

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**, Amend Chapter 30 ¾-16 of the Code of Ordinances regarding waste disposal, site cleanliness plans, and dumpster regulations (Director of Public Works).

REPORT: 1438-24

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

Before the Board of Aldermen from the Director of Public Works is an Amendment to the Code of Ordinances modifying Chapter Section 30 ¾-16 (formerly Sec. 16-19) pertaining to waste disposal, site cleanliness plans and dumpster regulations. The revised Section includes a new definitions subsection and a requirement that commercial establishments provide the City with a site cleanliness plan to be filed with public works on an annual basis, as well as extending the requirements to include a plan for recycling. Additionally permits are required for all waste receptacles which must be affixed with the name and contact information of the hauler as well as the permit number.

A companion Amendment clarifies the addition of commercial waste haulers as commercial waste collectors (see CPC 1438-23).

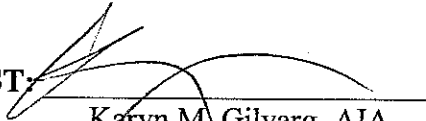
PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed Ordinance amendments give the Department of Public Works the necessary tools to ensure all commercial properties are making provisions for recycling, that these commercial sites are storing and disposing of waste in a manner that mitigates unnecessary nuisances, and that commercial trash is collected by licensed haulers that use the City's Transfer Station. With the costs of waste disposal climbing, it is required by law that solid waste be separated from recyclable waste, and with the new language, the City should be able to better enforce the law. In the long term, flow control if enforced increases commercial tonnage at the New Haven Solid Waste Authority thus decreasing the fixed cost per ton, resulting in long term savings when rates are recalculated.

ADVICE

The Ordinance Amendment is in the best interest of the City, provides improved tools to assist the Department of Public Works in regulating commercial waste haulers, and promotes increased recycling of a substantial portion of the waste stream. The Commission recommends approval.

ADOPTED: March 17, 2010
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
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Executive Director