Thursday, March 12, 2009

Solid Waste Services RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 14

Subject: Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 15-6, relating to private solid waste haulers; enforcement and penalties; and solid waste receptacle set out times.

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact is anticipated. A fiscal note is not required.

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Boards and Commission Action: Reviewed by the Solid Waste Advisory Commission.

Last year, Solid Waste Services (SWS) proposed the adoption of a franchise ordinance to replace the existing licensing system for private solid waste haulers. Private haulers generally opposed the proposed franchise ordinance, recommending instead more diligent enforcement of the existing ordinance. After considerable discussion with the private haulers and the Solid Waste Advisory Commission, SWS withdrew that proposal. However, that debate pointed out several deficiencies in the current ordinance that might hinder successful prosecution, or simply clarify responsibilities and requirements of the existing ordinance.

The proposed ordinance amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on responsible and legitimate private solid waste hauler's operations. It is, therefore, recommended that the changes be adopted to correct these deficiencies.

SWS is also changing the set out time for garbage collection.