REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL

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DESCRIBE THE SPECIFICS OF YOUR REQUEST (Attach maps, photos, reports or other documents that may assist in describing the nature of the request):

There continues to be challenges with commercial customers not properly closing the lids of the solid waste and recycling dumpsters. Leaving these dumpster lids open creates a public nuisance with odor and aesthetics. It also allows for trash and debris to blow out of the dumpsters. For recycling, the closure of the lids is very important to maintaining the integrity of the recycled materials. Water contamination will cause the recycling to be rejected by the processor and taken to the landfill as solid waste. The City will also incur contamination fees due to the rejection of the wet material.

The current code does have some language to require the lids to be closed, however no enforcement or citation provisions are included.

City Code Section 54-61(c) - Preparation of solid waste, commercial solid waste:
All commercial customers shall ensure all solid waste fits inside the container in such a way that enables the lid to close completely.

City Code Section 54-120(b) - Preparation of recycling, commercial recycling:
Lids on cardboard dumpsters must be kept closed to prevent water contamination. Additional charges for contamination may apply if lids are not closed.

Recommended Action: To direct the City Manager's office to review the existing Ordinance in coordination with the Public Works Department, and incorporate a citation process for violations. The recommended revisions to be brought back to Council in the form of an Ordinance.

OFFICE USE: RECEIVED:

☐ Yes, meets the parameters of a Legislative Referral.

☐ Forwarded to Council Agenda _____

☐ No, doesn't meet the parameters of a Legislative Referral.

☐ Forwarded to City Manager _____