

ORIGINAL ORDINANCE NO.: 2065
ENROLLED ORDINANCE NO.: 1829

INTRODUCED BY: O'DOHERTY

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 15.14.050 OF LARAMIE MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE PURPOSES OF IMPROVING TRASH ENCLOSURE STANDARDS

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2007, the City Council adopted the Laramie Comprehensive Plan which lists as one of its recommendations to create a unified development code that would combine the zoning and subdivision ordinances in into a single, unified document consisting of multiple parts or sections, including administrative procedures, zoning, subdivision regulations and improvement standards;

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2009, the Laramie Planning Commission affirmatively voted to recommend to the Laramie City Council adoption of the Unified Development Code subject to modifications;

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2010, the City Council adopted the Unified Development Code with an effective date of July 1, 2010;

WHEREAS, 15.02.050 of the Laramie Municipal Code (LMC) calls for the Unified Development Code to be amended from time to time so as to become or remain consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, and should be regularly reviewed, evaluated and amended, if necessary, based on private and city economic conditions, vision for the community, changing planning and zoning principles, frequent difficulty in implementing or enforcing any specific standard(s), or changes in the state, federal or case law;

WHEREAS, on August 14th, 2023, the Laramie Planning Commission affirmatively voted to recommend to the Laramie City Council adoption of amendments to the Unified Development Code as shown in this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Laramie City Council held a public hearing on September 19th, 2023 to take and consider public comments;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LARAMIE:

Section 1. That LMC 15.14.050.I is **amended** to read as follows:

1. Location

~~All utility fixtures (including heating and air conditioning units), dumpsters, and trash handling facilities shall be located on the same lot as the use served unless shared facilities are approved by the department. A reciprocal written agreement assuring the perpetual joint usage of such common trash handling facilities shall be executed by the parties concerned and approved by the city attorney and the department. The agreement shall be recorded in the office of Albany County clerk and recorder.~~

2. Screening

a. All utility, dumpster, and trash handling facilities—including the occupant’s recycling facilities—shall be completely screened from public view and from the view of any development on any adjoining property.



Figure 15.14.050-9: Dumpster enclosure

b. A wall, solid wood fence, evergreen hedge, berm, or any combination thereof shall be provided to obscure these facilities.

c. Dumpsters shall be located in masonry trash enclosures with gates hung on steel posts embedded in concrete (see Figure 15.14.050-9).

d. When the service side of the particular facility faces any property line without interruption by building or landscaping, a wall or solid wood fence with gates or doors shall be provided. Gates should be designed with a minimum 12-inch clearance at the bottom and a mechanism for holding the gates open during trash collection.

e. The location and design of all trash facilities shall be submitted with the application for site plan approval or building permit, whichever is required first (Ord. 1671 § 21, 2014).

f. All required enclosures shall be a minimum of six feet high.

g. Screens shall not be required for dumpsters in nonresidential developments when located in the service area and screened by the buildings, wing wall or screening wall from public view.

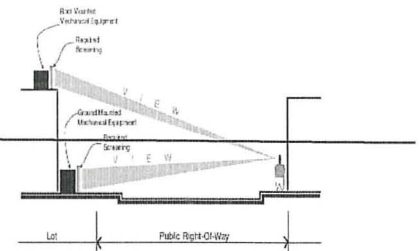


Figure 15.14.050-10: Screening is required

h. Mechanical equipment shall be screened from view from public streets adjacent to the property at eye level (see Figure 15.14.050-10). This includes HVAC systems, other building mechanical apparatus, and satellite/communication dishes.

i. All building projections that remain visible from abutting public streets after the screening required above, including but not limited to chimneys, flues, vents, gutters, and down spouts, shall match one of the predominant colors or trim colors used on the front façade of the building, or shall be constructed of materials such as brick or stone that match one of the predominant colors used on the front façade of the building.

j. All ground-mounted mechanical equipment shall be screened from public view and adjacent properties by adequate plantings, fencing, or masonry walls.

k. Freestanding utility boxes shall be integrated into the landscaping as much as possible and screened from view.

3. Recycling

- ~~a. At the discretion of the department and when recycling is available in Laramie, either through a government entity or commercially, public recycling drop-off sites shall be required for all subdivisions platted with 25 lots or greater (except for exempt single-family developments). Recycling drop-off sites shall be required for all apartment complexes. Drop-off sites are encouraged and shall be permitted as an accessory use in all nonresidential zones.~~
- ~~b. The drop-off site shall be kept free of litter, residue, and debris by the party responsible for the maintenance and management of the drop-off facility.~~
- ~~c. Recycling centers shall be designed to be accessible to the public and shall be located so as to minimize disturbance to adjacent properties. The department shall review all proposed recycling centers and determine what type of screening shall be required.~~
- ~~d. The drop-off site containers shall be durable, waterproof, covered and well maintained. The name and phone number of the party responsible for maintenance shall be posted on the container. Containers on the site shall have uniform colors.~~
- ~~e. The city manager or his/her designee may impose additional conditions if necessary to protect adjacent properties.~~

4. Access

~~All required dumpster, recycling, and trash handling facilities shall be designed with appropriate means of access to a street or alley in a manner that will least interfere with traffic or pedestrian movement, and that will most facilitate the service of the facilities. Access routes shall be approved by the department.~~

5. Utilization

~~Space allocated to any off-street dumpster and trash handling facilities shall not be used to satisfy the space requirements for off-street parking and/or loading facilities, nor shall any parking or loading spaces be used to satisfy the space requirements for any dumpster or trash handling facility.~~

1. Location

All utility fixtures (including heating and air conditioning units), dumpsters, and trash handling facilities shall be located on the same lot as the use served unless shared facilities are approved by the City Manager's Office. A reciprocal written agreement assuring the perpetual joint usage of such common trash handling facilities shall be executed by the parties concerned and approved by the city attorney and the City Manager's Office. The agreement shall be recorded in the office of Albany County clerk and recorder.

2. Screening

a. General Provisions

- i. **All off-street utility, dumpster, recycling, and trash handling facilities - including the occupant's recycling facilities - shall be completely screened from public view and from the view of any adjoining property.**



Figure 15.14.050-9: Dumpster enclosure

b. On-Site Utilities

- i. **A wall, opaque fence, evergreen hedge, berm, or any combination thereof shall be provided to obscure these facilities. Wood materials are only allowed for aesthetic improvements for enclosure facades and shall not be a structural component of the enclosure.**
- ii. **Mechanical equipment shall be screened from view from public streets adjacent to the property at eye level (see Figure 15.14.050-10). This includes HVAC systems, other building mechanical apparatus, and satellite/ communication dishes.**
- iii. **All building projections used for screening that are visible from abutting public streets, including but not limited to chimneys, flues, vents, gutters, parapets, wing-walls and down spouts, shall match one of the predominant colors or trim colors used on the primary façade of the building, or shall be constructed of materials such as brick, stone or other compliant material as determined by the City Manager's office that match one of the predominant colors used on the primary façade of the building.**
- iv. **All ground-mounted mechanical equipment shall be screened from public view and adjacent properties by plantings, fencing, or masonry walls that screen the equipment. All fencing and walls shall match materials being used on site and can be constructed of wood, metal, masonry, or other material or methods as approved by the City Manager's Office.**
- v. **Freestanding utility boxes shall be integrated into the landscaping as much as possible and screened from view.**
- vi. **For on-building mounted utilities such as water meters or gas meters, the meters shall be located on a non-street facing side of the building, or integrated into the building design and fully screened from view.**

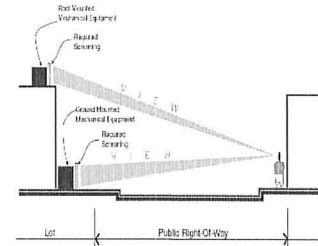


Figure 15.14.050-10: Mechanical Equipment screening is required

c. Trash and Disposal Enclosures

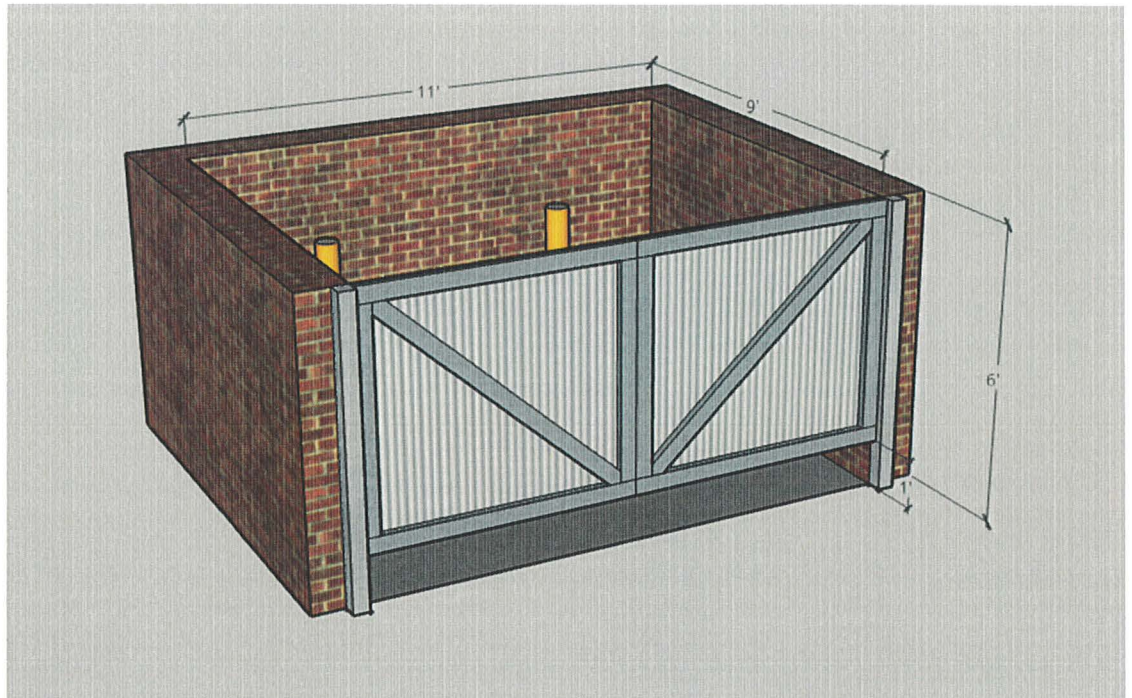


Figure 15.14.050-11: Dumpster enclosure dimensions.

- i. The location and design of all trash facilities and service areas shall be submitted with the application for site plan permit and shall be designed to be serviced by the City of Laramie.
- ii. Dumpsters shall be located in masonry or metal framed trash enclosures with gates hung on steel posts embedded in concrete (see Figure 15.14.050-11).-No trash enclosures shall be constructed only of wood. Wood materials are only allowed for aesthetic improvements for enclosure facades and shall not be a structural component of the enclosure.
- iii. All required enclosures shall be a minimum of eleven (11) feet wide from the hinge, nine (9) feet front-to-back measured from the front of the bollards, and six feet high.
 - a. Enclosure doors whose swinging radius are 120 degrees or less, shall provide an opening of at least thirteen (13) feet in width per single receptacle.
- iv. Receptacles shall be placed on a concrete pad slanting down towards the gate opening at a slope of 1/8 of an inch per foot for drainage purposes.
 - a. Property and access to the trash enclosure shall be graded as to provide service vehicles with a flat approach (access at the same grade as the enclosure) up to at least twelve (12) feet from the front of the enclosure.
- v. All enclosures shall include at least two 6" x 48" steel pipe, concrete filled bollards or other protection mechanism as approved by the Public Works

Department located a minimum of 4 inches from rear wall to prevent interior wall damage as shown in Figure 15.14.050-11.

- vi. All residential developments requiring Site Plan Review shall include a pedestrian entry to the trash enclosure which is a minimum of three (3) feet in width.
- vii. Enclosures shall not be required for dumpsters in nonresidential developments when located in a service area per LMC 15.14.050.H and fully screened by the buildings, wing walls, fencing or screening walls from all adjacent properties and public rights-of-ways.
- viii. Gates shall be designed with a minimum gate width of 11 feet or 13 feet as specified in 15.14.050.A.2.c (ii) (1) and a minimum clearance of 12 inches at the bottom and a mechanism as described below in 15.14.050.I.3 for holding the gates closed, as well as open during trash collection.
 - (a) Gates shall be made of metal or other durable material. Wooden gates shall not be permitted.
 - (b) Gates shall be constructed with Cane bolts and Cane bolt receptacles to hold the gate closed when not in use and open when servicing. The Cane bolt receptacles shall consist of 1-inch pipe sleeve inserted a minimum of 2 inches into the ground. Other mechanisms may be approved by the City Manager's Office.
- ix. Clearance and Turnaround Requirements for Enclosures

All trash and recycling enclosures shall meet clearance and turnaround requirements as established below and shown in Figure 15.14.050-12.

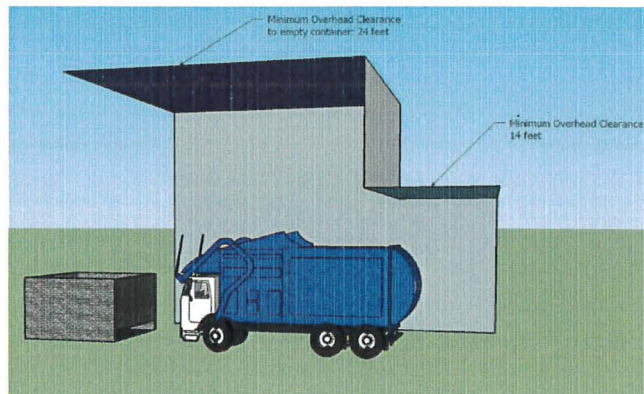


Figure 15.14.050-12: Trash and recycling clearance requirements.

- (a) Overhead clearance for collection truck entry shall be a minimum of 14 feet.
- (b) Overhead clearance for loading shall be a minimum of 24 feet from ground surface to lowest point of overhead obstruction or overhead lines to service or empty the receptacle over the collection truck.
- (c) The minimum required outside turning radius for collection trucks shall be 37.5 feet in order to make a 180-degree turn without stopping.
- (d) The maximum safe backup distance shall be 150 feet unobstructed for a truck to backup instead of turning around.
- (e) Trash and recycling enclosures shall not be located in a manner that will require a collection truck to back onto any street.
- (f) Recycling

1. At the discretion of the City Manager's Office and when drop off recycling is available in Laramie, either through a government entity or commercially, public recycling drop off-sites shall be required for all subdivisions platted with 25 lots or greater (except for exempt single-family developments). One single stream recycling bin per unit shall be required for all residential multi-family developments 6 units or less and, either through a government entity or commercially, recycling drop off sites shall be required for all residential multi-family developments 7 units or more. Drop-off sites are encouraged and shall be permitted as an accessory use in all nonresidential zones. Drop off-site are communal recycling bins to be used by a complex or multiple lots to service the recycling needs of the complex or lots.
2. The drop off site shall be kept free of litter, residue, and debris by the party responsible for the maintenance and management of the drop off facility.
3. Recycling centers shall be designed to be accessible to the public and shall be located so as to minimize disturbance to adjacent properties. The City Manager's Office shall review all proposed recycling centers and determine what type of screening shall be required.
4. The drop off site containers shall be durable, waterproof, covered and well maintained. The name and phone number of the party responsible for maintenance shall be posted on the container. Containers on the site shall have uniform colors.
5. The city manager or his/her designee may impose additional conditions if necessary to protect adjacent properties.

(g) Access

All required dumpster, recycling, and trash handling facilities shall be designed with appropriate means of access to a street or alley in a manner that will least interfere with traffic or pedestrian movement, and that will most facilitate the service of the facilities. Access routes shall be approved by the City Manager's Office.

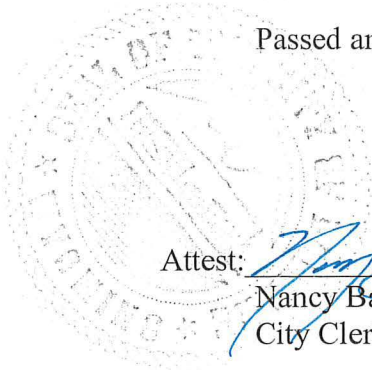
(h) Utilization

1. Space allocated to any off-street dumpster and trash handling facilities shall not be used to satisfy the space requirements for off-street parking and/or loading facilities, nor shall any parking or loading spaces be used to satisfy the space requirements for any dumpster or trash handling facility.


Section 2. That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, graphic, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or deemed unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance; and

Section 3 That this ordinance shall become effective after its passage, approval and its publication.

Passed and approved this 3rd day of October, 2023.



Attest: 
Nancy Bartholomew, CMC
City Clerk


Brian Harrington, Mayor and President of the
City Council

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