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	SUBJECT	<b>CITY COUNCIL BILL 09-0284</b>		

DATE: March 16, 2009

**TO**

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Karen Randle  
Room 400 - City Hall

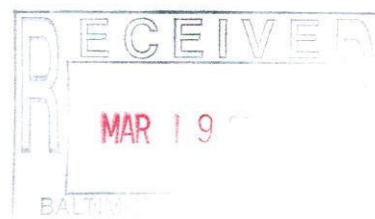
I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 09-0284 introduced by Council President Rawlings Blake on behalf of the Administration (Department of Public Works).

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the City Code to enable the City's "One Plus One" Collection Program; define and redefine certain terms; conform varied provisions governing the handling, placement, and collection of trash, debris, and other mixed refuse; modify the specifications for required receptacles; repeal certain obsolete provisions; modify and conform certain penalties; conform, correct, and clarify related provisions; provide for a special effective date; and generally relating to the collection of mixed refuse and recyclable materials.

Article 23 of the Baltimore City Code requires the Director of Public Works to collect mixed refuse twice a week, holidays excepted. 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.

On July 1, 2009, the sanitation services performed by the Department of Public Works will change even if this legislation is not approved, and here is why:

- The Bureau of Solid Waste spent 18 months analyzing current collection routes that have been in use for at least 35 years. New routes are now ready to be implemented that will fairly balance the load from collection crew to collection crew, as well as adjust for demographic changes and more rational neighborhood service boundaries.
- Crews will begin their collection routes at 6 a.m. rather than today's 7 a.m. starting time, to give crews a chance to get ahead of and out of the way of rush hour traffic, thus improving route efficiency and worker safety.





- A four day, 10 hour work day collection schedule will be implemented, Tuesday through Friday. By removing the six day collection schedule, crews will finally be able to have consecutive days off to rest and recover from the physical work of mixed refuse and recyclable collection. The four day collection schedule also removes the conflict with Monday holidays and allows, for the first time, a makeup holiday collection day of Saturday. The new collection schedule will also mean that most residents will see at least one of their collection days change.
- Should the One Plus One legislation not be approved, Public Works will be faced with significant personnel layoffs and the reduction or elimination of some sanitation services to meet its budget goals.

If City Council Bill 09-0284 is approved, the most significant change in City sanitation services will be a once/week mixed refuse, once/week recyclable collection schedule, from one collection point. 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/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 will add recycling collection to the duties of the mixed refuse operations. 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, with One Plus One, Public Works will be able to meet its budget goals without reducing or eliminating services, with the fewest possible layoffs.


Come July 1, we expect to have a period of transition for our citizens as they learn their new collections days and, if One Plus One is approved, learn the new one day mixed refuse, one day recycling, schedule. What will not change, however, is the responsibility of citizens to place their mixed refuse in durable receptacles with lids. Public Works and the enforcement personnel of the Department of Housing and Community Development are collaborating to educate and, when necessary, enforce the use of receptacles. Unprotected trash feeds our rat population, is a health hazard, and damages the character of our neighborhoods. City Council Bill 09-0284 also lays the groundwork for a municipal can program. Providing municipal cans to each household is an enhancement that Public Works would like to consider, but we realize that one receptacle size will not work in every circumstance. Distribution of municipal

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cans needs to be a well thought out program that will fit all neighborhood and individual needs, and Solid Waste is already undertaking that analysis.

Attached to this report is a breakdown of the changes to Article 23, Article 1, and the Property Maintenance Code necessary to establish the One Plus One program. Also attached is the list of District-wide meetings held (or to be held) to present all of the One Plus One changes proposed in the legislation, and to the overall sanitation operations.

One Plus One preserves sanitation services and jobs, makes operational and fiscal sense, is cleaner and greener, and fulfills the goals of the City's Sustainability Plan. The Department of Public Works is ready to implement the One Plus One program on July 1, 2009 and therefore urges passage of City Council Bill 09-0284.



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Attachments

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## ARTICLE 23 – SANITATION

Subtitle	Add/Delete/Change	Explanation
§1-1. Definitions, General Provisions	Added definitions at beginning of Article; updated definition of mixed refuse	Clarity
§ 1-2. Mandatory, prohibitory, and permissive terms	Added	Clarity
§ 1-4. Public Works to provide sanitation services	Deleted obsolete and redundant terms	Obsolete terms also removed in other sections of the bill
§ 1-5. Rules and regulations	Added	Rules and regulations will provide detailed list of solid waste services and any requirements to access services
§ 1-7. Use of hydrants	Changed	Clarity
Old § 2-1. Definitions	Deleted	New mixed refuse definition in § 1-1; definition of “garbage” not needed
New § 2-1. Receptacles	Changed	Clarity
§ 2-2. Handling	Changed	Clarity
§ 2-3. Collections	Deleted definition of “week”, “garbage”, and old definitions of “condominium” and “cooperative” Added updated definitions for “condominium” and “cooperative” Changed mixed refuse quantity limits Deleted requirement to collect mixed refuse twice weekly and attendant language for holding of mixed refuse on holidays Added requirement to collect recyclables from cooperatives and condominiums	“Garbage” and “week” definitions not needed New “condominium” and “cooperative” definitions precise Adjusted mixed refuse collection and quantity limits to reflect One Plus One program Board of Estimates approved condo or cooperative collections will have a recycling location added to their agreement
§ 2-4. Mixing ashes, plaster, dirt prohibited	Changed	Clarity

**ARTICLE 23 – SANITATION, cont.**

<b>Subtitle</b>	<b>Add/Delete/Change</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
§3. Ashes	Deleted in its entirety	Obsolete collection service
§ 4-1. General prohibitions	Changed	Deleted obsolete terms; added mixed refuse
§ 4-2. Placement on sidewalk for collection	Deleted obsolete terms Added "alley" for temporary placement of receptacles Added reference to the Property Maintenance Code	Clarity
§ 7. Disposal at City Incinerators	Deleted in its entirety	Obsolete
§ 21-1. Enforcement by citation	Changed violation references Added violation	Correct violation references changed in the bill
§ 21-2. Criminal penalties	Deleted community service penalty	

**ARTICLE 1 – MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, AND MUNICIPAL AGENCIES.**

<b>Subtitle</b>	<b>Add/Delete/Change</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
§40-14. Violations to which subtitle applies	Changed violation references and fines	Correct violation references changed in the bill Adjusted fines for residential and commercial violations to be consistent with Property Maintenance Code

**BUILDING, FIRE, AND RELATED CODES  
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE**

<b>SECTION</b>	<b>Add/Delete/Change</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
306.4 Storage receptacles – Required	Changed	Clarify
306.6.1.1 City-provided receptacles	Added option for City-provided receptacles	Would allow for option to provide citizens with receptacle used for mixed refuse collection only
306.6.1.2 Other receptacles	Changed maximum capacity of owner-provided receptacles to 32 gallons Deleted old capacity descriptions	32 gallon capacity for protection of crews (weight) Old, smaller capacity limitations obsolete; related to collection of wet garbage, ashes, etc.
306.7 Placement for collection	Changed times when receptacles may be placed out for collection Added reference to placement in alley or sidewalk	Setting receptacles out no earlier than 8 p.m. the night before a collection day (and before 6 a.m.) allows for earlier pickups by crews Clarifies that prompt return of receptacles to premises relates to those set out in an alley or on a sidewalk





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## **It's time for change and we think Baltimore is ready!**

**Your Public Works – Bureau of Solid Waste – is making changes to household waste collection.**

**Please join the senior leadership team for a presentation of changes and improvements to solid waste services followed by a question and answer session.**

**We want to work with your community and bring Baltimore's waste collection into the 21st century.**

**WASTE LESS >> RECYCLE MORE!**

### March – April

#### MARCH Dates:

Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
1<sup>st</sup> District - Councilman James Kraft  
Virginia Baker Recreation Center – Patterson Park  
2601 E. Baltimore, Street, 21224

Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 2009 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
10<sup>th</sup> District - Councilman Edward Reisinger  
Curtis Bay Elementary School  
4301 Westbay Avenue, 21225

Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
5<sup>th</sup> District - Councilwoman Rochelle "Rikki" Spector  
Jewish Community Center Park Heights  
5700 Park Heights Ave

Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
14<sup>th</sup> District - Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke  
Johns Hopkins Eastern – Auditorium (across from YMCA @ Stadium Place)  
1101 East 33<sup>rd</sup> Street – please use the main entrance

### **April Dates:**

**Tuesday, April 7, 2009 6:30pm - 8:00pm**  
13<sup>th</sup> District - Councilman Warren Branch  
Herring Run Branch of Enoch Pratt Library - 3801 Erdman Ave  
Parking is available next to the building at Erdman Ave Shopping Center

**Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**  
6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> - Combined District wide meeting  
Councilwoman Sharon Middleton and Councilwoman Belinda Conaway  
Sinai Hospital of Baltimore - Zamoiski Auditorium  
2401 W. Belvedere Ave. 21215, 410-601-9000

**Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**  
2nd District - Councilman Nicholas D'Adamo, Jr  
Our Lady of Fatima Parish  
6400 East Pratt St, 21224

**Tuesday, April 21st, 2009 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**  
11<sup>th</sup> District Councilman William H. Cole and  
9<sup>th</sup> District Councilwoman Agnes Welch  
Curran Room - City Hall 4th floor  
100 N. Holliday St, 21202

**Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2009 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**  
8th District Councilwoman Helen Holton  
St. Agnes Hospital - Alagia Auditorium  
900 S. Caton Ave, 21230

**Tuesday, April 28th, 2009 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**  
Hunting Ridge Presbyterian Fellowship Hall  
4640 Edmonson Ave, 21229

**Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 2009 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**  
12<sup>th</sup> District - Councilman Bernard "Jack" Young  
Bluford Drew Jemison (STEM) School - 1130 Caroline Street