

ORDINANCE NO. 18-015

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 53, ENTITLED “SOLID MUNICIPAL WASTE”,
OF THE CITY ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MONMOUTH, ILLINOIS

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Monmouth, Warren County,
Illinois, as follows:

Section 1:

Chapter 53 of the Monmouth Code of Ordinances, entitled “SOLID MUNICIPAL
WASTE”, is hereby amended, to include the following section, as follows:

COMPOSTING.

§ 53.90 Definitions.

(A) **COMPOSTING.** The biological process by which microorganisms
decompose the organic fraction of waste, producing a humus-like material that may be used as a
soil conditioner.

(B) **COMPOST BIN(S).** A container or containers designed to hold composting
material in such a way as to prevent material from being windblown.

§ 53.91 Prohibition

Composting. It shall be unlawful to allow a compost bin to be maintained on any part of
any premises and parkway immediately adjacent to any premises in violation of the
following standards.

- 1) The minimum size for a compost pile shall be three feet wide by three feet high
by three feet long. The combined size for all compost piles on a property shall
not exceed a maximum of five feet wide by five feet high by ten feet long.
- 2) Only the following organic material shall be allowed in any compost bin: dirt,
sod, landscape waste in which any woody materials and garden wastes have been
reduced in size to one-half inch in diameter and 12 inches long and cooked and
uncooked fruits and vegetables; provided, however, that small amounts of wood
ash or fertilizer may be added to provide nutrients.
- 3) The following materials shall not be allowed in any compost bin, including but
not limited to: construction and demolition debris, metal items, preservative-
treated wood products, petroleum products (gasoline, crankcase oil, paints, or
solvents), pesticides or herbicides (except that which is already conveyed as part
of the organic materials described in division (G) (1) above), fish or animal feces,

fish or animal carcasses, cooked meat scraps, human feces, paper and plastic or cardboard items.

- 4) Compost bins shall be maintained by turning the compost material to permit aeration so as to prevent unpleasant odors and prevent the attraction or harboring of rodents and pests.
- 5) Compost bins shall not be located in any front or side yard, shall be set back at least five feet from any property line, and at least 30 feet from a principal structure on any adjoining lot.
- 6) Compost bins shall not be located on any drainage easement.

Section 2:

In all other respects, Chapter 53 of the Monmouth Code of Ordinances previously enacted shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3:

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten (10) days after this due publication in pamphlet form, passage and approval thereof as provided by law.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, A.D., 2018.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, A.D., 2018.

MAYOR

ATTESTED:

CITY CLERK

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent or not voting: _____