

ORDINANCE 2025-42

Leaves

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DEPOSITING OF GRASS CLIPPINGS, AND
OTHER YARD WASTE MATERIALS ONTO PUBLIC ROADWAYS AND
SIDEWALKS.

Whereas grass clippings and other yard waste materials, when deposited onto public roadways, find their way into the Public Storm Sewer System requiring public resources for their removal:

Whereas grass clippings and other yard waste materials create a safety hazard for motorists.

Whereas grass clippings and other yard waste materials add excess nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus to public waterways that lead to unwanted and uncontrolled algae blooms.

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Reading, Ohio:

- Section I: No person shall deposit, place, or blow onto any roadway or bike lane or multi-purpose path, or cause or permit to be deposited, placed, or blown onto any roadway, bike lane or multi-purpose path, grass clippings, leaves, weeds, limbs, trimmings, or other yard waste.
- Section II: Grass clippings, leaves, weeds, limbs, trimmings, or other yard waste shall be removed from the public street and/or public sidewalk immediately following mowing, trimming, or other yard work.
- Section III: The property owner shall be responsible for ensuring all tenants, vendors, or third parties comply with this ordinance.
- Section IV: Whoever violates any provision of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense. If the violator has been previously convicted of or pleaded guilty to violating this ordinance, the violator shall be guilty of a fourth degree misdemeanor upon conviction.

Passed this 21 day of October, 2025.

ATTEST:

Carla Bronner
Clerk of Council

Krista
President of Council

Approved as to form:

Approved October 21, 2025.

Robert Bernier
Mayor

David T. Stevenson
Law Director

Suspend 2+3rd 7-0

ROLL CALL STAMP			
	Yes	No	Abs
— Powell	✓	—	—
— Bronner	✓	—	—
— Bishop	✓	—	—
— Bohner	✓	—	—
— Kroeger	✓	—	—
1 — Thamann	✓	—	—
2 — Eadicicco	✓	—	—

Adopt 7-0

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