



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Proposed Technical Amendments to Chapter 11 (Solid Wastes, Scrap Metals, Abandoned Vehicles, Weeds) of the Town Code Related to Yard Waste Collection Services, Items Not Allowed Within the Mobile Containers, and Recycling

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is to amend the Town Code, Chapter 11 Solid Wastes, Scrap Metals, Abandoned Vehicles, Weeds Sections 11-19(g), 11-19(h), 11-19(j)(12), 11-24(a), 11-24(b), and 11-24(c), as it relates to yard waste collection services, loose leaf collection services, items that may not be placed within the mobile household trash containers, and recycling.

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

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INFORMATION: In a recent audit of current yard waste collection services and Chapter 11 of Carrboro Town Code, Public Works recognized areas to improve operational efficiencies and inaccuracies in the Town Code related to items that may not be placed within the mobile household trash containers, and recycling.

Section 11-19(g)(h) Storage and Collection Practices: Premises Not Serviced by Dumpsters

To improve operational efficiencies and reduce the environmental impact of allowing leaves to be collected in bags (plastic and paper) [Section 11-19(h)], Public Works is proposing a change in the collection of yard waste for residential properties. Public Works will implement the use of the Town's new GVM-VAC Leaf Collector vehicle to collect yard waste improving staff safety and reducing staff time involved in the collection of yard waste. The collection and use of the GVM-VAC Leaf Collector vehicle will occur year-round, following the regular yard waste collection schedule.

The proposed operational change would eliminate the need for additional loose leaf collection services November - February; therefore, Section 11-19 (h) is no longer applicable and has been removed. The proposed ordinance states the "Town Code shall be renumbered to reflect such deletion."

Section 11-19(i)(12) Wet Cell Batteries

This section of the Town Code was changed to reflect the State of North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's (NCDEQ) list of items banned from landfill disposal. Carrboro Town Code states wet cell batteries may not be placed in household trash mobile containers; however, NCDEQ lists all lead-acid batteries (as provided in G.S. 130A-309.70), including (flooded) wet cell batteries and sealed lead acid batteries, as banned from landfill disposal.

Section 11-24(a)(b)(c) Recycling

This section of the Town Code was last amended on December 15, 1992 and states recycling containers, collection services, and a list of acceptable recyclable materials are provided by the Town of Carrboro. The Town Code has been updated to reflect current recycling collection services offered by Orange

County.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: The change in the yard waste collection will improve operational efficiencies collecting yard waste.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended the Board of Alderman approve all proposed changes in the attached ordinance amending Chapter 11 of the Town Code.