

CITY OF FORSYTH

**INFORMATION
PACKAGE**

OPEN HOURS:

CITY HALL	MONDAY-FRIDAY	7:30 A.M. TO 4:00
BUILDING INSPECTOR AND FIRE CHIEF		8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

PHONE NUMBERS NON EMERGENCY

CITY HALL 546-4763

CITY SHOP 546-4188

TREATMENT PLANT 546-3555

FIRE DEPARTMENT 546-3074

SHADOWROCK PARK 546-2876

POLICE DEPARTMENT 546-3731

EMERGENCY 911

OTHER HELPFUL NUMBERS

CENTURYTEL – PHONE 1-800-201-4099

EMPIRE ELECTRIC 1-800-206-2300

WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC 335-9335

LICENSE BUREAU 546-3085

FORSYTH SCHOOL 546-6381

CABLE – MEDIACOM 1-800-234-2157

TAX COLLECTOR 546-7216

Trash pickup is on Thursdays and a bin is provided to every customer. Curbside recycling is available. Call Forsyth City Hall 546-4763 for more information and to begin service.

WATER AND SEWER CHARGES:

Forsyth's annual water quality report is available at City Hall. The water rate for water service to customers of the waterworks system of the City of Forsyth, Missouri, shall be as follows:

\$12.25 for the first 1,000 gallons

\$3.75 for each additional 1,000 gallons over the first 1,000 gallons

A rate of \$25.00 to have water disconnected and then turned back on.

A rate of \$50.00 reconnect fee if water is turned off due to the non-payment of a water bill, plus the amount on the bill before service will be restored.

Sewer for residential usage is charged by totaling the water used for the three (3) winter months (January, February, and March), then dividing by three (3) to determine the average monthly usage.

The base sewer rate is \$13.00, with \$3.75 per 1,000 gallons of average monthly usage for the next twelve (12) months.

New customers are charged a minimum rate for the first three (3) months of service, then an average is calculated for those three months and the sewer rate is applied to that average. Sewer rates are refigured each year.

Commercial users are charged on the actual amount of water used each month.

OTHER REGULATIONS

Building Permits are required for construction projects within the city limits of Forsyth. Fees and inspections are required. Application forms are available at City Hall.

Residents may have two (2) yard sales in any twelve (12) month period and must obtain a **Yard Sale Permit** at City Hall. There's no charge for the permit.

Homes are required to have **911 addresses** posted on the house and/or next to the street for emergency located. 911 addresses are available through Taney County 911 office at 546-7255.

Animals kept within the city limits are required to be restrained or confined upon the premises occupied by the owner or keeper. Animals must be leashed and under the control of the owner/keeper when walking. No more than two (2) dogs or cats over the age of six (6) months are permitted. All animals kept within the city limits must be vaccinated and owner/keeper must be able to display proof of vaccination from a veterinarian.

Dog tags are required for all dogs in the city limits and are available at City Hall for \$2 per dog per year. Proof of vaccination is required.

Horses/rabbits/fowl/pigs are not allowed to be housed in the city limits.

For more information, contact Forsyth City Hall at 546-4763.

Outdoor Weather Warning System:

The City of Forsyth has three (3) outdoor weather warning sirens located within the city limits. They are located in Skyline Hills, the downtown area, and at the north city limits. These sirens are designed to alert residents and visitors who are participating in outdoor activities off the approach of dangerous storms. If you are inside your residence, with the television on, you may not hear the sirens unless you reside in close proximity of a siren.

It is the policy of the City to activate these sirens when Taney County and/or Forsyth is placed under a Severe Thunderstorm Warning and/or Tornado Warning. These sirens will be activated immediately upon notification of a Severe Thunderstorm and/or Tornado Warning threatening Taney County and/or Forsyth, issued by the National Weather Service, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Forsyth Weather Spotters, and/or competent Fire or Law Enforcement Personnel.

It is not the intent of the City to overly alarm its citizens but to give them advanced warning of these storms. The City must also take into consideration notification of approaching weather for campers and fishermen who use the City facilities. The National Weather Service has recommended that the sirens be activated for Severe Thunderstorm Warnings as these storms usually contain straight-line winds in excess of 50 miles per hour and hail. In this area, more damage occurs from these winds and over a larger area than from tornadoes.

Upon the issuance of a Severe Thunderstorm and/or Tornado Warning, the outdoor weather sirens will be activated in the 'Wail' mode. The sirens will sound for a full three (3) minute cycle, at which time they should automatically cycle down.

Upon the sighting of a 'Funnel Cloud' by trained weather spotters, fire, or law enforcement personnel, the report of damage in surrounding communities, or when Doppler radar depicts cloud rotation or other tornadic activity approaching the City, the outdoor weather warning sirens will be activated in the 'Steady' mode. The sirens will sound for a full three (3) minutes, at which time they should automatically cycle down. If the threat still persists, the sirens will be reactivated.

Upon hearing the sirens, residents and visitors should tune into a local radio or television station for storm information. If you are a Mediacom customer, tune into Channel 38 (The Weather Channel). **Please do not call 9-1-1 or City Hall, as you will only tie up necessary phone lines.**

The City of Forsyth outdoor weather warning system will be tested monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, at 10:00 am unless severe weather threatens. If the test cannot be conducted as scheduled, it will be rescheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Remember, if you hear the siren, except for test days, go inside and tune to local radio or television or The Weather Channel. **Please do not call 9-1-1.**

BILL NO. 445

ORDINANCE NO. 445

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 700.080 AND 700.090 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF FORSYTH, MISSOURI, AMENDING LATE FEES AND NOTICES.

WHEREAS, Section 700.080 of the Municipal Code of the City of Forsyth, Missouri, provides and establishes rules for billing of water services; and

WHEREAS, Section 700.090 of the Municipal Code of the City of Forsyth, Missouri, provides and establishes rules for discontinuing water services; and

WHEREAS, at this time, there is now a need to increase fees to meet increased cost of living since 1993 when ordinance was established; and

WHEREAS, members of the Board of Alderman have a desire to provide improved level of customer service to its water customers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF FORSYTH, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

That Section 700.080 of the Municipal Code of the City of Forsyth, Missouri, is hereby amended as follows:

Replace Section A to read:

A. Bills will be rendered for service by the first (1st) day of the month following the close of the period for which the service was rendered as set forth in the rate schedule. Service bills not paid by the twentieth (20th) will be subject to a ten percent (10%) late charge. Failure of the Owner to submit a service bill shall not excuse the water user from his/her obligation to pay for the water used when the bill is submitted. Failure to pay a bill by the last day of the month following the close of the period for which service was rendered shall result in the disconnection of the service and such disconnection shall be made after a reasonable attempt to notify the water user verbally the working day prior to the disconnect. Any damage resulting to the water user or any property of the water user or the landowner of the property occupied by the water user shall not be the responsibility of the Owner, its agents or employees. The Owner, its agents and employees shall not be liable to the water user or the landowner of any property used, held, occupied, rented, or leased by the water user for any such damage when disconnection is made according to these Rules and Regulations, and it shall be immaterial that no notice of such disconnection was given to the water user or to said property Owner.

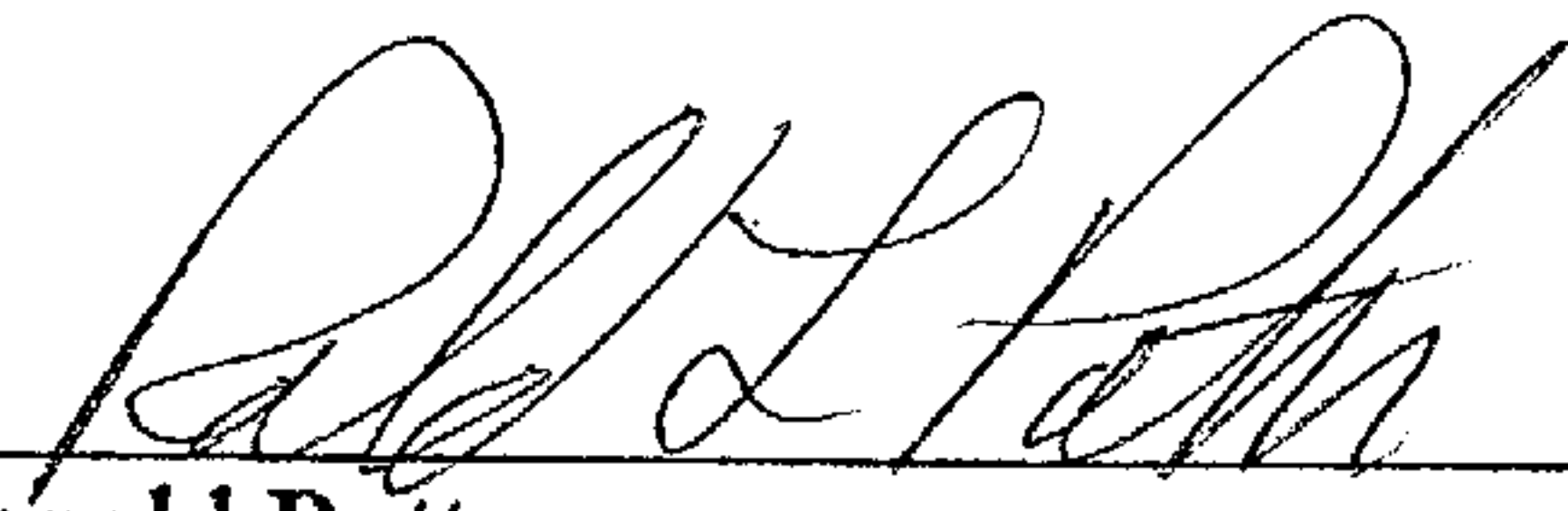
That Section 700.090 of the Municipal Code of the City of Forsyth, Missouri, is hereby amended as follows:

Add Subsection G reading:

A reasonable attempt to contact customer verbally will be made on the day prior to discontinuance of water services for non-payment.

Read this first time on this 21 day of Nov., 2011.

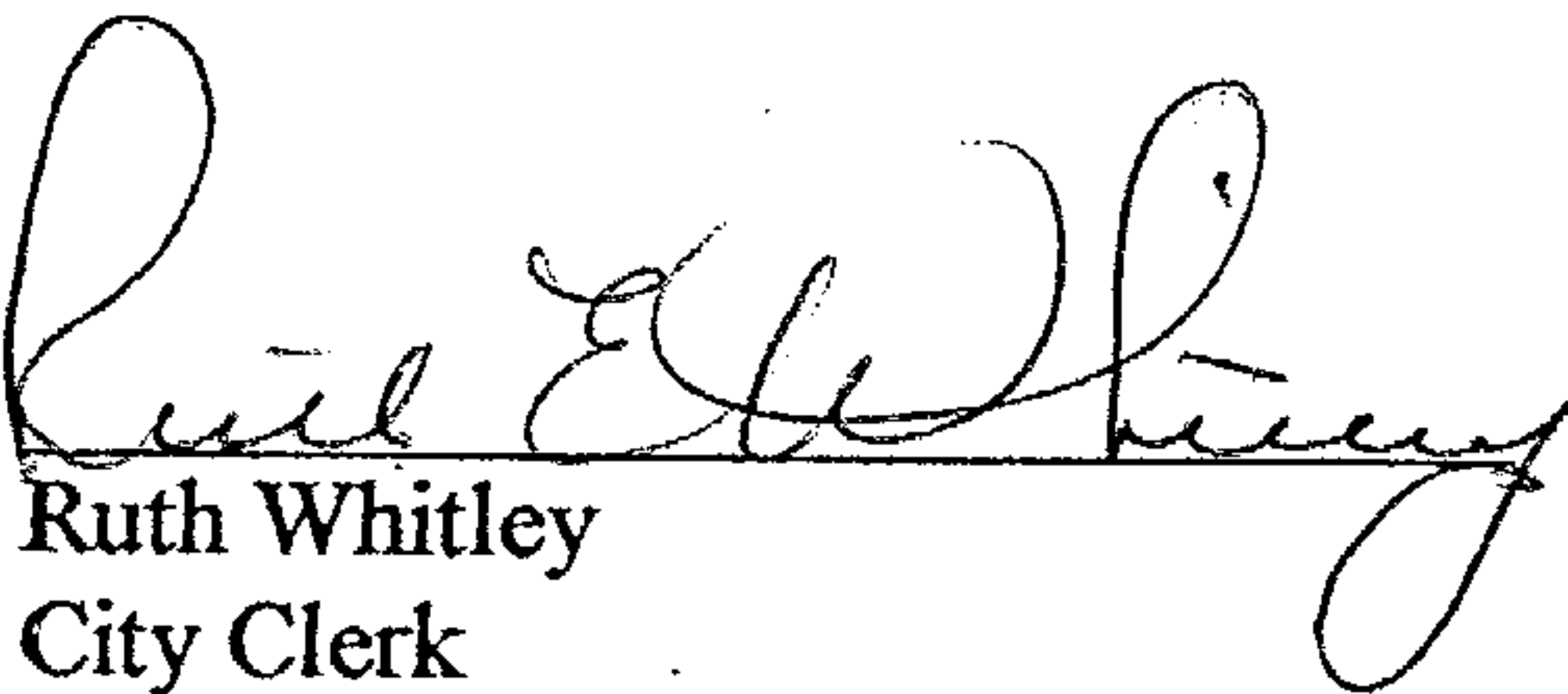
Read this second time, passed, and truly agreed to by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Forsyth, Missouri, on this 5 day of Dec., 2011.




Ronald Potter
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Ruth Whitley
City Clerk



William McCullah
City Attorney

THE CITY OF FORSYTH
TANEY COUNTY, MISSOURI

BILL NUMBER 299

ORDINANCE NUMBER 299

AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NUMBER 144, AN ORDINANCE DECLARING WEEDS, TRASH, AND JUNK KEPT, MAINTAINED OR DEPOSITED ON PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS TO BE A NUISANCE AND PROVIDING FOR THE PREVENTION AND ABATEMENT THEREOF.

OBSTRUCTION TO WATERCOURSES

SECTION I: Whoever shall place or cause to be placed, any obstruction across any watercourse or ravine so as to cause stagnant water therein, or permit any water, pools or ponds to exist, or shall place or permit to exist any obnoxious or offensive matter of any kind or description, as to make such premises stinking or uncomfortable to passers-by, or persons of the neighborhood, on premises owned by him or under his control, occupied or vacant property, or in any street or alley adjacent to his premises, as to be offensive to passers-by, shall be considered a nuisance, and any person or persons violating any provision of this Section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and every day the nuisance shall remain after conviction, and before removal shall constitute a separate offense.

GRASS AND WEEDS TO BE TRIMMED

SECTION II: It shall be the duty of the owner or person having control of any property within the City, either occupied or vacant, to cut and keep the grass and weeds well trimmed upon such premises and parkway, and any person violating the provisions of this Section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and every day such condition is permitted to remain after conviction shall constitute a separate offense; provided however, in the event the owner of said premises cannot be found within the City limits, the Chief of Police shall cause the same to be cut and the costs thereof shall be added to the taxes due annually on said premises, and the same shall constitute a lien until paid.

NUISANCE DEFINED

SECTION III: In order to promote the health and safety of the citizens of the City of Forsyth and its visitors, it is hereby declared that any act done or committed or suffered to be done or committed by any person, or any substance kept, maintained, placed or found in or upon any public or private place within the City which is injurious or dangerous to the public health is hereby declared a nuisance. All pursuits followed or acts done within the City by any person to the injury, annoyance, inconvenience or damage or that may directly affect the health of the general public or to any person is hereby declared a nuisance.

DAMAGED, IMMOBILE OR UNLICENSED MOTOR VEHICLES

SECTION IV: All motor vehicles, machinery, or motorized equipment of any type, or parts thereof, which are not in operating condition or not currently licensed which are left or permitted to remain upon any property accessible to or visible to the general public is hereby declared a nuisance. Any such vehicle, machinery or equipment which is left or permitted to remain on property which is being used as an automobile or machinery service or repair business shall be deemed a nuisance if allowed to remain in an area which is accessible by or visible to the general public for a period in excess of thirty (30) days. Any vehicle, machinery or equipment which is left or permitted to remain in an area which constitutes a danger to children, or where weeds, grass or other vegetation is allowed to grow in or around such vehicle, or where such vehicle, or portion or part thereof, may create a fire hazard or breeding place for mosquitoes, flies, rodents, rats or other vermin, shall be deemed a nuisance immediately upon the existence of one (1) or more of the above-mentioned conditions.

OBSTRUCTIONS AND FILTH ON PUBLIC WAYS

SECTION V: All obstructions caused or permitted on any street, sidewalk or public or private alley to the danger, annoyance or inconvenience of the public, and all stones, dirt, filth, vegetable matter or other articles thrown or placed by any person on or in any street, alley, sidewalk or other public place which in any way may cause or is liable to cause an injury, inconvenience or annoyance to the public within the City is hereby declared a nuisance.

OFFENSIVE SUBSTANCES THROWN ONTO PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY

SECTION VI: Any animal, vegetable matter or other substance whatever which is or may become putrid, offensive or unhealthy thrown into or upon any public or private property within the City is hereby declared a nuisance. Any filth, garbage, foul or unclean water from any kitchen, house, tenement or other place, within the City, conducted, cast, thrown or allowed to escape into or upon any public or private property is hereby declared a nuisance.

UNSAFE SIDEWALKS, GUTTERS AND CURBSTONES

SECTION VII: All sidewalks, gutters or curbstones, within the City, permitted to remain in any unsafe condition or out of repair by any person required by ordinance to keep the same in good condition and repair are hereby declared a nuisance.

STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES

SECTION VIII: Any house, building or tank within the City used for storage of powder, dynamite, nitroglycerin or other substances detrimental to the public health, or where endangering quantities of such explosives are kept exposed or insecure for the purpose of display or in any manner so as to endanger human life is hereby declared a nuisance.

BARBED WIRE FENCES

SECTION IX: No person shall, without first obtaining special permission from the Board of Aldermen, build or place or cause to be built or placed any fence composed in whole or in part of barbed wire or electric fence anywhere within the City limits. And, any such fence which may be built without such permission, or which having been built by such permission shall not be removed at the expiration of ten (10) days after notice requiring the removal thereof has been served by order of the Board upon the owner, agent or tenant of the premises upon which such fence is situated is hereby declared to be a nuisance.

STAGNANT, FOUL WATER AND LIQUID

SECTION X: Any pond or pool of stagnant water within the City and all foul or dirty water or other liquid when discharged through any drainpipe or spout, or thrown into or upon any street, alley, thoroughfare or lot within the City to the injury or annoyance of the public is hereby declared a nuisance.

FOUL CELLARS, VAULTS, ETC.

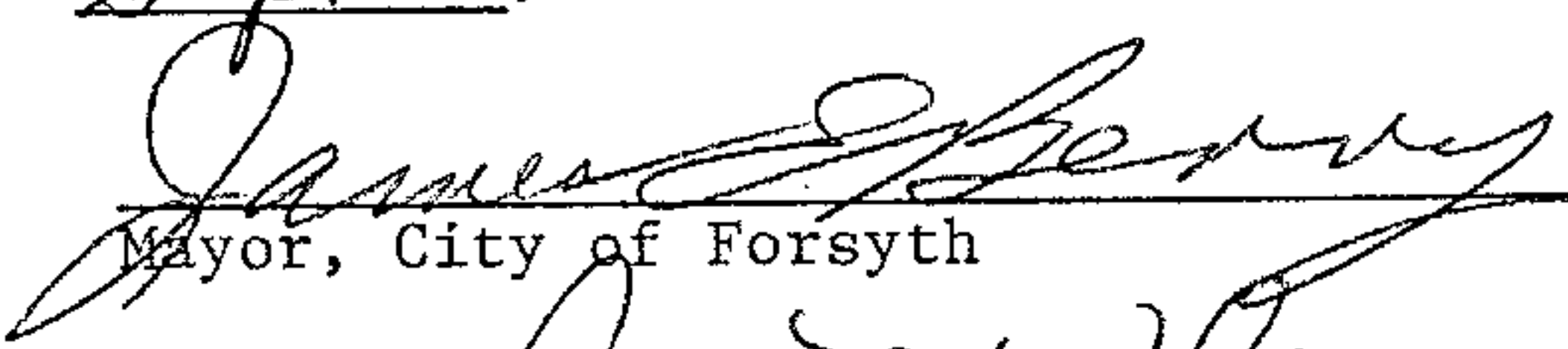
SECTION XI: Any cellar, vault, private drain, pool, sewer or sink which is nauseous, foul, offensive or injurious to the public health is hereby declared a nuisance.

PENALTY

SECTION XII: Any person who violates any sections shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00); provided however, the Court may at the discretion of the Court grant leave upon application of the defendant to correct the defects and upon the defendant correcting the defects or the nuisance, as the case may be, then the Court, before sentencing, consider the same in dispensing with the Court's sentence.

SECTION XIII: This amended ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Board of Aldermen.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Forsyth, Missouri, on this 8 day of Sept, 1998.


Mayor, City of Forsyth

SEAL

Attest: 
City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance Number _____, as same appears in the official records of the City of Forsyth, County of Taney, State of Missouri.



RECYCLING GUIDE

SAVE AND POST!

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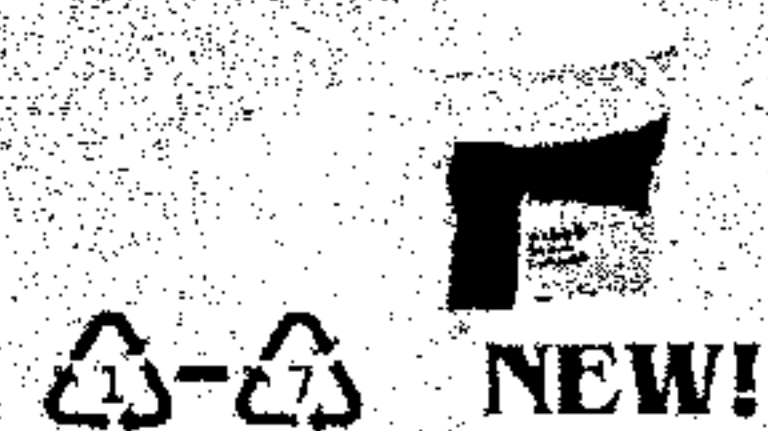
Opened mail & greeting cards



Paper egg cartons



Paperboard boxes



#1-7 plastic tubs & screw-top jars



#1-7 plastic bottles & jugs



NEW! Paper & hard-back books



File folders



Shredded Paper



Paper milk/ juice cartons
(NO FOIL POUCHES, DO NOT FLATTEN)



Cans
(DO NOT CRUSH OR FLATTEN)

NO

- Plastic bags
- Plastic lids & caps
- Scrap metal
- Tyvek® envelopes
- Plastic 6-pack holders
- Needles or syringes
- Paper ream wrappers
- Plastic microwave trays
- Frozen food, ice cream or frozen juice containers
- Mirrors, ceramics or Pyrex®
- Light bulbs, plates or vases
- Drinking glasses, window glass
- Hazardous or bio-hazardous waste
- Plastics other than those listed
- Tissues, paper towels, napkins
- Waxed paper or waxed cardboard
- Kraft® (orange/brown) envelopes
- Styrofoam® or paper to-go containers



Pizza Boxes



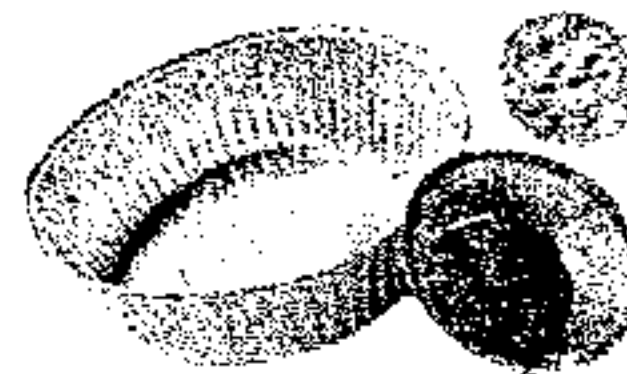
Magazines, brochures & catalogs



White or pastel office paper



Newspapers & inserts
(NO BAGS)



Clean, balled aluminum foil (2' OR LARGER) and pie pans



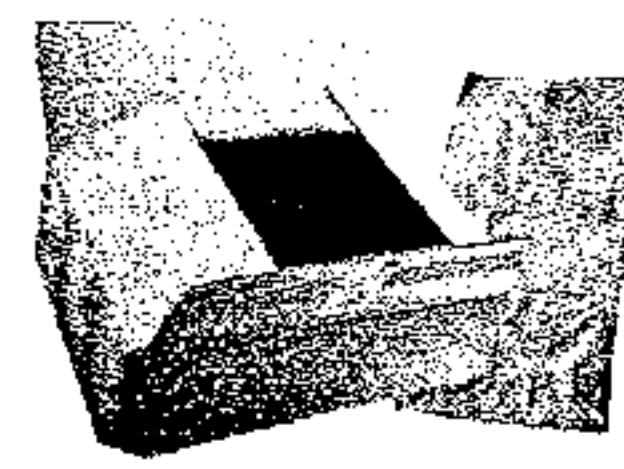
Empty aerosol cans
(NO CAPS)



Phone Books



Loose metal jar lids & steel bottle caps



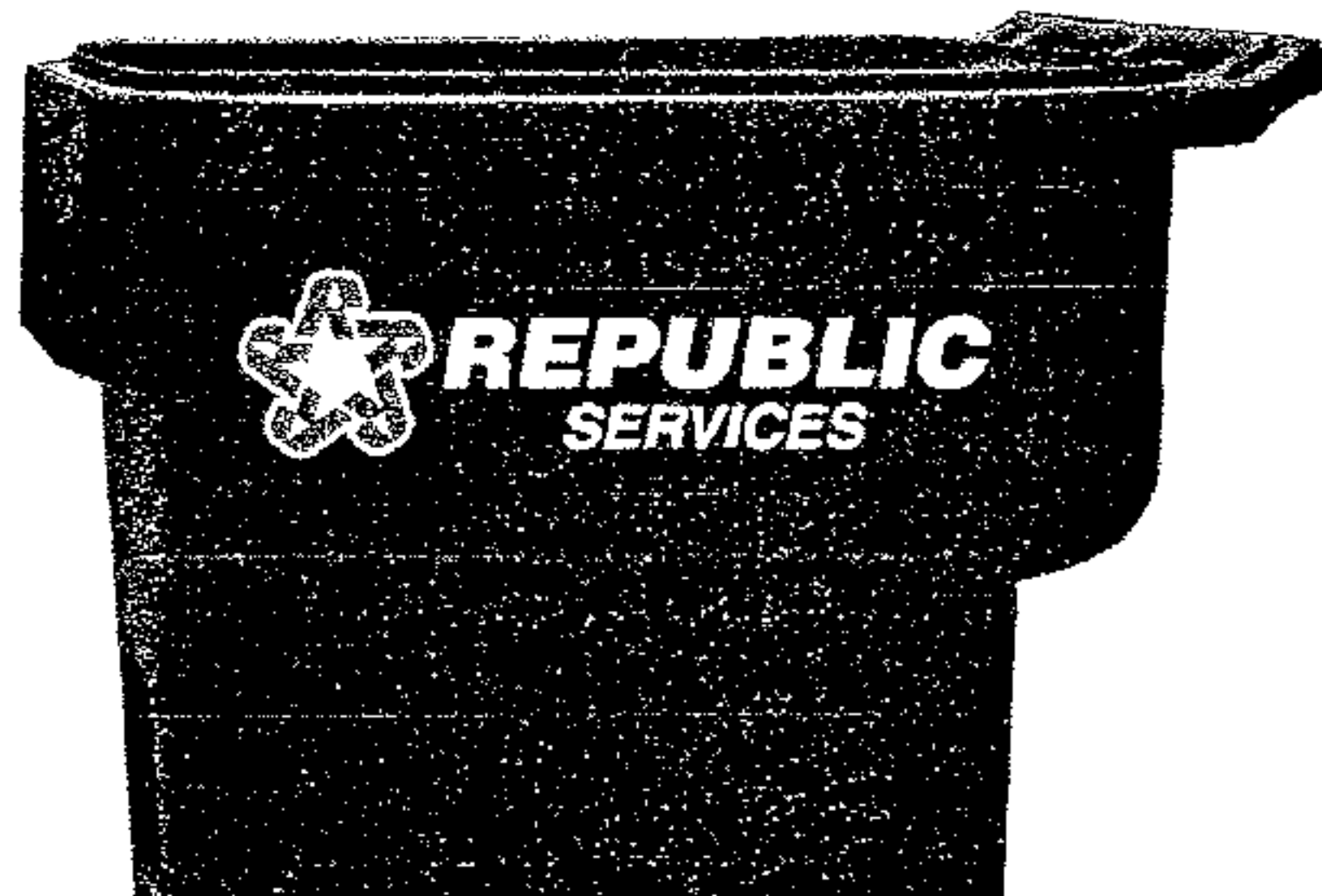
Corrugated cardboard & paper bags

NO NEED TO REMOVE: paper clips, stamps, address labels, staples, tape, wire, metal fasteners, rubber bands, spiral bindings, plastic tabs.

PLEASE FLATTEN ALL CARDBOARD BOXES. EMPTY AND RINSE ALL CONTAINERS. DO NOT FLATTEN CONTAINERS.

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES CAREFULLY.

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