



# CITY OF ARCHDALE

## CITY COUNCIL

**MEETING DATE:** August 22, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Code of Ordinances Text Amendment (Chapter 9).

**RECOMMENDATIONS OR COMMENTS:** Currently, City of Archdale residents can dispose of yard waste by placing it in clear plastic bags for curbside collection. For years this service has provided a convenient way to handle yard trimmings and organic debris, which is outlawed from landfills. However, the facility where these wastes are disposed of has suddenly discontinued accepting plastic bags and suitable alternatives have not been found. Therefore, as of August 31, 2023, the curbside collection of bagged yard waste will be suspended.

City staff continue to evaluate options for the possibility collecting yard waste in the future. In the meantime, minor changes to Chapter 9 of the City Code of Ordinances are recommended to better reflect this change in policy. The proposed changes allow for flexibility should new methods of yard waste disposal be explored in the future.

Staff recommends approval of the Code of Ordinances Text Amendment.

**SUMMARY OF ATTACHED INFORMATION:** Proposed Text Amendment language.

**ATTACHMENTS:**             YES     NO

*Current Code of Ordinances Text*

Article VII

BAGGED YARD WASTE AND LOOSE LEAF PICK UP

Sec. 9-52. Guidelines Established

- (a) The city may provide bagged yard waste and loose leaf pick up as staffing and budgets allow. Bagged yard waste will typically be picked up year-round, while loose leaves will only be collected seasonally, typically from late fall till spring.
- (b) The following guidelines and regulations shall be used to ensure proper and professional bagged yard waste and loose leaf pick up services:
  - (1) Bagged yard waste must be in white or clear plastic bags and shall be placed at the curb or road edge.
  - (2) Bagged yard waste shall be placed away from loose leaves, brush, and/or limbs as they are processed separately.
  - (3) Loose leaves shall be placed away from loose brush and/or limbs as they are processed separately.
  - (4) Loose leaves shall be placed no further than 5' from the curb or road edge so that collection equipment can reach them.
  - (5) Bagged yard waste and loose leaves shall not be placed under trees, below power lines, or near mailboxes, vehicles, utility boxes, etc.
  - (6) Bagged yard waste and loose leaves shall not block sidewalks, drainage areas, or known utility easements.

*Proposed Code Of Ordinances Text Amendment*

Article VII

LOOSE LEAF AND BAGGED YARD WASTE PICK UP

Sec. 9-52. Guidelines Established

- (a) The city may provide loose leaf and/or bagged yard waste pick up as staffing, equipment, and budgets allow. Loose leaves will be collected seasonally, typically from late fall till spring. When provided, bagged yard waste will be collected year-round as staffing, equipment, and budgets allow.
- (b) The following guidelines and regulations shall be used to ensure proper and professional loose leaf and bagged yard waste pick up services:
  - (1) Loose leaves shall be placed away from other loose brush and/or limbs as they are processed separately.
  - (2) Loose leaves shall be placed no further than 5' from the curb or road edge so that collection equipment can reach them.
  - (3) Loose leaves and bagged yard waste shall not be placed under trees, below power lines, or near mailboxes, vehicles, utility boxes, etc.
  - (4) Loose leaves and bagged yard waste shall not block sidewalks, drainage areas, or known utility easements.