

City of Bridgeton, NJ  
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## Chapter 265. Property Maintenance

### Article II. Property Maintenance Code

#### § 265-7. Property to be kept free of trash, debris, vehicles and grass overgrowth.

[Added 11-19-2001 by Ord. No. 01-6]

Sections PM-106.2.1, PM-107.2, PM-303.1, PM-303.4, PM-306.1, PM-303.8 of the Property Maintenance Code, as amended, are further amended and revised in the following respects:

- A. All owners and occupiers of property are responsible to maintain their property in a condition free from trash, litter, or debris, including sidewalks, curblines, and rear and side access alleys over which they have use and/or control, including for the full length of the adjoining property line(s) and to the center line of any side or rear alley.<sup>[1]</sup>

[Amended 8-16-2022 by Ord. No. 22-20]

[1] *Editor's Note: See Ch. 203, Littering.*

- B. It shall be unlawful for a property owner or occupier to store trash or debris in a fashion where it is visible to the general public. Nothing herein shall prohibit the storing of trash in cans or bags in an orderly and neat fashion.<sup>[2]</sup>

[2] *Editor's Note: See Ch. 300, Solid Waste, Art. I, Collection of Garbage and Recyclables.*

- C. It shall be unlawful to store unregistered, untagged, inoperable motor vehicles or vehicles in states of disrepair, which includes but is not limited to vehicles with one or more missing or flat tires, one or more broken windows, vehicles missing doors, trunks, hoods, or having body damage of such an extent that a vehicle cannot legally be driven, on property within the City of Bridgeton. This shall not apply to businesses with proper zoning permits/appraisals/variances so long as vehicles are stored in an orderly fashion, providing no attractive nuisance or blighting. Nothing herein shall prohibit the storage or overhaul of a vehicle, provided that such vehicle is maintained in a garage or similarly approved structure.

- D. It shall be unlawful for owners or occupants to store or park any vehicle, regardless of condition, on residential lawns.<sup>[3]</sup>

[3] *Editor's Note: See Ch. 203, § 203-14*

- E. All owners or occupiers of property are responsible to maintain and cut grasses and weeds to a height of 10 inches or less, including along sidewalks, curblines, foundation walls, retaining walls, fence lines, and rear access alleys, including for the full length of the adjoining property line(s) and to the center line of any side or rear alley.

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- F. All owners and occupiers of property are responsible to maintain bushes, shrubs, and hedge lines in a neat and orderly fashion, so as to avoid blighting and any interference with pedestrian or vehicle traffic on sidewalks, roads, rights-of-way and public access areas.

- G. A first violation of this section shall not require a court appearance unless a not-guilty plea is entered. The fine for a first offense absent a court appearance shall be \$50. Subsequent violations

absent a court appearance shall be \$50. Prior notice to abate violations of this section shall not be required prior to issuance of a summons or ticket.

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- H. Subsequent violations can, at the discretion of the enforcing agency or public officer, require a court appearance. Fines for second or subsequent offenses shall punished as provided in Chapter 1, Article III, General Penalty.