



ORDINANCE # 2026- 0102

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF BALD HEAD ISLAND, NORTH CAROLINA TO MAKE AMENDMENTS TO THE VILLAGE RESIDENTIAL YARD DEBRIS REMOVAL PROGRAM

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 16 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes, the Village of Bald Head Island (the "Village") has authority to maintain, own and operate public enterprises within and without its corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to G.S. 160A-311, operation of public enterprises includes operation and management of solid waste collection and disposal systems and facilities, including those pertaining to yard debris and other vegetative matter resulting from residential landscaping and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Village public works department offers a yard debris pick-up service for residents who do their own yard work at their home on the island; and

WHEREAS, based upon recommendations from staff, the Village Council has determined it to be in the best interests of the Village to amend the existing yard debris ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Village of Bald Head Island, North Carolina that:

Section 1. That section 20-36 of the Village Code is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

Sec. 20-36. Pickup of major discarded items and yard debris.

(a) *Major discarded items.* Major discarded items such as appliances, furniture or scrapped vehicles cannot be handled in regular garbage pick-up. Property owners must arrange for the removal of major discard items at their own expense. The placing or leaving of such articles along the streets is forbidden and each day, or portion of a day, that said articles are placed or left constitutes a separate violation.

(b) *Yard debris.* The public works unit will provide mulching or removal services for yard debris on a schedule to be determined by the director. The director has the right to deny removal service to any resident who fails to comply with following requirements:

(1) Arrangements for yard debris removal must be made no later than 2:00 p.m. Eastern on the day before the desired pickup. The public works director has the right to reschedule any pickup to a later date.

(2) Only yard debris generated by the owner as part of the regular maintenance of the property will be removed by public works. Property owners must place yard debris in a single pile prior to the scheduled removal.

(3) Yard debris is to be left in an accessible place adjacent to the road, but not impeding access on the road. Public works will not use driveways to access debris piles for removal.

(4) No yard debris in excess of six inches in diameter will be processed.

(5) This service will not be provided for large quantities of debris generated by clearing a property for sale or construction, whether the work is carried out by the owner or by a contractor.

(6) Piles of debris shall be no larger than 8 feet long by 4 feet wide and no taller than 3 feet in height. Piles shall be placed at least six feet away from any utility infrastructure and any mature trees or other vegetation that is greater than three inches in diameter at 48 inches as measured from ground level.

(7) In all cases in which debris is generated by a contractor, the village will not be responsible for the removal of the waste generated.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Passed and adopted by the Village Council this the 16 day of JANUARY, 2026.

BY: _____

PETER QUINN, Mayor

ATTEST:

Darcy Sperry
DARCY SPERRY, Village Clerk

