RESOLUTION NO. 2020-09

The Borough Council of the Borough of Elizabethville hereby adopts the attached regulations in regard to the placement of dumpsters or other large refuse containers in the Borough of Elizabethville pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Code of the Borough of Elizabethville.

Said regulations are attached. The permit fee for a permanent dumpster or other large refuse container is $\frac{$25.00}{}$.

Adopted as a Resolution of the Borough of Elizabethville on the 13th day of July, 2020.

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BOROUGH OF EXIZABETHVILLE President of Borough Council

REGULATIONS

A. General Considerations for Dumpsters

- 1. Refuse containers are serviced by large, heavy trucks. The trucks must be driven to the location of the container. The person, residential, or commercial customer is responsible for the privately-owned lot and driveway strength. The Borough of Elizabethville is not responsible for damage to pavement resulting from truck or dumpster container weight.
- 2. A residential or commercial customer must contact the Elizabethville Borough when requesting dumpsters due to permitting process and in order to ensure proper billing through the Elizabethville Authority.
- 3. It is the customer's responsibility to remove snow and ice from the approaches and surrounding dumpsters, as well as within enclosures, and from approaches to enclosures.
- 4. It is impossible to plan refuse collection service for a particular site on the assumption that the collection vehicle will arrive when traffic or parking lot loads are light. A customer must allow for safe maneuvering room around and approaching the container and or enclosure.

B. Containers and Dumpsters

- 1. Dumpsters or other containers must sit on a hard surface. A minimum of four inches of bituminous or concrete is required.
- 2. The approach to the container site should provide a bituminous or concrete driveway per Borough specifications.
- 3. The area over the container and for 20 feet in front of the container must be clear of overhead obstructions to a height of 14 feet.
- 4. Gates, if provided, must be devised so that they can be latched in the closed position and so they can be secured in the fully open position while the collection vehicle is entering and leaving the enclosure entrance. Gates will be required if the enclosure is visible from the street.
- 5. All enclosures must have a minimum of two "bumper posts" per container along the inside of the back wall to prevent the container from being pushed into the wall. Operating in hours of darkness or adverse weather further aggravates pickup limitation. The "bumper posts" should be four-inch diameter heavy steel posts set in concrete at least four inches from the back wall. The height of each post should be a minimum of 24 inches.
- 6. Containers that will not be in an enclosure but will be placed near a building wall or fence must be provided with "bumper posts" as described above.

C. Rear-Load Containers

- 1. Rear-load dumpster containers used by the Collector are equipped with four nonlocking swivel casters so they can be moved with relative ease to the hook-up points at the back of the collection vehicle or to and from other points on the customer's property as desired. This freedom of movement imposes certain constraints on the design of container sites, pads, and enclosures. Empty container weights vary from 350 pounds to over 600 pounds. When full, they may weigh more than 1,000 pounds. They must be moved into pick-up position by two crew members.
- 2. Container pads must be level, or nearly so, to facilitate movement by the crew. The collection truck must be on a level or nearly level plane when connecting to the container due to the fixed height of the attachment point. Collection crews will not be able to lift containers to and from curb height, over bumper blocks, or pull them through soft dirt, mud, snow, ice, or gravel. Container pads or enclosure floors must have a hard surface. Four inches of concrete is the minimum for effective, long-lasting service. The pad must be either at the same level as the collection vehicle or a shallow grade ramp from the surface of the pad to the lot or street level must be provided.

D. Enclosure Specifications

A clear working area of 12 inches is needed on all sides of the container. Using the following dimensions will allow for the container plus the working space.

Inside dimensions:

- Width: 14 feet minimum
- Depth: 12 feet minimum
- Height: 7 feet minimum

Enclosure entrance must be kept clear and unobstructed for a minimum width of 12 feet.

Where gates are required on enclosures, a minimum width of 12 feet openings between gate posts is necessary.

Enclosure walls must be protected from impact with the container (see diagram).

- 1. All rear-load dumpster enclosures must be protected from impact with the container by the provision of either:
 - Properly placed bumper blocks around the inside of the enclosure; OR
 - A striker board, or reinforcement boards around the inside of the enclosure, 2" x 8" minimum, centered 49.5" above the enclosure floor.

