

# City of Trimble Tn. Police Department And Trimble City Hall

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Dear Citizen of Trimble Tennessee,

There have been numerous complaints throughout the city about grass clippings being scattered into the street during the mowing process. Please be aware that this is considered littering; see Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA) Below. Littering per TCA Code 39-14-502 is a criminal offense and is punishable by fines and or community service as directed by the Judge.

Please understand that as meaningless as this may sound to you, as the Chief of Police here in Trimble, I have sworn an oath to uphold the US Constitution, State Law, and our City ordinances and I must handle every complaint by each citizen by these standards to protect their rights and yours.

Please consider this letter as a warning to the issue at hand and make every possible effort to clean your grass clippings from the roadway and back onto your own property each and every time you mow. If you have any questions or concerns in this matter please feel free to speak with me at any time.

Respectfully,

Chief Patrick Clayton

## ***39-14-502. Offense of littering.***

*(a) A person commits littering who:*

*(1) Knowingly places, drops or throws litter on any public or private property without permission and does not immediately remove it;*

*(2) "Garbage" includes putrescible animal and vegetable waste resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food;*

## ***39-14-501 (Definition) Littering***

*(3) "Litter" includes garbage, refuse, rubbish and all other waste material, including a tobacco product as defined in § 39-17-1503 and any other item primarily designed to hold or filter a tobacco product while the tobacco is being smoked;*

*(4) "Refuse" includes all putrescible and nonputrescible solid waste; and*

*(5) "Rubbish" includes nonputrescible solid waste consisting of both combustible and noncombustible waste.*