

**BILL NO.: 3 of 2022**  
**INTRODUCED: May 17, 2022**  
**BY: Councilman Tom Karpiak**  
**ENACTED: June 21, 2022**  
**ORDINANCE NO.: 1564**

**AN ORDINANCE**

**AMENDING SECTION I OF ORDINANCE NO. 1556 FOR THE QUALITY-OF-LIFE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE, ENACTED ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2021.**

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Council of the City of Connellsville, and hereby it is ordained and enacted by the Authority by the same.

**SECTION 2 DEFINITIONS** is hereby amended by adding the following:

**LANDLORD REGISTRATION** - Every owner of a residential rental unit must register the unit with the Code Enforcement Officer.

**SECTION 3. QUALITY OF LIFE VIOLATIONS** is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. **Accumulation of Rubbish or Garbage.** All exterior property and premises, and the interior of every structure, shall be free from any accumulation of waste, trash, rubbish, or garbage.
2. **Animal Maintenance and Waste/Feces Clean-Up.** People owning, harboring, or keeping an animal within the City of Connellsville shall not permit any waste matter/feces from the animal to collect and remain on the property so as to cause or create an unhealthy, unsanitary, dangerous, or offensive living condition. All waste from animals must be cleaned up on a daily basis.
3. **Disposal of Rubbish or Garbage/Dumping.** Improper disposal of rubbish or garbage, or dumping or disposing of rubbish or garbage on vacant, unoccupied, or other property. In addition, any violation of any portion of any City of Connellsville Ordinance(s) governing garbage/waste collection and disposal shall be deemed to be a violation of this ordinance.
4. **High Weeds, Grass or Plant Growth.** All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of 12 inches. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants, and vegetation. Cultivated flowers, gardens, trees, and shrubs shall not be included as a violation of this Part.
5. **Littering or Scattering Rubbish.** No person shall throw, dump, place, sweep or dispose of any waste, trash, garbage, or rubbish upon any public sidewalk, alley, street, bridge, public passageway, public parking area, or on any public property.
6. **Motor Vehicles.** It shall be unlawful to store, park, or place any unregistered, uninspected, inoperative, unlicensed, or nuisance motor vehicle (motor vehicle

nuisance as defined above) on any premises. No vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled. Painting of vehicles is prohibited unless conducted inside an approved spray booth.

7. Outside Placement of Indoor Appliances/Furniture. It is prohibited to store or place any/all appliances or furniture including, but not limited to ranges, refrigerators, air conditioners, ovens, washers, dryers, microwaves, dishwashers, mattresses, recliners, sofas, interior chairs, or interior tables on the exterior of any property for the purpose of sale or any other reason, except for the temporary purpose to perform maintenance on said property. If maintenance is being performed, or if the items are actively being sold in a yard sale, the items shall not be left unattended.

8. Ownership Presumption of Waste, Trash, and/or Recyclables for Illegal Dumping and Illegal Hauling. It shall be the responsibility of every owner or occupant to dispose of their waste, trash, or recyclables in a proper manner and in accordance with the City of Connellsville Ordinance(s) governing garbage/waste collection and disposal. Any business or person who is unable to show proof that they have legally disposed of any waste, trash, or recyclables will be in violation of this Part. Should any person or business use an unlicensed hauler to dispose of their waste, trash, or recyclables, said person or business shall be in violation of this Part. Upon request of the Public Officer, any owner or occupant must show proof of their appropriate trash and/or recyclable hauler. Any parts found within a municipal waste container, recycling container, garbage bag, or loose trash/waste displaying the name and/or address of a person and/or persons, that trash or waste shall be presumed to be the property of such person and/or persons. It shall be unlawful for any person, business, partnership, or entity to remove or haul waste, trash, or recyclables -without the proper approval or license. Any waste, trash, or recyclables found not to be disposed of in accordance with this Part will be a violation of this Part.

9. Storage Containers for Waste or Trash. The owner of every premises shall supply approved containers for waste /trash, as well as be responsible for the removal of rubbish. All containers that store waste- or trash shall be durable, water tight, made of metal or plastic, and otherwise be in compliance with the City of Connellsville Ordinance(s) governing garbage/waste collection and disposal. Containers must have tight fitting covers, and must be kept clean and odor free at all times. All containers must be stored in the rear of every property so said containers are not visible from the public right-of-way. Waste/trash containers may only be placed in front of any property when darkness occurs the night before the day of the scheduled waste/trash pick -up day. Once the licensed hauler removes the waste/trash from any property, all containers must be returned to the rear of any property before daybreak on the day following pick-up. (Example: Jim Smith's trash collection day is Wednesday. Jim Smith may place his trash containers out in front of his property on Tuesday night once night falls.

Jim Smith must place his trash containers in the rear of his yard before daybreak, on Thursday morning.)

10. Snow and Ice Removal.

a. Every Owner, tenant, occupant, lessee, property agent, or any other person who is responsible for any property within the City of Connellsville, is required to remove any snow or ice from their sidewalk within twenty-four (24) hours of the cessation of said snow and ice falling. Furthermore, they must create a path, free from any snow or ice, of three (3) feet on said sidewalk.

b. Should any property be a place of business within the City of Connellsville all snow and ice must be removed within four (4) hours of the cessation of said snow and ice falling. Any property that is deemed a business must have the entire sidewalk free from any snow and ice. If and/or when the snow and/or ice cessation happens during the hours of darkness, the time limit of removal of all snow and ice begins at daybreak.

c. No owner, tenant, occupant, lessee, property agent or other person or entity shall be permitted to shovel, plow, blow, move or deposit snow into the public streets and/or sidewalks of the City of Connellsville.

11. Swimming Pools. Swimming pools shall be maintained in good repair at all times. They shall also be kept clean, safe, covered, and sanitary as well.

12. Burning. The disposal of trash, waste, riff-raff, lawn/yard waste or any other solid waste by burning is prohibited unless done in compliance with the provisions of the City of Connellsville ordinance(s) and regulations governing the burning of solid waste.

13. It shall be unlawful to smoke in any City of Connellsville designated Parks.

14. Landlord Registration. Every owner of a residential rental unit must register the unit with the Code Enforcement Officer in accordance with the following schedule:

a. All owners of residential units must register the units with the Code Enforcement Officer by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

e. (6) Names and addresses of current tenants.

f. Any owner of a residential rental unit shall notify the City of Connellsville at City Hall within ten (10) days of a new tenant occupying, renting or residing in the landlords or owners' residential rental unit.

**SECTION 8. ABATEMENT OF VIOLATION. is hereby amended to as follows:**

4. City of Connellsville Cleanup. The City reserves the right to perform any necessary work to abate any violation once thirty (30) days passes from the date of issuance of the quality-of-life ticket. Should the violation at the discretion of the Code Enforcement Officer present imminent danger and/or pose a health hazard or risk, the City reserves the right to perform the abatement immediately. The City will perform this work at a rate of sixty (\$60.00) dollars per hour/per man, and forward the cost of any material necessary for the abatement. The City reserves the right to charge an additional twenty (20%) percent on all material purchases to cover all miscellaneous expenses, such as wear and tear on equipment.

5. Contractor Cleanup. The City reserves the right to direct a contractor to perform the abatement of the violation in question once thirty (30) days passes from the date of issuance of the quality-of-life ticket. Should the violation present imminent danger or pose a health hazard or risk, the City reserves the right to direct the contractor to perform the abatement immediately. The contractor will submit a bill for their work to the City of Connellsville and the City will forward these costs to the violator. The City reserves the right to add a thirty (30%) percent processing fee in addition to the cost of the contractor.

**SECTION 9. FINES AND PENALTIES. is hereby amended as follows:**

A. Any person who violates this Part shall pay a fine as set forth herein for each offense, plus all direct and indirect costs incurred by the City for the cleanup and abatement of the violation.

Violation Description Fine:

- Q11, Ord 1511, Sect 308.1 Accumulation of Rubbish or Garbage \$50
- Q12, Ord 1511, Sect 302.1 Sanitation \$50
- Q13, Ord 1511 Section 308 Disposal or Rubbish or Garbage \$50
- Q14, Ord 1511 Sect 302.4 Weeds & Grass \$50
- Q15 Ord 1540 Sect 6.201 Littering \$50
- Q16 Ord 1511 Sect 302.8 Motor Vehicles \$50
- Q17 Ord 1556 Sect 3.7 Outside Placement of Indoor Items \$50
- Q18, Ord 1556 Sect 3.8 Dumping \$50
- Q19, Ord 1556 Sect 3.9 Waste Placement \$50
- Q110, Ord 1556, Section 3.10 Sidewalks \$50
- Q111, Ord 1511 Sec 303 Swimming Pools \$50
- Q112, Ord 1510, Section 4 Burning \$50
- Q113 Ord 1529 Sect 1 Tobacco Free Areas (Smoking) \$150
- QL14. Ord 1471, Section 141.4 Landlord Registration. \$100

All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting herewith are hereby repealed.

Enacted and ordained this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2022.



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Mayor