

## GENERAL REFERENCES

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**Part 1**  
**Recycling**  
[Adopted 10-17-1988 by Ord. No. 17-1988]

ARTICLE I  
**Recycling Regulations**

**§ 225-1. Title.**

The short title of this Part 1 shall be the "City of Aliquippa Recycling Ordinance," and the same may be cited in that manner.

**§ 225-2. Definitions.**

As used in this Part 1, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

**ALUMINUM CANS** — Empty all-aluminum beverage recyclable containers constructed solely of aluminum, not tin, metal or steel.

**BIMETAL CONTAINERS** — Empty food or beverage containers consisting of ferrous sides and bottom and an aluminum top.

**BULK ITEM** — An item of solid waste or yard waste not larger than two feet by two feet by four feet or heavier than 50 pounds.

**COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT** — Those properties used primarily for commercial or industrial purposes and those multiple-dwelling residential buildings containing more than four dwelling units.

**CURBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION** — The scheduled collection and transport of recyclable material placed at the curblin by residences subject to this Part 1 and other applicable City, county or state laws, rules or regulations. Sorting of material into individual compartments shall occur during collection. Collection of material from City-approved dropoff sites and recycling shelters is included in this collection.

**FERROUS CONTAINERS** — Empty steel or tin food or beverage containers.

**GLASS CONTAINERS** — Bottles and jars made of clear glass or other color glass specified in the regulations. Expressly excluded are noncontainer glass, plate glass, blue glass, and porcelain and ceramic products.

**INSTITUTIONAL ESTABLISHMENT** — Those facilities that house or serve groups of people, e.g., hospitals, schools, nursing homes.

MAGAZINES and PERIODICALS — A paper product of printed matter containing miscellaneous written pieces published at fixed or varying intervals. Expressly excluded, however, are newspapers and all other paper products of any nature whatsoever.

NEWSPAPERS — Paper products of the type commonly referred to as newsprint and distributed at fixed intervals, having printed thereon news and opinions, containing advertisements and other matters of public interest. Expressly excluded, however, are newspapers which have been soiled. Newspapers shall be bundled separately from magazines, periodicals, telephone books, books or cardboard.

PERSON(S) — Owners, lessees and occupants of residences, commercial or institutional establishments.

PLASTIC CONTAINERS — Empty plastic food and beverage containers. Due to the large variety of types of plastic, the recycling regulations may stipulate specific types of plastic which may be recycled.

RECYCLABLE MATERIALS — Those materials specified by the City to be recycled. This list of materials is specified in the recycling regulations resulting from this Part 1 and may be revised from time to time as deemed necessary by the City Administrator or his/her designee.

RECYCLABLE NEWSPRINT — Those newspaper materials specified by the City to be recycled. This list of materials is specified in the recycling regulations resulting from this Part 1 and may be revised from time to time as deemed necessary by the City Administrator or his/her designee.

RESIDENCE — Any occupied single-family or multifamily dwelling having up to four dwelling units per structure for which the City or independent haulers provide municipal waste collection services.

SOLID WASTE — All refuse (garbage and rubbish) and other discarded solid material normally collected by municipal or private haulers, excluding yard waste.

YARD WASTE — Prunings, grass clippings, weeds, leaves, and garden wastes.

### **§ 225-3. Establishment of program.**

There is hereby established a program for the mandatory separation of recyclable materials from solid waste by persons residing in single-family dwellings or multifamily dwellings having up to four dwelling units per structure for which the City of Aliquippa, hereinafter referred to as the City, or independent haulers provide City waste collection services.

### **§ 225-4. Separation of recyclables and placement for disposal.**

- A. Recyclable materials shall be placed at the curb separate from other waste for collection or taken to City-approved dropoff sites or recycling shelters at such times, dates, and places as may be hereinafter established by regulation.
- B. Recyclable glass, newspaper, newsprint, aluminum beverage cans and other designated recyclable materials shall be kept separate from each other and from other refuse and

shall be separately stored, bundled, contained and collected as hereinafter provided and as provided by City regulations. Each residential and/or commercial entity within the City of Aliquippa shall prepare recyclable material as a "bulk item" for collection either by tying them, both across and lengthwise, in easy-to-manage "bulk item" bundles or by placing them in "bulk item" containers as defined by City regulations. As so prepared, these materials shall be placed at the curbside to be collected at times as herein designated or as designated by City regulations.

- C. Glass, aluminum, paper products and metal recyclables as well as other hereinafter designated recyclables shall be clean and all contents shall be removed therefrom prior to the collection, removal or disposal of same. Caps, tops and labels shall be removed from glass, aluminum, and metal recyclables prior to the separation, collection, removal or disposal of same.
- D. All recyclables shall be placed in a garbage can the specifications of which will be defined by City regulations for collection, removal and disposal. Recyclables shall not be placed in plastic or paper bags for collection, removal or disposal.
- E. Recyclables, whether in packaged "bulk" form or not, shall not be placed in the same garbage can as or otherwise mixed with other forms of waste for collection, removal or disposal. Recyclables shall be separated from all other solid waste.
- F. It shall be unlawful for a person to collect, remove or dispose of solid waste which consists of recyclables combined with other forms of solid waste.
- G. As stated in § 225-9 herein, ownership of recyclables set out at curbside for collection and/or deposited at City-approved recycling centers or dropoff sites as per City regulations and this Part 1 shall thereupon vest in the City. It shall be unlawful for a person to collect, remove or dispose of recyclables which are property of the City without first having obtained the license or permit required by this Part 1 or other City, county or state ordinance, law, rule or regulation. A person who collects or removes recyclables which belong to the City shall deliver and dispose of same at such locations as the City shall designate by regulation or public notice for that purpose.
- H. The City Administrator is empowered to designate the hours and day of the week on which recyclables shall be collected, removed and disposed of from a particular area. Recyclables shall not be collected, removed or disposed of from that area on any day of the week other than that designated by the City Administrator.
- I. The City Administrator is empowered to designate the hours and day of the week on which solid waste which does not contain recyclables shall be collected, removed and disposed of from a particular area. Solid waste which does not contain recyclables shall not be collected, removed or disposed of from that area on any day of the week other than that designated by the City Administrator.

**§ 225-5. Collection by unauthorized person(s).**

It shall be a violation of this Part 1 for any person(s), unauthorized by the City, to collect or pick up or cause to be collected or picked up any recyclable material defined herein or by

City regulation or notice. Each such collection in violation hereof shall constitute a separate and distinct offense punishable as hereinafter provided.

**§ 225-6. Enforcement and administration.**

The City Administrator or his/her designee is hereby authorized and directed to establish and promulgate reasonable regulations, which shall be a part of this Part 1, as to the manner, materials, days, and times for the collection of recyclable and nonrecyclable materials in accordance with the terms hereof and any other matters required to implement this Part 1. The City Administrator or his/her designee may change, modify, repeal, or amend any portion of said rules and regulations at any time. The City Administrator or his/her designee is authorized and directed to enforce this Part 1 and regulations relating hereto.

**§ 225-7. Vesting of ownership; unauthorized collection prohibited.**

From the time of placement at the curb or any City-approved recycling center or dropoff site of any recyclable materials pursuant to the provisions of this Part 1 and the regulations issued hereunder, such recyclable shall become and be the property of the City. Acceptance by the City of the recyclable materials shall be conditioned upon persons' compliance with the provisions of this Part 1 and related City regulations.

**§ 225-8. Franchise or license.**

The City Administrator or his/her designee may negotiate (an) agreement(s) with public or private agencies or firms to authorize them to collect all or part of the recyclable or nonrecyclable materials from curbside. Agreements for collection shall be passed upon by City Council.

**§ 225-9. Sale or donation as alternative collection of recyclable material.**

Any person may donate or sell recyclable materials to individuals or organizations. These materials shall not be placed at curbside for collection, but must be delivered to the individual's or organization's site.

**§ 225-10. Yard waste.**

In the event that specifications for the disposition of yard waste are included in the recycling regulations resulting from this Part 1, then it shall be prohibited and will be deemed a violation hereof for any owners, lessees, or occupants of any residential, commercial, or institutional property in the City to put into or cause to be put into the solid waste collection system of the City any leaves or grass or other yard waste.

**§ 225-11. Violations and penalties.**

Any person, firm or corporation violating any provisions of this Part 1 shall, upon summary conviction before any District Justice, pay a fine not exceeding \$1,000, plus costs of

prosecution, and, in default of payment of the fine and costs, the violator may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than 90 days for each separate offense. Each and every day in which any person, firm or corporation shall be in violation of this Part 1 shall constitute a separate offense.

**§ 225-12. When effective.**

This Part 1 shall become effective five days after the happening of the following: its enactment, establishment of the recycling regulations, entry into agreements with public or private haulers to collect recyclables, and the date on which the City receives funding from either the County of Beaver and/or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with respect to the cost of the collection herein. This Part 1 shall remain effective during the period and up to the date of termination of such funding, unless the City Council shall extend the operation of this Part 1 by action regularly taken.