

## ORDINANCE NO. A-283

### AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE UNAUTHORIZED USE OF TRASH RECEPTACLES AND ILLEGAL DUMPING INTO TRASH CONTAINERS WITHIN THE TOWN OF GROVE HILL, ALABAMA

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Grove Hill, Alabama, as follows:

#### SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to protect public and private property, prevent illegal dumping, maintain sanitation, and ensure that trash receptacles provided for residential and commercial use are utilized only by authorized individuals.

#### SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them:

**Trash Receptacle** – Any garbage can, dumpster, roll-off container, waste bin, or similar container intended for the disposal of solid waste and located on public or private property.

**Unauthorized Use** – The act of placing, depositing, dumping, or disposing of any garbage, refuse, litter, or waste into a trash receptacle that is not owned, leased, or authorized for use by the person depositing such materials.

**Owner or Occupant** – Any individual, business, or entity that owns, leases, occupies, or is responsible for a property or the trash receptacle located thereon.

#### SECTION 3. PROHIBITED ACTS

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

1. Deposit, dump, or place garbage, refuse, litter, or other waste into a trash receptacle belonging to or assigned to another person, residence, or business without permission from the owner or authorized user.
2. Dispose of waste generated from another property, residence, or business into a trash receptacle not designated for such waste.
3. Place trash into commercial dumpsters or residential trash containers without authorization.
4. Use another person's trash receptacle in a manner that causes overflow, creates a sanitation concern, or results in additional service costs to the owner or business.

#### SECTION 4. EXCEPTIONS

This Ordinance shall not apply to:

1. Individuals who have obtained permission from the owner or authorized user of the trash receptacle.

2. Municipal employees, sanitation personnel, or contractors performing official duties.
3. Trash receptacles specifically designated by the Town for public use.

#### **SECTION 5. WARNING AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

1. Upon the first observed violation of this Ordinance, the individual shall be issued a **written warning** by a law enforcement officer, code enforcement officer, or other authorized Town official.
2. The warning shall notify the individual that further violations may result in a citation and fine under this Ordinance.
3. If the violator cannot be immediately identified, the Town may document the violation and issue a warning upon identification of the responsible party.

#### **SECTION 6. PENALTIES**

1. Upon a second or subsequent violation of this Ordinance within a twelve (12) month period following a warning, the violator shall be subject to a citation.
2. Any person found in violation shall, upon conviction in Municipal Court, be subject to a fine of not less than \$50.00 and not more than \$500.00, as permitted by Alabama law.
3. Each separate occurrence shall constitute a separate offense.

#### **SECTION 7. ENFORCEMENT**

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Grove Hill Police Department, Code Enforcement Officers, or other personnel authorized by the Town.

#### **SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

#### **SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and publication as required by law.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.**

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**Ross Wood, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Michelle Green, Town Clerk**

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**Councilman Eddie Foster, District 1**

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**Councilwoman Lanessa Pugh, District 2**

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**Councilwoman Phyllis Barnes, District 3**

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**Councilwoman Verria Beckham, District 4**

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**Councilman Jason Anderson, District 5**

### **CERTIFICATION OF TOWN CLERK**

The undersigned, as Town Clerk of the Town of Grove Hill, Alabama, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true, correct and complete copy of **Ordinance No. A-283** which was adopted by the Grove Hill Town Council on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

**WITNESS MY SIGNATURE**, as Town Clerk of the Town of Grove Hill, Alabama, under the seal thereof, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

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Michelle Green  
Town Clerk of the Town of Grove Hill, Alabama

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