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"Ordinance to provide safety from obstructions on streets"



City of Norfolk council members voted Monday night to require permits for temporary placement of roll off refuse boxes and to prohibit storing landscape materials on City streets.

Although it may be convenient, it's unsafe to store landscape materials or set a roll off refuse box on a City street even for a short time. Norfolk City Council members voted to place some restrictions on the practice at the meeting Monday night.

"Any time you have an obstruction on a street or right-of-way you have the potential of someone accidentally hitting it with their vehicle," said Don Miller, City of Norfolk Police Captain

The new ordinance will require that a permit be purchased to allow roll off refuse boxes on a street right of way (which includes the terrace or property next to the street) for a period of ten days. The permit would cost \$50 and require

barricades to be placed on the three sides of the roll off facing the street. A five day extension could be purchased for \$25. A roll off box can be on a driveway or yard without a permit although the property owner or resident cannot block sidewalks nor obstruct a driver's view of oncoming traffic at an intersection. It also cannot be placed on a terrace without a permit.

The new ordinance prohibits the placement of construction supplies and landscaping materials on a City right of way at any time. For more information or to purchase a permit for a roll off box contact the City of Norfolk Prevention Bureau at 402-844-2060 or stop in to their offices at 701 Koenigstein Avenue from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.