



Troy, Alabama
LITTERING
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What is the City of Troy Littering Ordinance of 2014?

On June 24, 2014 the City Council of Troy voted unanimously to pass an ordinance amending the City of Troy Code, Chapter 11, Article IV. - Littering, as amended to provide cleaner and safer environments for us to live, work and play.

Why is this law helpful to me?

This law will help to reduce litter in our City and its economical, sociological, and environmental impacts. Litter cleanup costs the U.S. almost \$11.5 billion each year, with businesses paying \$9.1 billion. Governments, schools, and other organizations pick up the remainder. Community economy and quality of life suffer. The presence of litter in a community takes a toll on quality of life, property values, and housing prices. KAB's 2009 National Visible Litter Survey and Litter Cost Study found that litter in a community decreases property values 7%. Litter has environmental consequences. Wind and weather, traffic, and animals move litter into gutters, lawns and landscaped areas, alleyways, and parking structures. Debris may be carried by storm drains into local waterways, with potential for serious environmental contamination.

How is litter defined by the Ordinance?

Litter means trash, garbage, refuse, junk, debris, rubbish, food waste, yard waste, uncontainerized man-made solid or liquid waste, or other waste, including but not limited to any paper, bottles, cartons, cans, cups, metal, glass, plastics, food wrappers, wrappings, diapers, any unlighted cigarette, cigar, cigarette butts, crockery, scrap metal, construction materials, liquid or granular substances, hazardous materials, rubbish, disposable packages or containers, boxes or cardboard, whether or not it is of value and, further, whether or not the same is perishable or nonperishable, that is thrown, dumped, deposited, or stored as prohibited in this ordinance.

For more definitions, please view the entire Ordinance and amendments at www.troyal.gov.

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What is NOT allowed on my property?

- **Unlawful accumulation of trash, litter, or debris.** It shall be unlawful for the owner / occupant or other person in charge or control of a structure, building, house, lot, open porch, patio, stoop, carport or other premises to allow the accumulation of garbage, trash, litter, debris, refuse, rags, paper, derelict property, rubbish or waste.
- **Unlawful accumulation of junk, furniture, tires and appliances.** It shall be unlawful for the owner / occupant or other person in charge or control of a structure, building, house, lot, open porch, patio, stoop, carport or other premises to allow the accumulation or open storage of junk, salvage materials, household furniture, derelict property, used motor vehicle tires, kitchen or other household appliances.
- **Unlawful placement of litter, junk, trash or other waste material.** It shall be unlawful for the owner / occupant of any store, shop, house, structure, building, or other premises or for any other person to place any trash, litter, junk, garbage, solid waste or other waste material on the premises outside of such premises except it be in a suitable solid waste container as defined herein (except for collection purposes on regularly scheduled collection days and in a manner as authorized).
- **Unlawful storage of wrecked, abandoned, nonoperating vehicles.** It shall be unlawful for any person in charge or control of any real property within the City, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee, or otherwise, to allow any partially dismantled, nonoperating, abandoned, wrecked, junked, or discarded vehicle to remain on such real property longer than forty-eight (48) hours; except that section shall not apply with regard to a vehicle in an enclosed building.

For a more extensive list, please view the entire Ordinance and amendments at www.troyal.gov.

What is the required time period to clean-up my property?

- **Party Litter.** Party litter violations shall be corrected as soon as possible within twenty-four (24) hours of the notice.
- **Wrecked, abandoned, nonoperating vehicles.** Partially dismantled, abandoned, nonoperating, wrecked, or junked vehicles shall be removed as soon as possible within forty-eight (48) hours of the notice.
- **Slightly Littered.** Litter which is obvious and could be prone to scattered by wind, rain, and animals and which can be collected quickly by one to two individuals shall be corrected as soon as possible within forty-eight (48) hours of the notice.
- **Moderately Littered.** Litter which is obvious and which can be collected with an effort by one to two individuals shall be corrected as soon as possible within five (5) days of the notice.
- **Significantly Littered.** Litter which constitutes an incessant amount of litter, creates a strong impression of a lack of concern about litter, and which may require an organized effort or equipment for removal shall be corrected as soon as possible within fourteen (14) days of the notice.
- **Grossly Littered.** Litter which constitutes an extensive amount of litter or unlawful open storage or accumulation of junk, salvage materials, household furniture, derelict property, and/or debris which will require an organized effort or may require equipment for removal shall be corrected as soon as possible within thirty (30) days of the notice.

Can I appeal for a time extension for cleaning-up my property?

Yes. An extension of time may be requested by making a written request to the City Council within the correction period stated in the notice. The grant of such extension of time shall be in the sole and absolute discretion of the City Council, which shall not be subject to review.

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Is littering from a vehicle illegal?

Absolutely. It is unlawful for any person in a vehicle to drop, deposit, discard, throw, allow to fall or otherwise dispose of litter in or upon any private or public property within the City including but not limited to, any street, median, right-of-way, or sidewalk. The owner of the vehicle is also responsible in the event that any person commits any such preceding unlawful act while occupying and/or operating said owner's motor vehicle, which shall include any motor vehicle attached to or pulling a trailer, whether it is moving or at rest.

Can I report a violation?

Yes. Anyone may report violations of this ordinance by calling 311 or (334) 566-0177.

What if I don't comply with the city's littering ordinance?

Our main objective is to obtain voluntary compliance with all of Troy's municipal codes. If for some reason you don't comply, you may be subject to a range of fines or penalties for each offense.

What are the penalties for non-compliance?

Any person who shall fail to comply with any of the provisions of the littering ordinance, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction can be fined up to **\$300** for a first violation, **\$400** for a second violation within the one year, and **\$500** for the third and any subsequent violations, plus any applicable court costs. Each day on which a violation of this ordinance occurs shall be a separate and distinct violation and shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

To see the complete list of penalties and other enforcement measures, please view the entire Ordinance and amendments at www.troyal.gov.

Is this all the information or how can I get more information about the City of Troy Littering Ordinance of 2014?

The summaries in this guide are intended for general guidance only, for complete information, please view the entire Ordinance and amendments at www.troyal.gov/ or call 311 or (334) 566-0177.



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