

ORDINANCE NO. 58-2013

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF READING CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 438 RAIN BARRELS SECTION 438-8 SPECIFICATION BY CHANGING THE SIZE OF THE OVERFLOW

SECTION 1: Amending the City of Reading Code of Ordinances Chapter 438 Rain Barrels Section 438-8 Specifications Letter F by changing the size of the overflow to 1”:

§ 438-8. Specifications.

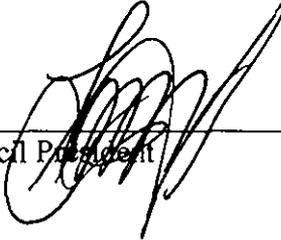
- A. Rain Barrels may be ready-made or self-fabricated of durable fiberglass, polypropylene, resin, recycled steel or wood.
- B. Wooden Rain Barrels must be lined.
- C. Recycled Rain Barrels may not have been previously used as containment vessels for substances regulated by the Toxic Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. §2601 *et seq.*
- D. All interior surfaces of a recycled Rain Barrel must be washed clean with soap and water before the Rain Barrel is put into service.
- E. Every Rain Barrel must be equipped with an automatic storm water diverter or automatic overflow system so that when the Rain Barrel is full, rainwater is either diverted back into the Collecting Structure’s downspout system, or away from the foundation of the Collecting Structure by way of an overflow hose and into a drainage swale. No drainage from an overflow hose shall discharge upon any neighboring property.
- F. Overflow piping must be at least 21” in diameter.
- G. Rain Barrels must be equipped with a mosquito-proof screen on the lid and over the flow hole, constructed of corrosion resistant wire or other approved mesh.
- H. Lids on Rain Barrels must be securely fastened to prevent access by small children and animals.
- I. Rain Barrels fabricated from fiberglass, polypropylene and resin must be opaque in color to inhibit algae growth.
- J. The exterior of a Rain Barrel shall not be painted or decorated in such a manner that is inconsistent with the surrounding area or offensive to the general senses of neighboring properties and neighboring property owners.
- K. Where not inconsistent with the standards set forth herein, Rain Barrels shall otherwise conform to the standards for Rain Barrel design, construction and operation set forth in the guidance document *Rainwater Catchment Design and Installation Standards*, published on January the 20th, of 2009 by the American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association and the American Society of Plumbing Engineers.

SECTION 2: All relevant ordinances, policies and regulations of the City of Reading not amended shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3: If any section, subsection, sentence or clause of this Ordinance is held for any reason to be invalid such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

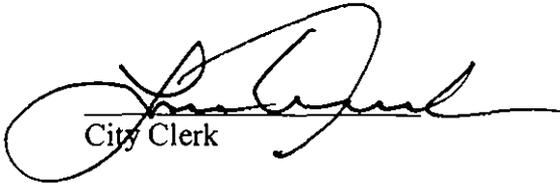
SECTION 4: This ordinance shall become effective within ten (10) days in accordance with Charter Section 219.

Enacted Nov 18, 2013



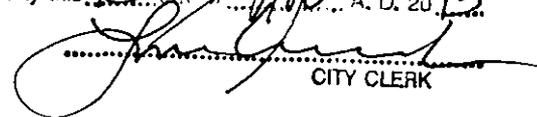
Council President

Attest:



City Clerk

I, LINDA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Ordinance passed by the Council of the City of Reading, on the 12 day of Nov A. D. 2013. Witness my hand and seal of the said City this 13 day of Nov A. D. 2013.



CITY CLERK

Submitted to Mayor: 
Date: 11/13/13

Received by the Mayor's Office: 
Date: 11/13/13

Approved by Mayor: 
Date: 11/13/13

Vetoed by Mayor: _____
Date: _____