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	Subject	Council Bill 08-0140 – Solid Waste, Garbage, and Mixed Refuse – Hours of Collection		

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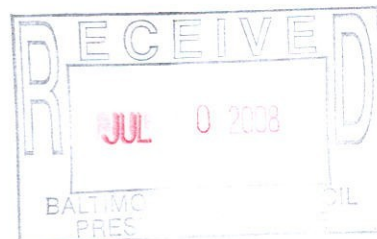
The Baltimore City Health Department supports City Council Bill 08-0140 with one amendment. The purpose of the bill is to set and conform the hours during which solid waste, garbage and mixed refuse collection may occur near residential structures.

Individuals that live in an urban environment are aware that noise is an everyday common nuisance caused by traffic and the general hustle and bustle of city life. Such noises are generally accepted. On the other hand, noise caused by waste haulers during early morning and late evening waste collection when people are normally asleep is unacceptable to the well-being of residents.

This bill will eliminate trash pickup from locations 300 feet of a residential structure before 7 a.m. and after 7 p.m. By increasing the distance between the collection point and the residential structure and eliminating pickups after 7 p.m., City residents will be ensured a quieter and better quality of life.

The Health Department is requesting an amendment to 08-0140, which would provide for an exemption for trash collection after city-sanctioned events, e.g. festivals, parades, etc. Following such events, waste haulers may need to collect trash, at times requiring early morning or late night collection. Therefore, as long as the waste collection is associated with a city-sanctioned event, a waste hauler should be allowed an exception to the legally permitted time between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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