

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-11

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD
PARK ESTABLISHING A NEW ARTICLE IX WITHIN
CHAPTER 214 OF THE VILLAGE CODE, TO BE
ENTITLED "CONTAINERIZED YARD WASTE"**

WHEREAS, Village of Ridgefield Park is a participant of the Municipal Stormwater Management Program, established by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP"); and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP has required that all participants in the program adopt an ordinance that establishes regulations for disposal of yard waste within the Village; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 214 of the Village Code sets forth the codes and regulations regarding garbage, rubbish, and refuse within the Village of Ridgefield Park; and

WHEREAS, for the Village to remain compliant with the Municipal Stormwater Management Program, it must adopt the aforementioned ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park wish to establish a new Article IX within Chapter 214 of the Village Code in order to implement the ordinance required by the NJDEP, so as to remain in compliance with the Municipal Stormwater Management Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park, as follows:

Section 1: A new Article IX is hereby added to Chapter 214 of the Village Code, entitled "Containerized Yard Waste", and shall read as follows:

§ 214-71 Purpose.

This Article establishes proper management of residential yard waste in the Village of Ridgefield Park to protect the environment, public health, safety, and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

§ 214-72 Definitions.

For this Article, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When consistent with the context, words used in the present tense includes the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- A. "Containerized" means the placement of yard waste in a trash can, bucket, bag, or other container to prevent yard waste from spilling or blowing out into the street and contaminating stormwater.

- B. "Person" means any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- C. "Street" means an improved or unimproved public road in a city or town which includes driving lanes, shoulders, gutters, curbs, sidewalks, and parking areas.
- D. "Yard Waste" means loose leaves and grass clippings.

§ 214-73 Regulated Activities.

- A. No person shall sweep, rake, blow, or otherwise place yard waste into the street unless it is for a scheduled collection.
- B. For non-containerized (loose) yard waste collection: Placement of loose yard waste must be at least 10 feet away from any storm drain inlet and no sooner than 7 days prior to a scheduled and announced collection.
- C. For containerized yard waste collection: Yard waste shall be placed in an appropriate container at the curb or along the street for collection.

Placement of such yard waste on the street at any other time or in any other manner is a violation of this Article. If such placement of yard waste occurs, the person responsible for placement of the yard waste shall be in violation of this Article and must remove the yard waste immediately.

§ 214-74 Exemptions.

There shall be no exemptions from the requirements of this Article.

§ 214-75 Enforcement.

This Article shall be enforced by the Ridgefield Park Police Department.

§ 214-76 Violations and Penalties.

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this Article shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$50.

Section 2 Severability: Each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

Section 3 Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.



Commissioner Anlian



Commissioner Gerken




Commissioner Mirza



Commissioner Portorreal



Mayor MacNeill



Village Clerk
Adopted on December 10, 2024