

## Information Item

**Date:** April 13, 2021

**To:** Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

**From:** Johnnie Taylor, Director of Operations

**Subject:**  
Brush Collection Requirements

**Strategic Focus Area:** Healthy Environment

**Strategic Objective:** No

**Strategic Plan Action Item:** No

**Key Work Item:** No



In the recent years, brush crews have experienced an uptick in the number of brush piles that exceed six inches' in diameter, and are longer than six feet as prescribed in Sec. 26-9 in the City Ordinance. There has also been a significant increase in the amount of contaminated piles (brush mixed with leaves and/or household trash). The pre-collection requirements necessitate that all tree and shrubbery limbs with protruding branches be trimmed and neatly stacked before being placed at the curb with cut ends pointing in the same direction.

The rise in oversized and improperly placed brush piles have impacted the efficiency of crews, and the timeliness of collecting piles that abide by collection requirements.