

Palm Springs Municipal Code[Up](#)[Previous](#)[Next](#)[Main](#)[Search](#)[Print](#)[No Frames](#)[Title 6 HEALTH AND SANITATION](#)[Chapter 6.04 WASTE DISPOSAL AND DIVERSION](#)**6.04.200 Waste collection service—Mandatory.**

(a) Every person who owns, and every person who occupies, any developed real property within the city, whether at a residential location or otherwise, shall make or cause to be made with the city's authorized agent (when an agreement for waste collection is in force) or with the city (when no such agreement exists) appropriate arrangements for regular waste collection services, and it is unlawful for any such person to fail, refuse or neglect to do so. An occupant of a premises shall be deemed to have complied with this subsection if the owner of the premises occupied has caused to be made such appropriate arrangements for collection of waste upon all portions of the premises occupied by the occupant. An owner shall be deemed to have complied with this subsection if an occupant or occupants has or have caused to be made such appropriate arrangements for collection of all waste upon all portions of the premises.

(b) It is further unlawful, and a public nuisance, for any person to occupy or inhabit any property within the city for which appropriate arrangements have not been made and kept in full force and effect, including payment therefor, for regular waste collection services, in compliance with subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Every person having a duty, pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, to make or cause to be made arrangements for regular waste collection services, shall be liable for payment of the appropriate service fees and charges therefor to the same extent and at the same times, whether such person has or has not made the appropriate arrangements for collection services in compliance with subsection (a) of this section. Whenever the fees or charges for such services have not been paid when due, all of the persons mentioned in subsection (a) shall be jointly and severally liable for payment thereof (together with any applicable penalties and interest) irrespective of which person may have made any existing arrangements for collection services, provided that an occupant of only a portion of a parcel of real property or premises shall be deemed liable only for the fees or charges, or portion thereof, attributable to collection services for waste produced or to be produced or accumulated by the occupant.

(d) Owners of premises which have been unoccupied by any human habitation and upon which no waste has been produced or accumulated (other than yard waste such as clippings, branches, leaves and the like, which has been promptly removed by personnel doing gardening work on the premises), for twelve consecutive months or more, shall be exempted for a period of up to twelve months or until the premises becomes occupied or produces or accumulates waste. Exemptions shall automatically expire each December 31st. Disputes as to whether particular owners are entitled to such exemption shall be resolved in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Section 6.04.232 of this chapter. (Ord. 1429 § 24, 1992; Ord 1004 § 3, 1975; Ord. 969 § 2, 1974; Ord. 936 § 1 (part), 1971; prior code § 5762)