

Littering and Illegal dumping are not
only expensive.
They are crimes.



Pittsburgh City Ordinance 601.11 States:

Regarding Litter:

(a) No person shall cause any waste paper, sweepings, ashes, household waste, glass, metal, refuse or rubbish, or any dangerous or detrimental substance to enter into or upon any street, sidewalk or other public place, or into any gutter, sewer or onto any vacant lot or the private premise of another or into the waters in the city.



Regarding dumping:

(b) No person who is the owner or operator, or agent of either, of a trash, garbage or debris collection vehicle, including private automobiles and small trucks, or other type of vehicles used to collect or transport trash, garbage or other debris, shall knowingly cause to be deposited or deposit the vehicle's load or any part thereof upon any road, street, highway, alley or railroad right-of-way, or upon the land of another or into any water in the city.

(c) No person shall knowingly dump or cause the dumping of any hazardous waste or materials, as defined and/or numbered by the State Department of Environmental Resources and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, onto any public place, vacant lot or any private premises.





These crimes hurt the city by:

- Diminishing the aesthetic of the city
- Posing health and safety risk to residents
- Harming plants and animals
- Contaminating our waterways
- Degrading the quality of life in our neighborhoods and reducing community pride
- Decreasing property values
- Deterring commercial investment and economic development
- Serving as a magnet for other crimes
- Using resources for constant cleanup that could go toward something else



Recent Enforcement Efforts:

- 2012– Missy Rosenfeld was hired as the Anti-litter Coordinator
- Late Fall 2013 – Allegheny CleanWays purchased 2 surveillance cameras through a grant from the Allegheny County Conservation District and donated them to the city
- July 2014 – First convictions resulting from surveillance camera footage
- Summer 2014 – Additional cameras donated to the city from Keep PA Beautiful

NO DUMPING

»» TARGETED ENFORCEMENT AREA ««

VIIOLATORS FACE UP TO A
\$10,000 FINE
AND / OR JAIL TIME.

TO REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING
CALL 911



SECURITY
CAMERAS
IN USE

»» PITTSBURGH CITY CODE 601.11 B OR C ««



Enforcement Procedures

- Visit and assess illegal dump site
- Collect evidence from dump site and/or camera
- Question potential witness(es) and suspect
- Issue Citation
- Appear and testify in court





Issues/Challenges with Enforcement

1. Not everyone sees littering and illegal dumping as a serious crime
 - City leadership, law enforcement officials, magistrates, etc. need to be fully supportive
 - Public needs to be educated about the seriousness of the crime

Issues/Challenges with Enforcement , cont.

2. Not adequately funded

- More personnel are needed to investigate and enforce laws
- Additional cameras and equipment are needed
- More cleanup is needed
- Public outreach and education is needed