

CITY OF ST. GEORGE

BY COUNCIL MEMBER MURRELL:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-045

**TO PROVIDE FOR LITTER PREVENTION AND ABATEMENT
AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS**

WHEREAS, the St. George City Council is a Lawrason Act municipality authorized under La. R.S. 33:401 to adopt ordinances necessary for the health, safety, and general welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the St. George City Council recognizes the detrimental effects of litter on public health, safety, general welfare of its residents and aesthetics of the City; and

WHEREAS, the St. George City Council desires to create a clean and healthy environment for its citizens and to beautify the City by preventing and abating litter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the St. George City Council, State of Louisiana, that the following ordinance is hereby enacted:

Section 1. Enactment

TITLE 12: NUISANCES

CHAPTER 10: LITTER PREVENTION AND ABATEMENT

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 12.1001. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to:

- (a) Prohibit the unlawful disposal of litter within the City;
- (b) Promote responsible waste management practices;
- (c) Safeguard public health and safety by preventing litter accumulation;
- (d) Enhance the visual appeal of the City;
- (e) Comply with La. R.S. 30:2531, *et seq.*, regarding litter control.

Sec. 12.1003. Definitions

The following definitions shall apply to this Chapter:

- (a) **Aircraft:** Any contrivance used for navigation or flight in the air, including helicopters and balloons.
- (b) **Garbage:** Putrescible animal and vegetable wastes from food handling, preparation,

cooking, and consumption.

- (c) **Litter:** “Garbage,” “refuse,” and “rubbish,” as defined herein, and all other waste material that, if improperly discarded, endangers public health, safety, and welfare. This definition is consistent with La. R.S. 30:2531(2).
- (d) **Park:** Any public area in the City used for active or passive recreation.
- (e) **Private Premises:** Any dwelling, building, or structure designed for private residential purposes, including yards, grounds, walks, driveways, porches, steps, vestibules, and mailboxes.
- (f) **Public Place:** Streets, sidewalks, boulevards, alleys, parks, squares, spaces, grounds, and buildings owned or controlled by the City.
- (g) **Refuse:** All putrescible and non-putrescible solid wastes (except body wastes), including garbage, rubbish, ashes, street cleanings, dead animals, abandoned automobiles, and solid market and industrial wastes.
- (h) **Rubbish:** Non-putrescible solid wastes, both combustible and non-combustible, such as paper, wrapping, cardboard, tin cans, yard clippings, leaves, wood, glass, bedding, crockery, plastic, metal, and similar materials.
- (i) **Vehicle:** Every device used for transporting persons or property on a highway, including devices used exclusively on stationary rails or tracks.

II. PROHIBITED ACTS

Sec. 12.1005. Littering Prohibited

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit, throw, place, or cause to be deposited, thrown, or placed any litter in or upon any public place or private property within the City, except:
 - (1) In designated litter receptacles or containers;
 - (2) In areas designated for solid waste collection; or
 - (3) With the consent of the owner or legal occupant of the private property.
- (b) No person shall sweep, throw, or deposit litter accumulated from private property onto any public place, including streets, sidewalks, or gutters. Property owners and occupants shall comply with their duties, as set forth below, to maintain premises free of litter and to provide adequate litter receptacles.

- (c) No person, while a driver or passenger in a vehicle, shall throw, let fall, cast, dump, leave, or deposit litter upon any street or other public place, or upon private property.
- (d) No person shall operate a vehicle in such a manner that litter is allowed to escape or blow from the vehicle. Loads must be properly secured to prevent the escape of litter.

Sec. 12.1007. Litter/Deposits from Aircrafts Prohibited

No person in an aircraft shall throw out, drop, cast, dump, or deposit within the City any litter, handbill, or other object.

III. DUTIES

Sec. 12.1009. Property Owner Responsibilities

Property owners and occupants shall maintain the premises, including the sidewalks in front of the premises, service alleys, and parking areas, free of litter and maintain adequate litter receptacles.

Sec. 12.1011. Business Responsibilities

Commercial establishments and occupants shall maintain the premises, including the sidewalks in front of the premises, service alleys, and parking areas, free of litter and provide adequate litter receptacles visible to customers.

Sec. 12.1013. Government Responsibilities

The City shall inform citizens of litter abatement activities.

IV. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

Sec. 12.1015. Enforcement Authority

Except as otherwise provided herein, the provisions of this Chapter shall be administered and enforced through administrative procedures and by individuals designated by the Mayor. In the enforcement of this Chapter, such persons charged with administration and enforcement may enter upon private or public property to investigate a nuisance pursuant to this Chapter.

Sec. 12.1017. Penalties

- (a) Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be:
 - (1) subjected to a fine of not more than \$500.00;
 - (2) ordered to pick up litter under the supervision of the City's designee; and/or
 - (3) ordered to perform community service.
- (b) Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(c) In addition to the penalties provided in this section, any person who violates this ordinance shall be responsible for paying the costs of cleanup and disposal of the litter.

Section 2. Severability

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or provision of this Ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or parts thereof, other than the part declared invalid. The remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected by the declaration of invalidity and shall remain in force and effect.

Section 3. Effective Date

This ordinance is effective upon publication.

This Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Edmonds, Himmel, Monachello, Murrell, Talbot

Nays: None

Absent: Cook, Dellucci

Introduced on September 23, 2025 and voted on October 14, 2025.



Lorraine Beaman, City Clerk

Delivered to Mayor on Oct 14, 2025.



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Approved:



Dustin Yates, Mayor

Received from Mayor on October 14, 2025

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