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	SUBJECT	CCB # 09-0284/SANITATION- "ONE PLUS ONE" COLLECTION PROGRAM

CITY of
BALTIMORE
MEMO



TO The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400
100 N. Holliday Street

DATE:
April 2, 2009

The Department of Planning has received City Council Bill No. 09-0284 for review. If CCB# 09-0284 is approved, on July 1, 2009, Public Works would go from 6 days of service per week to 4 days. Residents will be allowed the equivalent of 64 gallons of mixed refuse collected on one collection day and unlimited collection of recyclables on a second collection day. Yard waste, bagged or bundled separately, will not be counted as part of the 64 gallon mixed refuse limit. Increasing recycling to once per week helps with household storage issues and encourages nonparticipating residents to become part of the City's voluntary Single Stream recycling program. Expanding the number of participating households who recycle is good for the environment, saves on our disposal costs, and provides a source of revenue to the City. CCB# 09-0284 will meet one of the goals of the adopted Baltimore City Sustainability Plan by reducing trash going to the landfill.

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached staff report which recommended approval of City Council Bill #09-0284 and adopted the following resolution, eight members being present and (eight) in favor

RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #08-0284 be passed by the City Council.

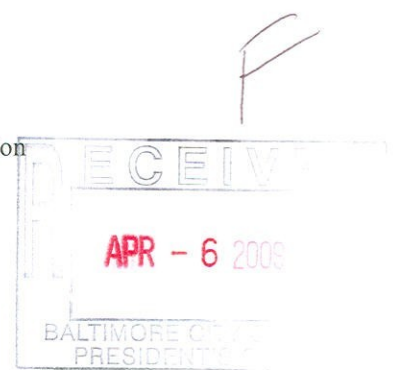
Planning Commission also requested that a letter accompany this memo that addresses issues related to this legislation that they suggest City Council pay particular attention to. That letter is attached.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Wolde Ararsa, Division Chief of Land Use and Urban Design at 410-396-8337.

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Attachment: Letter to President and City Council dtd 3 Apr 2009

- cc:
- Mr. Andrew Frank, Deputy Mayor
 - Mr. Demaune Millard, Mayor's Office
 - Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office
 - The Honorable Rochelle "Rikki" Spector, Council Rep. for Planning Commission
 - Mr. Wilber E. Cunningham, Chair of Planning Commission
 - Ms. Linda Barclay, Law Department
 - Mr. Paul Graziano, Commissioner, DHCD
 - Ms. Jennifer Coates, Council Services
 - Ms. Marcia Collins, DPW



PLANNING COMMISSION

STAFF REPORT

April 2, 2009

REQUEST: City Council Bill # 09-0284: Sanitation – “One Plus One” Collection Program:

For the purpose of amending the City Code to enable the City’s “One Plus One” Collection Program; defining and redefining certain terms; conforming varied provisions governing the handling, placement, and collection of trash, garbage, debris, and other mixed refuse; modifying the specifications for required receptacles; repealing certain obsolete provisions; modifying and conforming certain penalties; conforming, correcting, and clarifying related provisions; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to the collection of mixed refuse and recyclable materials.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval.

STAFF: Kenneth Hranicky

PETITIONER(S): Administration (Department of Public Works)

OWNER: Mayor and City Council

SITE/ GENERAL AREA: Citywide

HISTORY: The Department of Public Works has been operating solid waste collections unchanged for more than 35 years.

CONFORMITY TO PLANS: This action conforms to the Sustainability Plan goal, Resource Conservation Goal #3: Minimize the production of waste, adopted by the Planning Commission February 5, 2009.

ANALYSIS

City Council Bill #09-294 is the required legislation needed to implement the City’s new refuse/recycling collection program, also known as the “One Plus One” Collection Program. The “One Plus One” program will add recycling collection to the duties of the mixed refuse operations. Increasing recycling to once/week helps with household storage issues and encourages nonparticipating residents to become part of the City’s voluntary Single Stream recycling program. Expanding the number of participating households who recycle is good for the environment, saves on our disposal costs, and provides a source of revenue to the City.

The “One Plus One” Program would allow the Department of Public Works to go from 6 days of service per week to 4 days. Residents will be allowed the equivalent of 64 gallons of mixed refuse collected on one collection day and unlimited collection of recyclables on a second collection day. Yard waste, bagged or bundled separately, will not be counted as part of the 64 gallon mixed refuse limit.

Currently each household may set out up to four 20-gallon containers of trash on each of the two collection days, the equivalent of 160 gallons of trash per week. While not required in the Code, Public Works also collects an unlimited amount of recyclables twice each month. These curbside services are performed Monday through Saturday by two separate operations along prescribed routes; one for mixed refuse collection, one for recyclables. Collections are from primary residences, some low-rise multi-family, and some small businesses. Mixed refuse may also be collected from condominiums or cooperatives under a special agreement approved by the Board of Estimates, for a service fee.

Having one operation for both collections allows Solid Waste to reduce the number of loadpackers assigned to this operation and, combined with the more efficient routes, will reduce fleet costs, fuel consumption, and greenhouse gas emissions. The former recycling crews will become a dedicated street, alley and lot cleaning operation, another sanitation service first for Baltimore. Dedicated crews will allow Solid Waste to provide our citizens with a proactive, rather than reactive, cleaning program. Finally, “One Plus One” will also enable DPW to meet its budget goals without reducing or eliminating services.

Although not part of the One-Plus-One legislation, enforcement is a concern of the citizens and DPW has reassured staff that they have a comprehensive plan to increase the number of inspectors and develop a systematic approach to bring areas into compliance.

To accomplish the “One Plus One” program, CCB #09-0284 proposes to amend three (3) documents: City Code, Article 1 – Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies; City Code, Article 23; and Article – Building, Fire, and Related Codes - Part VII, International Property Maintenance Code. The following is a summary of the changes being proposed to implement “One Plus One” program:

- Article 1 – Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies: The major changes entails the lowering of fines from \$60 per instance to \$50 on residential properties. The reason for this change is to bring these penalties in line with the penalties charged under the Building, Fire, and Related Code/Property Maintenance Code – Sanitary Maintenance which lists the residential penalties at \$50. It also updates the reference from “Garbage and mixed refuse” to “Mixed Refuse”.
- Article 23 – Sanitation: The major changes to this section of the City Code entails adding, updating, and clarifying definitions pertaining to mixed refuse. It gives

the Director of Public Works authority to adopt rules and regulations to carry out Article 23. Clarifies the requirement that sufficient number of receptacles are used, maintained, and covered to contain all mixed refuse and that they be kept in good repair. Deletes the obsolete terms or “week” and “garbage”. Establishes the quantity and frequency of mixed refuse collection. Modifies process and guidelines for DPW to collect from multiple-family dwellings.

- Building, Fire, and Related Codes – Part VII. International Property Maintenance Code: The major changes pertain to the storage of receptacles; city provided receptacles, capacity for receptacles, and the time and placement of receptacles for collection.

As the “One Plus One” legislation will reduce the amount of trash going to the landfill that is in line with one of the goals of the adopted Sustainability Plan. The Commission on Sustainability voted to support this legislation at their March 24, 2009 meeting.

Staff notified all 750 organizations in the Community Association Database of the requested action.



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