

Options for Implementing the Amended Organized Collection Law in Your City

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A Focus on Policy and Process

Goals:

- Minimize politicizing the issue
- Maximize the benefits for your city

First Steps:

- Set your policy clearly
- Stick with the process you establish
- Take control of the message: Educate the public along the way

Setting Policy: What is important to you?

- Fewer trucks on city streets
- Increasing safety
- Improving environment
- Reducing nuisances
- Reducing residents' costs
- Preserving roadways; reducing tax dollars
- Adhering to County's Solid Waste Plan
- Other: no left turns, alleys, specific days, hours, special services

Process Needs: Dos and Don'ts

- **Do:**
 - Establish what is important for any proposal to cover
 - Adhere to the amendment and timelines: Notice public and all haulers of 60 days for existing hauler proposals
 - Require existing haulers to prepare a proposal in that timeframe
 - Be prepared to establish a Committee to commence its work after 60 days and continue the process
 - Accept a hauler may opt not to participate and then be prepared to allocate their market share

Process Needs: Dos and Don'ts

- Don't

- Attempt to apportion the city
- Dictate service areas/customers for individual haulers

Why? Haulers' know their businesses, equipment, labor, schedules, stops and capabilities and each is different. Require them to propose an acceptable service arrangement

While Haulers Are Preparing Their Proposal

- Consider nominations for Committee you may need to establish
- Continue to educate your residents about new law and process you are following so that existing haulers can continue to be in business
- Confirm market shares of haulers: for the 6 months prior to 60 day notice
 - Constant change: How to be fair?

While Haulers are Preparing Their Proposal

- Establish a proposal review team to confirm City's goals have been met with the haulers' proposal
- Ask Team to develop contract recommendations to Council:
 - Invoicing and bad debt
 - Complaints and customer questions
 - Contract term and renewal
 - Acceptable inflation factors for proposed costs (cost of living, fuel indices)

Steps Once Proposal is Received

- Commence team evaluation
- Negotiate an agreement with the haulers
(Council needs to set deadline for reaching agreement)
- Present agreement to Council
- Council then sets public hearing on whether to implement
- Implement by ordinance, no sooner than 6 months following public hearing

No Proposal or An Unacceptable Proposal

- Council is prepared to establish an Organized Collection Options Committee: Set a timeframe for Committee to complete its work
- Committee commences its duties:
 - Determines which organized collection methods to consider
 - Confirms criteria for evaluation of options
 - Seeks operation information from other cities
 - Seeks input, at a minimum, from Council, SW personnel, licensed haulers, residents
 - Issues a report on findings and recommendations

Council's Next Steps

- Consider Committee's Report and Recommendations
- Provide public notice and hold at least one public hearing
- Make a decision and if implementing—commence no sooner than 6 months after the effective decision date

Interested?

- Immediately stop all door to door sales by companies: Place a moratorium on licensing such sales force
- Take first step with Council setting or renewing its criteria or goals for organized collection and city solid waste management
- Communicate with your residents; educate- Remember legislature wants you to be able to organize while protecting, if possible, existing haulers in business
- Notify commencing 60 day process and announce criteria for evaluating

Questions?

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