Junk, debris, garbage in public view

Excerpt from City of Fort Atkinson Code of Ordinances

Sec. 86-1. - Accumulation of unsightly debris prohibited.

(a)The accumulation or storage of old automobiles or parts thereof, trucks, tractors, refrigerators, furnaces, washing machines, stoves, machinery or parts thereof, junk, wood, brick, cement block or other unsightly debris shall not be allowed on any lot or parcel of land within the city except as may be allowed by special permit. The building inspector shall be responsible for the enforcement of this section.

(b)If the owner or occupant of private premises fails to comply with an order of the health officer or the building inspector to abate or remove a nuisance therefrom within a reasonable time, the health officer or building inspector may enter such premises and abate or remove such nuisance. Any such owner or occupant failing to comply with such an order shall be subject to section 1-10. The cost of abatement or removal of a nuisance by the health officer or the building inspector may be collected from the owner or occupant or person causing, permitting or maintaining such nuisance, or may be charged against the premises and, upon certificate of the health officer or building inspector, be assessed as a special assessment in the tax roll.

Sec. 86-2. - Placing garbage, refuse in containers required.

No person shall deposit, throw or place any garbage or refuse on or within any public street, alley, park, sidewalk or other public place, or within or upon any private property or premises whether owned, kept or controlled by such person or not, unless the same shall be placed in containers, or disposed of through a mechanical disposal unit connected to the sanitary sewer or an inside incinerator.

Sec. 86-38. - Collection of garbage and refuse.

(g)Residential garbage shall be conveniently placed for collection directly at the curb with the unit facing the street to enable the automatic arm on the garbage truck to utilize the bar on the front of the container. All containers shall be placed for collection on the collection day not earlier than 3:00 p.m. preceding the day of collection. All containers shall be moved from the curb by 6:00 p.m. on the day of collection.

(h)Residential collection of garbage and refuse will be once a week, which would include all garbage and refuse accumulated and properly placed at the curb.

(i)All garbage placed at the curb for collection by residents of the city shall be deemed to remain the property of the residents or property owners until the same shall be picked up by the city or its authorized contractor.