



The City of Decatur's LITTER ORDINANCE:

Chapter 16 – Offenses—Miscellaneous

Section 14 – Accumulation of rubbish constituting health or weed nuisance.

- (a) Litter shall mean all waste material which can be or is subject to being blown from place to place or scattered by the elements, including, but not limited to, paper; cardboard; cartons; boxes; plastics; rags; cloth; fibers and fabrics; leather; polyethylene; and polystyrenes.

Chapter 19 – Solid Waste

Article I – In General

Section 3 – Littering

- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, cast or otherwise deposit or cause to be thrown, cast or otherwise deposited any paper, garbage, rubbish, containers (either glass, metal or paper) or any other substance or any kind in or upon any curb, gutter, street, avenue, highway, tunnel, sidewalk, park, parkway or lot, vacant or occupied.

Chapter 22 – Traffic

Article I – In General

Section 5 – Spilling Loads

It shall be unlawful for any person hauling earth, trash, slag, concrete, gravel or other substance in a wagon or other vehicle along or over any of the streets or other highways of the city to allow such earth, trash, slag, concrete, gravel or other substance to escape from said vehicle and be deposited on any of the streets or highways of the city.

Penalties for Offense:

Chapter 1 – General Provisions

Section 8 – General penalty; continuing violations

Any person violating any of the provisions of this Code (which term when used in this section shall include and refer also to any other bylaw or ordinance of the city), or doing any act prohibited by any provision of this Code, or failing to do any act required of such person by any provision of this Code, or doing any act declared by this Code to be unlawful, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall, unless a different or specific penalty be provided for the specific violation in question, be punished by a fine of not less than one dollar (\$1.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00). In addition thereto, any person so convicted may be imprisoned or sentenced to hard labor for the city for a period not exceeding six (6) months, at the discretion of the municipal judge trying the case. Provided, however, that no penalty shall consist of a fine or sentence of imprisonment exceeding the maximum fine or sentence of imprisonment established under state law for the commission of substantially similar offenses. The penalty imposed on a corporation shall consist of the fine only, plus court costs.

Please be aware of Decatur's Litter Ordinance.

This information will be kept on file for future reference.

