



Memorandum

To: Edward Lavalley, City Manager *2/8/17*
From: John Veneziano, Public Works Director *JV*
Date: February 8, 2017
Subject: Revisions to Solid Waste Ordinance

From time to time the Solid Waste and Recycling Division of the Public Works Department has had difficulties in collecting trash from properties due to the location of trash and recycling containers and dumpsters. Issues include non-solid waste items being stored in the enclosures, vehicles parked too close to the enclosures and construction/maintenance equipment being in the way. In trying to resolve these issues we are faced many times with requests to spend money from the Solid Waste and Recycling funds to do so. We are presently in the midst of a multi-year program to address dumpster enclosure issues at City-owned sites with a goal that all city sites comply with the ordinance, but private sites need to address their own areas.

Additionally, we have had to address concerns about the unsightly appearance of areas where trash containers are stored due to lack of proper screening. This results in many cases in our trucks having to return a second time to make the collection.

In order to clarify the responsibility for storage of trash and recycling storage and screening, there are two proposed changes to the ordinance:

- (1) Section 54-51: clarify that construction and maintenance of trash screens and enclosures is solely the responsibility of the property owner.
- (2) Section 54-73: clarify that providing and maintaining access to the container area is solely the responsibility of the property owner.