

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 11-0687  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Cole, Middleton, Curran, Branch, Kraft, D'Adamo, Holton, Stokes, Spector, Welch, Reisinger, President Young, Councilmembers Henry, Conaway, Clarke

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Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Public Works, Health Department, Department of Housing and Community Development, Environmental Control Board

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Yard Waste – Bagging**

3 FOR the purpose of limiting the use of bags for yard waste to certain situations; and generally  
4 relating to storage receptacles for exterior sanitary maintenance.

5 BY repealing and reordaining

6 Article - Building, Fire, and Related Codes  
7 Section(s) 7-101 (PMC § 306.6)  
8 Baltimore City Revised Code  
9 (Edition 2000)

10 BY repealing and reordaining

11 Article - Sanitation  
12 Section(s) 2-3(c)  
13 Baltimore City Code  
14 (Edition 2000)

15 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
16 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

17 **Baltimore City Revised Code**

18 **Article – Building, Fire, and Related Codes**

19 **Part VII. International Property Maintenance Code**

20 **§ 7-101. City adoption.**

21 (a) *In general.*

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 The International Property Maintenance Code (2009 Edition) is adopted as part of the  
2 Building, Fire, and Related Codes of Baltimore City, subject to the additions, deletions,  
3 amendments, and other modifications contained in this Part VII.

4 (b) *Codification.*

5 Unless otherwise specified, chapter and section numbers in this Part VII refer to the  
6 chapter and section numbers of the International Property Maintenance Code.

7 **§ 7-102. City modifications.**

8 The additions, deletions, amendments, and other modifications adopted by the City are as  
9 follows:

10 **Section 306 Exterior Sanitary Maintenance – Trash, Garbage, and Debris**

11 **306.6 Storage receptacles – Specifications and maintenance.**

12 **306.6.1 Specifications.**

13 **306.6.1.1 General.** Each storage receptacle must:

- 14 1. be made of metal or some other durable material approved by the Code  
15 Official,  
16 2. be watertight, with tight-fitting covers and handles, and  
17 3. have a capacity of not more than 32 gallons.  
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19 **306.6.1.2. Exceptions.**

- 20 1. Receptacles used for recycling need not have covers.  
21 2. Yard waste may be BUNDLED OR bagged [or bundled]. IF BAGGED,  
22 HOWEVER, CLEAR PLASTIC BAGS MUST BE USED OR THE BAGS MUST BE  
23 MARKED CLEARLY AS “YARD WASTE”.

24 **306.6.2. Maintenance.** Each storage receptacle must be:

- 25 1. maintained in good repair, and  
26 2. kept tightly closed to prevent blight, nuisance, pest infestation, and  
27 dispersal of trash, garbage, or debris.

28 **Baltimore City Code**

29 **Article 23. Sanitation**

30 **Subtitle 2. Mixed Refuse Handling and Collection**

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1    **§ 2-3. Collections.**

2           (c) *Quantity limits – General.*

3           For each designated collection day, the amount to be collected from each place is:

4           (1) for mixed refuse, limited to 96 gallons; and

5           (2) for recyclable materials and yard waste[,] if bundled or contained separately from  
6           mixed refuse, OR FOR YARD WASTE IF BAGGED AS SPECIFIED IN PROPERTY  
7           MAINTENANCE CODE § 306.6.1.2, unlimited.

8           **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance  
9           are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior  
10          Ordinance.

11          **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
12          after the date it is enacted.