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**Sec. 12-3. Right to engage in business of collecting, hauling, etc.; license.**

- (a) All persons, whether public or private, shall be entitled to engage in the business and occupation of gathering, hauling, collecting and disposing of garbage, trash and refuse within the corporate limits of the city, whether such persons do business as an individual, partnership, corporation or other legal entity. Provided, however, all such persons shall conduct all activities in such manner as will not be detrimental to the public health, welfare and safety.
- (b) All persons desiring to engage in the business of garbage, trash or refuse collection, including hauling or disposal, shall obtain a license from the department of community development and pay an annual fee as listed in the Manual of Fees, renewable each April.
- (c) All permitted waste haulers are required to report weights of:
  - (1) Total municipal solid waste removed from the city by August 20 of each year; and
  - (2) Total municipal recycling removed from the city by August 20 of each year, ~~according to the city's Manual of Fees.~~

(Code 1970, §§ 9-1, 9-2, 9-4; Code 1977, § 12-3; Ord. No. 1700, §§ 47, 51, 6-15-1992; Ord. No. 2543, § I, 6-16-2003; Ord. No. 2823, § I, 9-18-2006; Ord. No. 3579, § I, 6-3-2019; Ord. No. 3845, § 1, 9-17-2024)

Editor's note(s)—Subsections (a) and (b) of the above section were originally adopted as Ordinance No. 211, which was approved by the voters of the city at an election held July 5, 1966.