

**Title 6**  
**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

**Chapter 6.04**  
**HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT**

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**6.04.010 Agreement authorization**

The Mayor of the City is authorized, pursuant to RCW 70.08.090, to enter into a health services agreement with the governing bodies of the Seattle - King County Department of Public Health.

*(Ord. 412 §1, 1964; Ord. 406 §1, 1964)*

**6.04.020 Filing**

A copy of the agreement is on file with the City Clerk and by this reference made a part hereof.

*(Ord. 412 §2, 1964; Ord. 406 §2, 1964)*

**6.04.030 Health officer appointment**

The City appoints the Director of Public Health of the Seattle/King County Department of Public Health as the health officer of the City.

*(Ord. 412 §3, 1964; Ord. 406 §3, 1964)*

**Chapter 6.12**  
**REFUSE DISPOSAL**

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**6.12.010 Title**

This chapter shall be known as the “Tukwila Refuse Ordinance” and may be cited as such.

*(Ord. 396 §9, 1964)*

**6.12.020 Definitions**

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this chapter:

(1) “*Ashes*” means the solid waste products left after combustion of coal, wood, other fuels, or other combustible materials;

(2) “*Commercial waste*” means liquid and semi-liquid waste materials, putrescible and nonputrescible, from factories, water-craft, processing plants, farms, businesses, commercial establishments, and any non-used by-product of a manufacturer or industrial plant and/or sludge and sewage;

(3) “*Dead animals*” means small animals such as dogs, cats, rabbits, squirrels, rats, etc., that are deceased;

(4) “*Garbage*” means all putrescible wastes, except sewage and human body wastes, recognized industrial byproducts and dead animals;

(5) “*Industrial refuse*” means solid waste materials, putrescible and nonputrescible, from factories, processing plants, farms, businesses, and commercial establishments;

(6) “*Litter*” as used in this chapter means and includes refuse, rubbish, ashes, garbage, dead animals, industrial refuse, commercial waste, and all other waste material of every kind and description;

(7) “*Refuse*” includes garbage, rubbish, ashes, dead animals, and all other putrescible and nonputrescible wastes, except sewage and human body wastes;

(8) “*Rubbish*” means all nonputrescible wastes except ashes and recognized industrial by-products; includes tree branches, twigs, grass and shrub clippings, weeds, leaves, and general residential yard and garden waste materials.

*(Ord. 396 §1, 1964)*

**6.12.030 Deposit unlawful - Exemption**

It is unlawful to place, throw, deposit, or otherwise dispose of litter in any public place, public road, public park, on any private property; or in the waters within Tukwila except as provided in TMC 6.12.030 or at the official refuse disposal facilities.

*(Ord. 396 §2, 1964)*

**6.12.040 Adequate receptacles required**

It is unlawful for the owners or occupants of private property to deposit or accumulate, or to permit the deposit or accumulation of, litter upon such private property; provided however, that this shall not prohibit the storage of garbage or rubbish in public or private litter receptacles, when approved by the health officer or in garbage cans or in securely tied bundles when such garbage cans or bundles are for immediate disposal; provided further that the use of a compost pile or bin shall not be prohibited if the use and maintenance thereof is in such a manner as to prevent the attraction, breeding and/or harboring of insects and rodents. Any such use permitted here under shall not be construed to permit a nuisance as defined by State law.

*(Ord. 396 §3, 1964)*

**6.12.050 Container construction**

The storage of refuse, garbage, dead animals, and other putrescible and nonputrescible waste shall be in containers constructed and maintained so as to prevent leakage, rodent and insect infestation and other public health hazards until removed to official disposal sites. Any other type of storage and disposal must be approved by the King County Health Officer.

*(Ord. 396 §4, 1964)*

**6.12.060 Hauling restrictions**

It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to haul refuse, garbage, rubbish, dead animals, ashes, or any other waste material of the kind defined in this chapter on the highways and roads in Tukwila unless such materials are properly stored, covered and otherwise secured so as to prevent spillage or littering.

*(Ord. 396 §5, 1964)*

**Chapter 6.14****HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CLEANUP****Sections:**

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**6.14.010 Compliance**

Any person transporting hazardous materials shall clean up any hazardous materials incident that occurs during transportation, and shall take such additional action as may be reasonably necessary after consultation with the Tukwila Fire Department in order to achieve compliance with all applicable federal and State laws and regulations.

*(Ord. 1519 §1, 1989)*

**6.14.020 Extraordinary costs defined**

“*Extraordinary costs*,” as used in this chapter, means those reasonable and necessary costs incurred by the City in the course of protecting life and property that exceed the normal and usual expenses anticipated for police and fire protection, emergency services and public works. These shall include, but not be limited to, overtime for City employees, unusual fuel consumption requirements, any loss or damage to City-owned equipment, and the purchase or lease of any special equipment or services required to protect the public during the hazardous materials incident.

*(Ord. 1519 §3, 1989)*

**6.14.030 Liability for extraordinary costs**

Any person responsible for causing the hazardous materials incident, other than operating employees of the transportation company involved in the incident, is liable to the City for extraordinary costs incurred by the City in the course of protecting the public from actual or threatened harm resulting from the hazardous materials incident.

*(Ord. 1519 §2, 1989)*

**Chapter 6.16****RODENT CONTROL****Sections:**

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**6.16.010 Title**

This chapter shall be known as the “Tukwila Rodent Control Ordinance” and may be cited as such.

*(Ord. 397 §7, 1964)*

**6.16.020 Purpose**

It is the purpose of this chapter to prevent the spread of infectious and contagious diseases and especially the disease known as “Bubonic Plague” by rats, mice, and other rodents.

*(Ord. 397 §1, 1964)*

**6.16.030 Building maintenance and protection required - Rodent eradication**

It is unlawful for the owner or occupant to fail to reconstruct or repair all store rooms, grain elevators, warehouses, docks, and slaughter houses, and other buildings, including residences, by the use of screens, nets, cement or other materials approved by the health officer as to sufficiency, for the purpose of preventing rats, mice, or other rodents from gaining entrance thereto; and it is also unlawful for the owner of any food or other products or of any goods, wares, and merchandise in such buildings to fail to adequately protect the same to prevent such rodents from gaining access to or coming in contact therewith. Such buildings shall at all times be kept free from such rodents; and the health officer or his representative may, at any reasonable hours, inspect such buildings for the purpose of ascertaining the presence of such rodents; and if found to be present, the owner or occupant of the premises shall apply such reasonable measures for their eradication as shall be approved by said health officer, and shall thereafter continue such reasonable measures likewise approved to keep such buildings free therefrom.

*(Ord. 397 §2, 1964)*

**6.16.040 Keeping premises free from rodents required**

All premises and places shall be maintained free from rats, mice and other rodents; and it is unlawful for the owner or occupant thereof to fail to take such reasonable preventive and remedial measures for such purposes as shall be prescribed by the health officer.

*(Ord. 397 §3, 1964)*

