

**ORDINANCE #69272**  
**Board Bill No. 34**  
**Committee Substitute**  
**As Amended**

An Ordinance relating to yard waste collection containing definitions, regulations, penalty and containing an emergency clause.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION ONE.** Definitions.

Yard Waste. As used in this Ordinance, the term "Yard Waste" means leaves, grass clippings, yard and garden vegetation.

**SECTION TWO.** Regulations.

Yard waste shall not be placed in a city-owned yard waste container by private lawn service businesses unless the yard waste comes from a private residential lot on the block where the city-owned yard waste container is located.

Yard waste collected from commercial properties, churches, schools, or other non-residential properties, shall not be placed in city-owned yard waste containers.

Yard waste shall not be placed, moved or mechanically blown onto public or private streets, walkways, alleys, sidewalks or roadways.

The owners of residential properties who legally use city refuse containers shall also be encouraged to recycle grass clippings and other yard waste by mulching or composting the material in accordance with established regulations and best practices. Any yard waste that can not be disposed of using environmentally friendly methods shall be collected and placed in refuse containers marked "yard waste only" or in other ways defined under Chapter 11 of the St. Louis Revised Code.

**SECTION THREE:** Penalty for Violation.

Any person who violates the provisions in this Ordinance shall be subject to of a fine of a minimum of one hundred dollars (\$100) and up to five hundred dollars (\$500) or imprisonment of a term not to exceed ninety (90) days or both at the discretion of the Court.

**SECTION FOUR:** Emergency Clause.

This being an Ordinance for the preservation of public peace, health, and safety, it is hereby declared to be an emergency measure within the meaning of Sections 19 and 20 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

**Approved: November 8, 2012**