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Ridgeland Regulates Hours of Commercial Garbage Collection

Commercial garbage dumpsters near residential areas will be required to adhere to certain restricted hours of service, beginning January 18, 2007. If you live within 300 feet of a dumpster and have been bothered by the noise made during collection, you will no longer be disturbed by nighttime or early morning garbage collection. With the adoption of a new City ordinance, servicing of commercial dumpsters is not allowed between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on weekdays and between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. on weekends.

Mayor Gene F. McGee said, "By limiting the night and morning hours during which collection may occur, we are helping the residents who have been previously affected and future residents who may move into a home near a commercial property. The ordinance will provide more peace and quiet for residents during typical sleeping hours and encourage dumpster owners and/or operators to be considerate of their residential neighbors. This new regulation seeks to improve the quality of residents' lives that live within audible range of a commercial dumpster while at the same time not restricting a business from conducting necessary operations."

The Ridgeland Mayor and Board of Aldermen voted to adopt the new ordinance at the December 19, 2006 meeting. Any owner or driver of a vehicle servicing a commercial dumpster who fails to comply with the ordinance, will be given written notice that a public disturbance exists and that it must be removed or abated immediately. After three notices, an owner or driver shall be deemed in violation of the ordinance and guilty of a misdemeanor. If convicted, the owner/driver shall be fined \$250.00. Multiple violators will be fined \$1000.00, or the maximum fine allowed by law, or by imprisonment in the county jail, or both.

The ordinance may be viewed at City Hall or on the City of Ridgeland website at www.ridgelandms.org/community_development/ordinances.html.

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