

City of Bridgeton, NJ
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Chapter 203. Littering

Article II. General Littering Regulations

§ 203-5. Littering prohibited; violations and penalties.

[Amended 5-17-2022 by Ord. No. 22-13]

- A. No person shall throw or deposit litter in or upon any street, sidewalk or other public place within this municipality except in public receptacles or in authorized private receptacles for collection.
- B. Violations and penalties.
 - (1) Any person who pleads guilty or is found guilty of a first offense for violating § **203-5** shall be liable to pay a fine of \$500; a first offense shall require an appearance in the Bridgeton Municipal Court.
 - (2) Any person who pleads guilty or is found guilty of a second offense for violating § **203-5** shall be liable to pay a fine of \$1,000; a second offense shall require an appearance in the Bridgeton Municipal Court.
 - (3) Any person who pleads guilty or is found guilty of a third offense for violating § **203-5** shall be liable to pay a fine of \$1,500 and/or be subject to no more than 30 days in the county jail at the discretion of the Municipal Court Judge; a third offense shall require an appearance in the Bridgeton Municipal Court.
 - (4) The provisions of § **203-5** may be enforced by any official of the City of Bridgeton.
 - (5) The fines provided in § **203-5** shall not apply to violations of any other sections of Chapter **203**, Article II.

§ 203-7. Illegal dumping.

It shall be unlawful for any person to discard or dump along any street or road, on or off any right-of-way, any household or commercial solid waste, rubbish, refuse, junk, vehicle parts, rubber tires, appliances, furniture, or private property, except by written consent of the owner of said property, in any place not specifically designated for the purpose of solid waste storage or disposal.

§ 203-8. Maintenance of private property.

No person shall throw or deposit litter on any open, occupied or vacant private property within the city, whether owned by such person or not. The owner or person in control of any private property shall at all times maintain the premises free of litter and maintain authorized receptacles for collection in such a manner that litter will be prevented from being carried or deposited by the elements upon any street, sidewalk or other public place or upon any private property.

§ 203-9. Deposit in gutters prohibited; sidewalks to be litter-free.

No person shall sweep into or deposit in any gutter, street or other public place within this municipality the accumulation of litter from any building or lot or from any public or private sidewalk or driveway. Persons owning or occupying property shall keep the sidewalks in front of their premises free of litter.

§ 203-10. Responsibility of business owners.

No person owning or occupying a place of business shall sweep into or deposit in any gutter, street or other public place within this municipality the accumulation of litter from any building or lot or from any public or private sidewalk or driveway. Persons owning or occupying places of business within this municipality shall keep the sidewalk in front of their business premises free of litter.

§ 203-18. Open or overflowing waste disposal receptacles, clothing donation bins, or dumpsters.

[Amended 8-18-2020 by Ord. No. 20-12]

It shall be unlawful for any commercial property owner to permit open or overflowing waste disposal receptacles, clothing donation bins, or dumpsters on his or her property. Any person who shall violate this provision of this section shall be first issued a written warning for such violation. If such violation is not corrected within the time prescribed in such warning, a summons shall be issued and a fine imposed of \$100 for a first offense, and \$250 for each and every offense thereafter. For the first offense, such amount may be paid without an appearance in court unless the summons indicates that a court appearance is required in the Municipal Court of Bridgeton. A second or subsequent offense shall require an appearance in the Bridgeton Municipal Court. The Court may order remediation or cleanup of the property. The Court may also impose community service of up to 30 days for third or subsequent offenses. In addition, any person, firm, corporation or other entity convicted of a violation of this section shall be liable for paying all expenses incurred by the municipality for the removal of said waste upon failure to do so by the property owner within the time period prescribed by the summons or order of the Court. The provisions of this section may be enforced by any enforcement official of the City of Bridgeton. Each day that a violation exists may be considered as a separate violation of this section with fines imposed accordingly at the discretion of the Municipal Court Judge.