

**TOWN OF CHELSEA**  
**ORDINANCE**  
**REGULATING THE STORAGE AND DISPOSAL**  
**OF PUTRESCIBLE SOLID WASTE AND JUNK**

A. Purpose.

1) This ordinance is created in order to protect the health, welfare, safety and property values of the citizens of Chelsea:

B. Definitions

1) "Putrescible Solid Waste" shall mean useless, unwanted or discarded solid material with insufficient liquid content to be free flowing, including but not limited to rubbish, garbage, refuse, but does not include hazardous waste, biomedical waste, septic tank sludge or agricultural wastes. The fact that putrescible solid waste, or constituent of the said waste, may have value, be beneficially used, have other uses, or be sold or exchanged, does not exclude it from this definition.

2) "Junk," shall mean discarded, worn out, unusable or damaged household appliances, furniture, plumbing and heating supplies, discarded scrap and junked lumber and wood products; old or scrap metal of any kind, paper products, bedding, glass, plastic, rags, rope, batteries, and other scrapped or junked manufactured items or materials excluding putrescible solid waste. The fact that junk may have value, be beneficially used, have other uses, or be sold or exchanged, does not exclude it from this definition.

C. Prohibition.

1) Storage. It shall be unlawful to store any putrescible solid waste or junk outside of a closed structure within three-hundred (300) feet of any dwelling, retail or service establishment, or public road within the Town, unless such putrescible solid waste or junk is stored in closed rigid containers that provide protection against animals, insects, wind and precipitation, except that:

(a) Putrescible solid waste may be stored in sealed plastic bags outside a closed structure or container for a period not to exceed five (7) days, provided that such garbage will be removed from the premises within said period.

(b) Any excessively sized item of junk (not putrescible solid waste) that does not fit within a standard container may be stored outside a closed structure or container for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days. At the end of thirty (30) day, the junk shall be lawfully removed and recycled or disposed.

(c) Junk stored within a licensed junkyard or salvage facility may be stored within three-hundred (300) feet of any structure at the salvage yard or recycling facility used solely for the purpose of storing, processing, salvaging, or selling such junk, to the extent permitted by law.

(d) Junk, that is to be salvaged or repaired, may be stored for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days within three-hundred (300) feet of a repair establishment. At the end of the sixty (60) day period, the junk shall be lawfully removed and recycled or disposed.

D. Enforcement: Remedies

1) Enforcement. The Code Enforcement Officer shall enforce the provisions of this Ordinance as provided in 30-A M.R.S.A. § 4452.

2) Penalties and Other Remedies. Any person, including, but not limited to, a landowner, the landowner's agent, or a contractor who violates the provisions of this ordinance is liable for the civil penalties and remedies set forth in 30-A M.R.S.A. § 4452 as amended. The minimum penalty for a specific violation is One-Hundred Dollars (\$100) and the maximum penalty is Twenty-Five-Hundred Dollars (\$2,500). A specific violation occurs on each day a violation continues to exist after written notice of violation has been sent to the land owner. Civil penalties may be assessed on a per day basis.

Approved as amended by a vote at the Town Meeting on June 15, 2017

This is a true and attested copy of  
the Town of Chelsea Ordinance Regulating  
the Storage and Disposal of Putrescible Solid  
waste and Junk.

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Town Clerk