROUGH CODE OF ORDINANCES**

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Borough Code at 8 Pa.C.S.A. §101 *et seq.*, authorizes the Borough Council of the Borough of Perkasia (“Borough Council”) to make and adopt ordinances that are consistent with the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth when necessary for the proper management, care and control of the Borough and the maintenance of peace, good government, health and welfare of the Borough and its citizens.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Perkasia, in furtherance of the authority noted previously in this Ordinance, has determined to amend the provisions of its Code of Ordinances so as to revise the provisions of Chapter 96 related to the collection of garbage, rubbish and refuse.

WHEREAS, after public hearing, the Borough Council deems it to be in the best interest and general welfare of the citizens and residents of the Borough to amend its Code of Ordinances so as to revise the provisions of Chapter 96 related to garbage, rubbish and refuse.

WHEREAS, Borough Council, after due consideration of the proposed ordinance at a duly advertised meeting, has determined that the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of Perkasia Borough will be served by this amendment to the Perkasia Code of Ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Perkasia, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of same as follows:

SECTION 1. The provisions of Chapter 96 shall be revised so that the title to Chapter 96 shall be changed from Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse to Refuse Storage, Collection and Disposal.

SECTION 2. The provisions of Chapter 96 subsection 96-2 A. shall be amended to read as follows:

Instituting a mandatory recycling program in accordance with recommendations of the State Assembly whereby the Borough shall be the sole agent regulating the collection of solid waste, and requiring residents to participate in the Borough's trash and recycling collection services.

SECTION 3. The provisions of Chapter 96 subsection 96-3 shall be amended to read as follows:

Amend the definition of BULKY WASTE: Items that, due to their size and shape, cannot be disposed of in a Borough disposal bag or Borough-provided wheeled cart. This includes, but is not limited to, large household appliances that do not contain freon, such as stoves and washing machines; or furniture and furnishings of equivalent size; plumbing fixtures; large crates; tools; machinery or parts thereof; play equipment; garden equipment; exercise equipment; and similar items. What constitutes Bulky Waste may change depending on what the Borough is able to dispose of through municipal recycling efforts.

Add a definition for HAZARDOUS WASTE: Wastes that, in sufficient quantities and concentrations, pose a threat to human life, human health, or the environment when improperly stored, transported, treated or disposed.

Amend the definition of NONCOLLECTIBLE WASTE: Includes poisons, acids, paint, caustics, explosives, appliances containing freon, electronic devices, hazardous waste, human excreta, dead animals, and other hazardous materials that may cause damage or injury to collection equipment or personnel. What constitutes Noncollectible Waste may change depending on State & County guidance, and what the Borough is able to dispose of.

Add a definition for YARD WASTE: Organic material such as brush, twigs, leaves, garden residue, shrubbery, grass clippings, branches.

The provisions of Chapter 96 subsection 96-10 shall be amended to read as follows:

Amend the ordinance: Ashes: It is mandatory that ashes be thoroughly extinguished before placement for collection. Ashes

shall be disposed of in a separate Borough disposal bag or bagged and placed inside a Borough-provided wheeled cart.

SECTION 4. The provisions of Chapter 96 subsection 96-11.1 shall be amended to add a new section and that language is as follows:

Borough residents are required to purchase Borough disposal bags or elect to pay a quarterly fee for the use of a Borough-provided wheeled toter. The price of Borough disposal bags and the quarterly fee for the use of the Borough-provided wheeled toter will be established from time to time by the Borough Council in the Borough Fee Schedule.

SECTION 5. The provisions of Chapter 96 subsection 96-15 shall be amended to add a new regulation as follows:

K. Customers are responsible for the cost of expenses incurred for the cleanup of hazardous waste, trash, refuse, rubbish, garbage, when required.

SECTION 6. The provisions of Chapter 96 subsection 96-20 shall be amended as follows:

The Borough Manager is hereby authorized from time to time to designate any officer or employee of the Borough to monitor collection sites and receive complaints of violations of this Part 1, Article II. Refuse Disposal Sites, and to report such violations to the Perkasio Borough Police Department. Reports of violations shall include such information as the date, time and location of the violation, together with a description of the person and/or vehicle identified in connection with the violation, and all such reports shall be filed with the Borough Manger. The Borough Manager and/or his designee shall transmit the report of violation to the Perkasio Borough Police Department which shall, upon reasonable belief that a violation has occurred, then issue a citation upon the person charged to be in such violation

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately and be in force from and after its enactment as provided by law.

SECTION 8. Under the authority conferred by the Pennsylvania Borough Code at 8 Pa.C.S.A. §101 *et seq.*, and other relevant statutory law, the Council of the Borough of Perkasio in the County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania does hereby enact and ordain this Ordinance for the Borough of Perkasio.

Approved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Perkasio, this 17th day of March, 2025.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF PERKASIE

BY: _____
Andrea L. Coaxum, Secretary

BY: _____
James Ryder, Council President

Approved this 17th day of March, 2025.

Jeff Hollenbach, Mayor

**THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE
IMMEDIATELY UPON ENACTMENT AND SIGNATURE**