

**STATE OF GEORGIA**

**CITY OF WALNUT GROVE**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WALNUT GROVE, GEORGIA, TO REGULATE COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE CONTAINERS AND ENCLOSURES; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the governing authority of the City of Walnut Grove, Georgia is the Mayor and Council thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing authority of the City of Walnut Grove, Georgia desires to amend its code of ordinances for proper maintenance of real property for the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and property owners of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires sound property maintenance for the benefit of the public by providing for a clean and safe environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council expressly find that this Ordinance and the regulations outlined below strike a proper balance between the rights and interest of private property owners and the public;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Walnut Grove, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by authority of the same, as follows:

**SECTION 1** . A new Subsection in Section 12-103 is adopted as follows:

**“Sec. 12-103- Containers”**

“3. Commercial dumpsters must be on a dumpster pad. All dumpsters must be located inside an enclosure either behind a building fenced in area or by fencing around the dumpster pad. Dumpster

enclosures shall be maintained in a structurally sound condition and in good repair. Doors, gates and enclosures shall be kept intact at all times. Rubbish, garbage, trash, or other similar materials must be placed in a dumpster located within an acceptable dumpster enclosure. Dumpster enclosures should only be open when in active use or being emptied, replaced or repaired. Dumpster enclosures shall be locked each night, and a key or combination must be provided to the City's contracted sanitation company. If an enclosure is of a transparent material, the enclosure must be incorporated with a privacy fence screen."

"4. Temporary containers such as roll-off dumpsters, special event disposal receptacles, or temporary dumpsters will not require a pad or enclosure if the container is installed for less than thirty (30) days or if it is a part of a permitted construction site. Temporary containers must be located on the property it is to serve and cannot be placed on public streets or easements without prior approval from the city.

**Section 2.** Except as provided otherwise herein, all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 3.** Pursuant to the Section 3.14 of the City Charter, authority is hereby delegated to the City Clerk to cause this Ordinance to be numbered and codified in the City Code of Walnut Grove, Georgia, in such a way as to place this Ordinance in the Code in an organized and orderly sequence to maximize the organization of the Code. The City Clerk is authorized to designate to the City Attorney or to such other Mayor and Council approved contractors to assist in the effort to codify this provision provided the decision of the City Clerk is final as to the placement of this Ordinance within the City Code of Walnut Grove, Georgia. The goal of this authorization is to codify and number this Ordinance in the Code in such a way as to be clear and orderly.

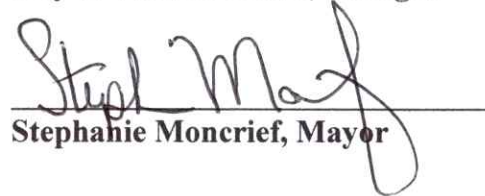
**Section 4.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and

Council of the City of Walnut Grove, Georgia. ~~with a grace period for existing commercial solid waste containers not to exceed four (4) months.~~


**Section 5.** It is hereby declared that if any phrase, sentence, or paragraph hereof shall be found or declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining phrases, sentences and paragraphs hereof shall remain in full force and effect as if enacted without the phrase, sentence, or paragraph declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SO ORDAINED this 14th day of August 2025.

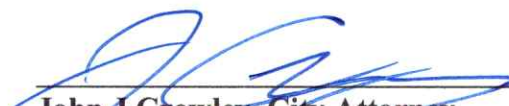
City of Walnut Grove, Georgia

  
Stephanie Moncrief, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Lynn Heard, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
John J. Crowley, City Attorney  
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