



Legislation Text

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Amending Chapter 357 of the Legislative Code to allow composting of fowl fecal waste or fowl litter.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1

Chapter 357 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 357.08. - Residential composting.

Composting by residents on their own property is permitted provided the following regulations are complied with:

(1) Container. Composting shall be conducted within an enclosed container(s) not to exceed a total of one hundred (100) cubic feet in volume for city lots less than ten thousand (10,000) square feet and one hundred fifty (150) cubic feet for lots greater than ten thousand (10,000) square feet, and five (5) feet high. The container(s) shall be of a durable material such as wood, block or sturdy metal fencing material.

(2) Container location. The compost container(s) shall be located at least five (5) feet from lot lines and be placed no closer than twenty (20) feet to any habitable building, other than the resident's own home, nor less than two (2) feet from the alley if an alley exists.

(3) Materials allowed. Only organic yard materials, including grass clippings, leaves, faded flowers, weeds, sawdust, wood ash and plant trimmings, lake plants, straw; fowl fecal waste or litter of fowl, kitchen scraps such as fruit and vegetable peels and trimmings, and other raw, nongreasy food wastes; and commercially available compost materials, may be placed in the compost container(s).

(4) Materials not allowed. None of the following materials shall be placed in the compost container(s): meat, bones, fat, oils, dairy products and other greasy kitchen wastes, whole branches or logs, plastics, synthetic fibers, human or pet wastes or heavily diseased plants.

(5) Odors. Compost shall be properly managed to minimize odor generation and promote effective decomposition of the material.

SECTION 2

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days following its passage, approval and publication.