



**TO:** Elizabeth A. Pauli, City Manager  
**FROM:** Michael P. Slevin III, P.E., Environmental Services Director *MPS*  
**COPY:** City Council and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Solid Waste Management Commercial Carry Service Ordinance – April 3, 2018  
**DATE:** March 22, 2018

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**SUMMARY:**

An ordinance amending Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 12.09 to authorize a charge for commercial carry service to allow staff to manually move containers to a location that is accessible by collection trucks.

**STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:**

- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.
- Encourage and promote an efficient and effective government, which is fiscally sustainable and guided by engaged residents.

This ordinance allows for new services to be provided in response to customer requests and which can be provided more efficiently by Solid Waste Management, which supports an efficient and effective government. Efficient and effective solid waste collection services promotes stewardship of the natural and built environment by reducing pollution and blight.

**BACKGROUND:**

This service has been requested by the Point Ruston Development, to provide full-service garbage and recycling to the large campus style mixed residential and commercial development. Solid Waste Management has determined this service can be provided, to be paid for by a carry service charge, to serve large commercial customers, particularly at campus style sites without a central designated garbage area. This service could also be beneficial to other commercial customers including other mixed use town center type developments, school campuses, and some Metro Parks facilities. The service would apply to recycling and garbage containers including 300-gallon barrels, and 2-yard, 3-yard, and 4-yard boxes with caster wheels, and would allow containers to be moved up to 100 feet. A charge of \$27 would be applied per container per pickup, which would cover the labor and equipment costs to cover this service.

**ISSUE:**

Currently TMC 12.09.120 does not provide a rate or charge that covers the costs of providing this level of service to commercial customers with larger containers.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

One alternative would be to require the customers to provide labor and equipment to move the containers to a location accessible for collection. This would be challenging to coordinate the timing of when the containers are moved between the customer and City operations. It may be less efficient for customers to provide this labor due to economies of scale.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Environmental Services recommends the City Council approve the proposed changes to TMC 12.09.120. This authorizes Solid Waste Management to provide new services that are being requested by customers, and provides a rate to cover the costs of these services.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**



This service is expected to have full cost recovery. Increases in expenditures due to labor and equipment would be paid for by revenues from the carry service. It is estimated that revenues for carry service at the Point Ruston Development would be \$81,000 per year.

**EXPENDITURES:**

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
ES Solid Waste Fund 4200	various	various	\$81,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$81,000</b>

**REVENUES:**

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
ES Solid Waste Fund 4200	512000	4343230	\$81,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$81,000</b>

**FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$81,000**

**ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? NO**

**IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED.**

Considering the scale of Solid Waste Management's budget this expense will have a de minimis impact thus no appropriation is required.