

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 200-22 OF THE CODE OF THE  
TOWN OF BRIDGEVILLE AS IT RELATES TO RUBBISH AND  
NUISANCES WITHIN THE TOWN**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of Bridgeville have all powers granted to municipal corporations and to cities by the Constitution and general law of the State of Delaware, including the implied powers necessary to carry into execution all the powers granted; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners are of the opinion that an amendment to the Code as it relates to Rubbish and Nuisances is necessary for the health, peace, safety and well-being of the residents of Bridgeville.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE  
COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE**, to read as follows:

**Section 1.** Amend Chapter 200-12, "Definitions" of the Code of the Town of Bridgeville, by adding the **underlined and bold text** as follows:

**RUBBISH**

The waste materials commonly referred to as "rubbish and garbage," including garbage from normal household living conditions, including waste, foodstuffs of vegetable or animal origin, paper products, fabrics, plastic and metal containers, bottles, crockery and other similar materials, and combustible and noncombustible waste materials, including the residue from the burning of wood, coal, coke and other combustible material, paper, rags, cartons, boxes, wood excelsior, rubber, leather, tree branches, yard trimmings, tin cans, metals, mineral matter, glass crockery, abandoned or inoperable machinery, bottles, wastepaper, cardboard, sawdust piles, rubbish from building construction or reconstruction, uprooted tree stumps, street refuse and all other waste materials, including any abandoned, unlicensed or inoperable motor vehicle **and any items that create a common and public nuisance.**

## Nuisance

- 1) Nuisance defined: “Nuisance” means anything unwholesome, dangerous, offensive or unhealthy, which constitutes a menace to the health and safety of the public, or any structure which, due to a structural defect or dilapidation, has become dangerous to life or property.  
“Nuisance” includes, but is not limited to:
  - a) Unsanitary disposal of trash, garbage, debris, construction wastes, or compost;
  - b) Unburied dead animals;
  - c) The accumulation of water causing mosquito or other vector breeding or proliferation;
  - d) Rodent or insect infestation;
  - e) The accumulation of bees, fowl, bats, wasps or other venomous pests or animals in such a manner as to create a condition that may be injurious to the public health or safety;
  - f) Hazards, such as open excavations, open wells, pits, trees or parts thereof in danger of falling, discarded appliances, unsecured vacant structures or habitation for bats, wasps or other venomous pests;
  - g) Allowing bird infestation within a dwelling or bird roosts accompanied by droppings in such quantities that create conditions conducive to an unhealthful or disease-causing condition; and
  - h) Maintaining a property in such a manner that it creates conditions conducive to rodent harborage and is an annoyance or potential health hazard to neighbors.
  - i) Any accumulation of materials which, by itself or in conjunction with any other substance or substances, is deleterious to public health, safety, or comfort.

j) Any wrecked, dismantled, or inoperable vehicles as defined in Chapter 220 which, by itself or in conjunction with any other substance or substances, is deleterious to public health, safety, or comfort.

- k) Any common growth of underbrush or other unattended growth in violation of Chapter 90 (other than flowers, ornamental shrubs, and bushes, or trees), trash, debris, litter, or rubbish capable of harboring obnoxious insects of any kind, such as ticks, mosquitoes or flies, or any vermin-carrying rodents or skunks.

- l) Any damaged, discarded, abandoned, or unused appliance, furniture, fixture, equipment, tires, dishes, utensils, glassware, containers, propane tanks, or other similar items of personalty on any private property NOT completely enclosed within a roofed building or on any sidewalk, street or abutting such property.

**Section 2.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by a majority of all Commissioners.

**COMMISSIONERS OF BRIDGEVILLE**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

**Synopsis**

This Ordinance was amended to fully clarify address Rubbish, Debris and Nuisance issues that are becoming more of problem within the Town of Bridgeville so the Town can take the appropriate action when homeowners allow their real property to become a dumping site of all types of materials and personal property.