

ORDINANCE NO. 173

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF RIDGECREST, CALIFORNIA,  
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 21 TO REQUIRE  
LITTER PREVENTION MEASURES AT  
CONSTRUCTION SITES AND DESIGNATING  
CITATION AUTHORITY

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST, CALIFORNIA, DOES  
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council finds that waste materials blown from construction sites are a widespread public nuisance in the form of litter which accumulates on neighboring residential, commercial, and vacant properties and public roadsides, and that contractors do not take steps sufficient to prevent this littering. The following measures are therefore enacted to assist in preventing littering.

Section 2. Sections 16, 17, and 18 of Ordinance No. 21, the "Ridgecrest Anti-Litter Ordinance", are hereby renumbered Sections 19, 20, and 21 respectively.

Section 3. Ordinance No. 21 is hereby amended to add Section 16 as follows:

Section 16. Responsibility for Litter at Construction Sites. It shall be unlawful for any contractor or subcontractor, or owner-builder to permit waste building materials or packaging to accumulate on a construction site in other than a suitable refuse container as defined below or to permit such materials to be carried by the wind off said construction site. Any workman of a contractor or subcontractor whose materials or packaging is found in violation of this section may be cited for its violation.

Section 4. Ordinance No. 21 is hereby amended to add Section 17 as follows:

Section 17. Refuse Containers at Construction Sites. The Chief Building Inspector shall require the building permittee to provide at each construction site suitable containers for the deposit of waste construction materials and shall require that the building permittee provide for regular emptying of such containers.

"Suitable container" is defined as a container with a wind-secure lid capable of containing all construction waste likely to accumulate between the times of regular emptying and capable of preventing the wind from blowing the contents out of such container.

Where a construction site is of such a size as to require workmen to walk more than 300 feet to deposit construction waste materials in such suitable container, the Chief Building Inspector shall require permittee to furnish an additional suitable container every 300 feet. Failure to provide for regular emptying shall be cause for the Chief Building Inspector to issue an order to permittee to cease and desist further construction on the site.

Section 5. Ordinance No. 21 is hereby amended to add Section 18 as follows:

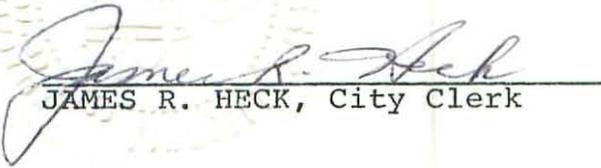
Section 18. Authority to Issue Citations.  
Any California peace officer, the Chief Building Inspector and his deputies, and the Environmental Improvement Inspector shall have the authority to issue misdemeanor citations for violation of the provisions of this Ordinance.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF October, 1972,  
by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Smith, Councilmen Fox, Mettenburg, Shacklett,  
and Wilson.  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

  
KENNETH M. SMITH, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
JAMES R. HECK, City Clerk