

## NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

**RE:** **ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**, Amend Section 17-201.4 of the New Haven Code of Ordinances to modify recycling and waste receptacle fees (Alderman Smith).

**REPORT:** 1453-13

**ADVICE:** Approval

### BACKGROUND

Alderman Matt Smith, 9<sup>th</sup> Ward, has submitted an Amendment to the Code of Ordinances concerning fees for commercial recycling pickup. In 2008 the Board of Aldermen established “the New Haven Solid Waste and Recycling Authority dedicated to achieving the most environmentally sound solid waste management and resources conservation program for the people of New Haven and surroundings communities” (see Code section 30 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-41). In order to achieve this goal, the authority will provide strategic planning, research, education and technical assistance to the public, businesses and local governments, initiate programs and facilities to maximize waste prevention, recycling and economic development opportunities.

In 2007 the Board of Aldermen adopted an Ordinance establishing licensing requirements for all commercial waste collectors hauling trash in the City. In the fall of 2009 the City entered into a contract with RecycleRewards to increase participation in the City’s residential recycling program. Site cleanliness plans for commercial sites and licensing of commercial dumpsters were required. The Code was further amended in 2010 by the Public Works Director to clarify the addition of commercial recycling haulers as commercial waste collectors and to require licensing of each collection bin to help identify haulers, in order to enforce flow control and the noise ordinance.

### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Currently Section 17.201-4 has a single fee of \$225 per bin for weekly pickup of recyclables from commercial establishments by the Department of Public Works (DPW). This line of the Code would be deleted and replaced by both a site fee and container fee. The site fee would be either \$225 per site for pickup once per week or \$550 for pickup twice per week. The container fee would be by size of container (i.e. \$25 for a 96 gallon toter, \$155 for a 2 yard dumpster, \$295 for a 6 yard dumpster, and \$395 for a 10 yard dumpster.)

To date the Department of Public Works has not initiated commercial recycling pickup. The proposed new fees create more of an incentive for commercial establishments to recycle as it makes better financial sense to pay a lesser fee per annum to DPW than it might pay to a commercial recycling hauler. As well the amount of recyclables the City collects is increased which increases revenue for the City.

### ADVICE

Approval.

**ADOPTED:** June 15, 2011  
Roy Smith, Jr.  
Vice Chair

**ATTEST:**   
Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA  
Executive Director