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**SUBJECT:** Solid Waste Management Commercial Carry Service  
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**PRESENTATION TYPE:**

Request for Ordinance

**SUMMARY:**

Solid Waste Management staff will be presenting proposed changes to Tacoma Municipal Code 12.09.120 Commercial Services to create a new commercial carry service to allow staff to manually move containers to a location that is accessible by collection trucks. 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.

**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. 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 the 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.

**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.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff requests a recommendation to forward to the full council the proposed changes to TMC 12.09.120.