

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

ORDINANCE

BILL **57 (2025)**

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO DUMPSTERS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to address dumpsters placed on public roadways and rights-of-way in the City and County of Honolulu.

SECTION 2. Section 42-1.2, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Definitions"), is amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted and to read as follows:

"Dumpster. A metal or plastic waste container with a capacity of at least three cubic yards that is designed or intended to be mechanically dumped into a loader-packer type refuse or waste collection vehicle."

SECTION 3. Chapter 42, Article 1, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("General Provisions"), is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated by the Revisor of Ordinances and to read as follows:

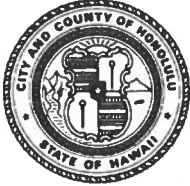
"§ 42-1. Dumpsters equipped with reflectors.

Every dumpster, whether publicly- or privately-owned and placed on a public street or right-of-way for the collection of refuse or waste, must be equipped with two red reflectors on each side, excluding the top and bottom of the dumpster, one at or near the front and one at or near the rear of each side.

SECTION 4. Section 42-1.10, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Prohibited activities"), is amended to read as follows:

"§ 42-1.10 Prohibited activities.

- (a) ~~[No]~~ A person ~~[shall]~~ may not throw, drop, place, dump, or deposit refuse, ~~[to include]~~ including bulky wastes, on a street, roadside, alley, highway, or public place except as provided in this chapter.
- (b) ~~[No]~~ A person ~~[shall]~~ may not operate or use a vehicle in committing a violation of subsection (a).



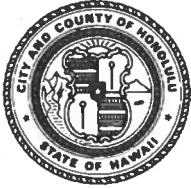
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- (c) A person may not place in a public street or right-of-way a dumpster that is not equipped with reflectors as required by § 42-1. ."

SECTION 5. Ordinance material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New ordinance material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, the Revisor of Ordinances need not include the brackets, the material that has been bracketed and stricken, or the underscoring.



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SECTION 6. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval; provided that the amendments to the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu in SECTIONS 3 and 4 of this ordinance take effect on January 1, 2027.

INTRODUCED BY:

[Signature]

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

AUG 8 2025

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu

Report Title:

Reflectors; Dumpsters; Public Streets; Public Rights-of-Way; Refuse Collection; Waste Collection; Waste Collection Vehicle; Department of Environmental Services ("ENV")

Description:

Requires that dumpsters, whether publicly- or privately-owned, placed on a public street or right-of-way for the collection of refuse or waste be equipped with two red reflectors on each side, excluding the top and bottom of the dumpster, one at or near the front and one at or near the rear of each side. Prohibits the placement in a public street or right-of-way of a dumpster that does not comply with the reflector requirement, a violation of which is punishable by a civil fine not exceeding \$500 for each violation.

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