

Council: Trash cans need to be off curb

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Omahans will have to get their trash cans off the curb in time or face a fine.

The Omaha City Council on Tuesday unanimously approved a measure that clears the city to fine people \$100 for leaving trash containers on the curb past the deadline.

Every time people get caught thereafter, they would face a \$500 fine.

The city allows trash containers to be on the curb from 5 p.m. the day before collection day to 10 a.m. the day after the trash gets picked up.

Outside the collection period, trash containers would have to be at least 20 feet from the public right of way.

If trash collection is delayed because of weather or other factors, people would get extra time to move their trash cans.

In that case, the 10 a.m. deadline would extend to 7 p.m. on the day after collection day.

The new enforcement system will be based on citizen complaints. People will be able to appeal any case to the city's Building Board of Review, which will consider waivers for proof of hardship.

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