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ORDINANCE NO. 1275

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS, AMENDING CODE 1999, AND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, ARTICLE XV, SECTION 15-505, ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR ADEQUATE SOLID WASTE CONTAINERS AND RESPONSIBILITY OF OWNERS/OCCUPANTS TO REMEDY TRASH LITTER.

WHEREAS, Container standards pertaining to solid waste were established by Code 1999 at Article XV, Section 15-505, as adopted by the City Council of the City of Columbus, Kansas.

WHEREAS, inadequate solid waste containers can cause nuisances, littering and unsafe health conditions when animals, pests, rodents or weather conditions enter the containers and/or scatter solid waste and garbage in the City.

WHEREAS, owners/occupants shall provide solid waste containers to secure garbage from animals, pests, rodents and weather conditions. Owners/occupants shall be responsible to remedy any trash and littering problems resulting from garbage being disturbed and/or scattered. Solid waste collectors employed by the City or operating under contract with the City are not responsible for picking up loose garbage and litter.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS:

Section 1. That Code 1999, and City Code Section 15-505 shall be amended as follows:

City Code Section 15-505. CONTAINERS

- (a) Residential and business owners/occupants who do not rent dumpsters shall be responsible to provide adequate garbage containers that will secure garbage from animals, pests, rodents and weather conditions. The containers shall be leak proof, fly-tight and animal proof and constructed of galvanized metal or other non-rusting material of substantial construction and have a tight fitting lid. Plastic bags manufactured for garbage and refuse disposal may be substituted for containers. Plastic bags, when used, shall be securely closed. All garbage shall be drained of all liquids before being placed in bags or containers.
- (b) Owners/occupants shall be responsible to pick up and clean up garbage that has been disturbed or scattered, creating loose trash or litter in the City. Solid waste collectors employed by the City or operating under contract with the City are not responsible for picking up loose garbage and litter.

Section 2. All ordinances, resolutions or policies or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed insofar as they conflict herewith.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after passage and publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Governing Body this 3rd day of May,
2010.

Marie Nepple
MARIE NEPPLE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Janice Blaucett
JANICE BLANCETT, CITY CLERK

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