

703.02 – Letter A.

"Acceptable waste" means that portion of the residential waste stream that is normally disposed of by occupants of residential dwelling units including common household waste, yard waste, recyclables, white goods and bulk refuse.

"Acceptable waste container" is used to describe those containers that may be used for acceptable waste disposal. Plastic bags are not acceptable waste containers.

"Accessory structure" means a building or structure the use of which is incidental to that of the main building or structure and which is located on the same lot.

"Agriculture" means the practice of growing crops and raising livestock to provide food and other goods.

"Alley" means street or highway intended to provide access to the rear or side of lots or buildings in the city and not intended for the purpose of through vehicle traffic and includes any street or highway that has been declared an "alley" by council.

"Approved" means approval by the director under the regulations of this code as applied to a material, device or method of construction or approval by other authorities designated by law, ordinance, or this code to give approval to the matter in question.

703.09. Letter H.

"Habitable room" means enclosed floor space used or intended to be used for living, sleeping, cooking or eating purposes excluding bathrooms, water closets, laundries, pantries, foyers or communicating corridors, closets and storage spaces.

"Health commissioner" as authorized by the board of health means the designated health authority of the city of Columbus or an authorized representative.

"Health department" means the health department of the City of Columbus, Ohio.

"Health hazard" means that state or condition of the environment, which places, either directly or indirectly, the health or safety of a person in danger or peril.

"Horticulture" means the science and art of growing plants, particularly for food, medicine, and decoration.

"Housing appeals board" means the property maintenance appeals board.

703.15 – Letter N.

~~No requirements.~~

"Native Plant Pollinator Garden" means a carefully designed and maintained area featuring plants native to the state that support pollinators like bees, butterflies, and other insects.

"Noxious Weeds" means those plants listed in Chapter 901:5-37 of the Ohio Administrative Code, titled "Prohibited Noxious Weeds."

703.19 – Letter R.

"Rank Growth" means a cover of vegetation of any type, cultivated or not, including trees, which has attained such a height and density as to constitute harborage, actual or potential, for rodents or vermin, or to be considered a health hazard or a danger to public safety.

"Real property" includes lands, tenements and hereditaments.

"Refuse" means all putrescible and nonputrescible solids, except body wastes, including but not limited to garbage, rubbish, ashes and dead animals. Refuse also means anything discarded or rejected as useless, worthless or trash.

"Refuse container" means a watertight, insect-proofed container that is constructed of metal or other durable material impervious to rodents, and that is capable of being serviced without creating insanitary conditions, or such other acceptable refuse containers that may be used for acceptable waste disposal as determined by the director of public service or a duly authorized representative. Openings into the container, such as covers and doors, shall be tight fitting.

"Repair" means to restore to sound condition. The term "repair" here includes renewal, replacement, or reinforcement, of an existing part of a structure but excludes additions made to, or remodeling of a structure.

"Right-of-way" means the surface of and the space above and below the paved or unpaved portions of any public street, public road, public highway, public freeway, public lane, public shared-use path, public way, public alley, public court, public sidewalk, public boulevard, public parkway, public drive and any other land, developed or undeveloped, dedicated or otherwise designated for the same now or hereafter held by the city.

"Rodent harborage" means any space where rodents live, nest or seek shelter, any condition that provides shelter or protection for rodents in, under, or outside of a structure of any kind or an accumulation of any type of material, which might provide such rodent shelter, or protection.

"Rodent-proofing" means a form of construction that will prevent the ingress or egress of rodents to or from a given space or building, or gaining access to food, water or harborage. The method of construction may include but is not limited to the closing and keeping closed of every opening in foundations, basements, cellars, exterior and interior walls, ground or first floors, sidewalk gratings, sidewalk openings and other places that may be reached and entered by rodents by climbing, burrowing or other methods, by the use of materials impervious to rodent gnawing and other methods approved by the appropriate authority.

"Rubbish" means combustible and noncombustible waste materials including such items as paper, rags, cartons, boxes, wood, excelsior, rubber, leather, tree branches, yard trimmings, tin can, metals, mineral matter, glass, crockery, dust, and the residue from the burning of wood, coal, coke and other combustible material.

703.24 - Letter W.

"Weeds" shall mean those plant species including, but not limited to, ~~brush, vines or shrubs, as listed in Chapter 901:5-37 of the Ohio Administrative Code, titled "Prohibited Noxious Weeds,"~~ thistles, burdock, jimson weed, ragweed, mullein, poison ivy, poison oak, poison sumac, pokeberry, or Noxious Weeds, and grass, ~~brush, vines or other plants species of rank growth~~ which may potentially create, directly or indirectly, a health hazard ~~an unhealthy or unsafe~~ unsanitary condition.

709.01 Purpose.

This chapter establishes minimum standards and governs the responsibility of person for the control, cutting and removal of Weeds and Rank Growth ~~noxious weeds and rank growth~~ that may be present on any property or premises in the city. ~~Weeds, noxious~~ Noxious weeds or rank growth may include but are not limited to brush, vines, shrubs, thistles, burdock, jimson weed, ragweed, , mullein, poison ivy, poison oak, poison sumac, pokeberry, grass or other plant species which may potentially create, directly or indirectly, a health hazard or may endanger public safety.

709.03 Standards relative to Weeds and Rank Growth. ~~noxious weeds.~~

- (A) No owner or person having charge of real property or premises shall suffer to grow upon the pavements or in the gutters or upon the dedicated portion of the street, alley, easement, sidewalk, or right-of-way abutting the owner's or person having charge's premise(s) and/or property any ~~Weeds. brush, vines, shrubs, thistles, burdock, jimson weed, ragweed, mullein, poison ivy, poison oak, poison sumac, pokeberry, grass or other noxious weeds.~~
- (B) No owner or person having charge of real property or premises shall permit to grow on any property or premises in the city, any ~~Weeds brush, vines, shrubs, thistles, burdock, jimson weed, ragweed, mullein, poison ivy, poison oak, poison sumac, pokeberry, grass or other noxious weeds,~~ exceeding twelve (12) inches in height.
- (C) No owner or person having charge of real property or premises ~~a dwelling, dwelling unit, multiple dwelling, business building or premises~~ shall allow ~~Weeds grass, weeds, noxious weeds, brush or similar vegetation~~ to remain on the premises at such a height and density as to constitute Rank Growth ~~harborage, actual or potential, for rodents or vermin.~~
- (D) For the purpose of this code, Weeds which attain a height exceeding of twelve (12) inches constitutes a ~~potential health~~ hazard.
- (E) Divisions (A), (B), (C), and (D) of this section shall not apply to a real property or premises, or part thereof, on which such growth may be reasonably demonstrated to be used for agricultural, or horticultural, or native plant pollinator gardens provided these uses meet the following requirements: use.
 - 1. Do not encroach into a neighboring property or public sidewalks.
 - 2. Do not violate code requirements for Vision Clearance as defined by Titles 33 or 34 of the Columbus City Codes.
 - 3. Do not contain any plants defined as Weeds.