



To: Zero Waste Commission members

From: Fayez Kazi, ZWAC Committee Chair
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(Representing the Hauler License Committee)

Subject: Hauler License Committee 2012 Summary

Date: January 9, 2013

The purpose of this memo is to summarize actions of the Hauler License Committee of the Zero Waste Advisory Commission (ZWAC) for calendar year 2012 as required by current bylaws.

Background

Throughout a 12 year history, ARR staff has met with local solid waste haulers to refine the current hauler licensing program. In 2010, the Zero Waste Advisory Commission (formerly the Solid Waste Advisory Commission) established a Committee to meet with stakeholders and develop recommended revisions to the City Code regarding Solid Waste Licensing.

During 2012, the Zero Waste Advisory Commission's Hauler License Committee (Fayez Kazi, Bob Schafer and Maydelle Fason) and staff conducted several public meetings to consider amendments to the current hauler rules and regulations. Amendments considered included doing away with the ordinance altogether, expansion of haulers affected by license program, safety and vehicle inspection, non-compliance enforcement, education and public awareness. Also discussed extensively was the pricing mechanism to support the program costs, as well as the hauler appeal process.

Discussion Items

Committee members, stakeholders, and ARR staff discussed the issues identified through numerous public meetings. Code Compliance participated in the latter few meetings to hear stakeholders concerns firsthand and committed to enforcing the new ordinance. The Committee presented its report to the full ZWAC Commission on February 8, 2012 and an updated presentation on April 9, 2012. ARR staff, with assistance from the City Law Office, drafted an ordinance reflecting the recommendations from the ZWAC Hauler License Committee. The Committee's final meeting with stakeholders was held on May 7, 2012. On June 13, 2012, the ZWAC Commission recommended to Council the adoption of the presented

ordinance, with recommended revisions. Staff presented the recommended ordinance to City Council on June 28, 2012.

Status

On June 28, 2012, the Austin City Council approved Chapter 15-6 Article 3, which regulates private solid waste collection. This Council action revised the prior hauler ordinance, and includes the following key points:

- Defines what type of haulers are required to apply for permits
- Requires haulers to submit document of state safety inspection
- Requires haulers to submit tonnage reports in support of the City effort to track diversion activity
- Requires fees on licensed trucks and containers, to support program expenses
- Establishes enforcement procedures
- Places the authority and enforcement of the program in Code Compliance Department

The full ordinance is placed within Austin City Code: Article 3, Division 1, § 15-6-41 and can be found at:

http://www.austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/Code_Compliance/ARTICLE%203.Private%20Solid%20Waste%20Collection%20Service-9-21-12.pdf

Next Steps

The Hauler License Ordinance is now fully administered by the Code Compliance Department, with Mr. Marcus Elliott and Mr. Matthew Christianson as the primary contacts. Additional information can be found at: <http://www.austintexas.gov/hauler>

With the adoption of the Hauler License Ordinance, no further action is requested of the ZWAC Hauler Committee. Staff will present annual updates as requested.

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