

Information Item

Date: February 9, 2021

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

From: Johnnie Taylor, Director of Operations
Tiesha Hinton, Director of Sanitation

Subject:

Information on an Ordinance Amending Chapter 26 of Section 6 of the City Code Related to Exemptions to Curbside Collection

Strategic Focus Area: Healthy Environment

Strategic Objective: Develop Comprehensive Solid Waste Management

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: Yes



The Sanitation Division currently services an estimated 81,589 households within the city limits. There are 3,525 households that are exempt from curbside collection. Backyard collections makeup 4.3% of the division's total collections, in comparison to peer cities whose curbside exemptions make up less than 1% of total collections. Currently, once an address is added to the exemption list, it remains there indefinitely unless staff is notified by a resident that the service is no longer needed. This includes instances where a home is rented to multiple tenants over a period of time or when the exemption was only needed temporarily.

The attached amendment makes changes to Section 26-6 (e) of the City Ordinance to include supplementary information to qualify for backyard collection service. (1) A doctor's statement to verify that the resident nor anyone residing at their address can take the roll out cart to the curb. (2) A recertification of their exemption status every three years. These prerequisites will ensure that the intent of the program remains intact, while also decreasing the number of potential injuries and minimizing the amount of hazardous materials in which our frontline employees are exposed to.