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BACKGROUND

- Granite Bluff Inert Landfill currently operates Monday-Friday 8am-5:30pm and the first Saturday of the month 8am-12pm.
- June 2019- Moved Grinding Operation to Pine Grove
- June-Present
 - Average 2 Cash Customers on Wednesdays or \$14
- Monthly revenue averaged \$6,000, now \$550
- 75% reduction in Vehicles



CLOSED ON WEDNESDAYS

- Impact
 - Citizens- 2
 - City Waste Collection- Does not collect on Wednesdays
- NEW hours of Operation will go in effect March 4th
- Advertise
 - Place sign in window
 - City website
 - 311
 - Social Media







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HEATH LAKE / WATERSHED #28

History

- Watersheds constructed in the late 50s-60s.
- Perimeter Fencing installed to limit motorized vehicular traffic- (prevent dam erosion)
- 3 strand barbed wire
- Issue:
 - Homeowners/ along Canterbury have made inquiries to remove fencing bordering private property.
 - Canterbury Dr- 1000ft Dated/Unattractive barbed wire fencing.
 - Replacement Cost
 - 4ft Galvanized Chain link = \$8.75/ft or \$8,750
 - 6ft Wooden Privacy Fence = \$15.50/ft or \$15,500



11 CITY MAINTAINED WATERSHEDS

- 8 of 11 Watersheds border residential properties
- 56,998 ft of fencing surround these watersheds
- 32,265 ft of fencing border/parallel residential property
- Cost
 - 6' wood privacy fence \$15.50 per linear foot
 - \$500,108 material and labor for connected private property
 - 4' Galvanized chain link \$8.75 per linear foot
 - \$282,318 material and labor for connected private property
 - \$498,733 material and labor for perimeter of above watersheds
- Estimates do not include removal of existing fencing or the addition of gates and joints.
 - Local vender provided lowest quotes.



AFFECTED WATERSHEDS

- LAKE HEATH/WATERSHED #28: 12,435 feet (Canterbury Dr/Bridgewater Dr/Winkfield Pl/Windsor Dr/Datchet Ln/Leonards Ct/Ashmore Dr/Eve Ct/Biltmore Dr/Biltmore Ct/Karen Ct/Chrisbin Dr/Lyn Dr/Parkway Ave/St Leonards Ct/Denewood Ct) 8,481 feet on Private Property
- 2. <u>CHARTER OAKS/WATERSHED #12:</u> 8,969 feet (Papaya Dr/Teak Dr/Lemans Ln/Charter Oaks Cir) 2,277 feet on Private Property
- 3. <u>ANTHONY LAKE/WATERSHED #25:</u> 8,629 feet (Rockhurst Dr/Ruby Dr/Glover Ct/Samhurst Dr/Ellsworth Ct/Broadfield Ct/Ironstone Dr/Ironstone Ct/Brookstone Ct) 3,800 feet on Private Property
- 4. <u>COOPER CREEK/WATERSHED #3:</u> 8,198 feet (Bondale Dr/Bondale Ct/River Rock Ct/Tumblestone Ct/Northgate Dr/Smokey Mountain Tr) 8,000 feet on Private Property



AFFECTED WATERSHEDS CONT.

- 5. <u>**BULL CREEK/WATERSHED #1:**</u>7,070 feet (Psalmond Rd/Macon Rd/Lynch Rd) 5,929 feet on Private Property
- 6. <u>WEEMS LAKEWATERSHED #14:</u> 5,303 feet (Weems Rd/Seaton Dr/Summer Chase Dr/Summer Chase Ct/Leafmore Dr/Leafmore Ct/Fairchild Dr/Boeing Dr/Stinson St/Catalina Dr) 1,978 feet on Private Property
- 7. <u>SMITH LAKE/WATERSHED #4:</u> 3,407 feet (Sugar Mill Dr/Apartment that back up to watershed on Greystone Drive/Plum Ct/Yellowstone Dr/Sugar Mill apartments at 6900 Schomburg Dr) 1,800 feet on Private Property
- 8. <u>CHAPEL LAKE/WATERSHED #21</u> 2,990 feet (Chapel Lake Dr/Creekwood Ct) <u>Private</u>







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EXISTING PROGRAM

- Public Work Department has reviewed the current eviction process with a focus on the reduction of litter and unsightly waste in the city's right of way.
- Evictions happen often and involve a variety of city services; Courts, Public Works, Inspections & Codes, and the Marshal's Office.
- Presently, all citizens have unlimited pickup at the curb, this includes landlords with rental properties. The exception is that normally landlords do not pay for garbage services on rental properties but receive the same services that garbage fee subscribers do—curbside bulk removal.





GA PROPERTY CODE

- Public Works proposes a process change for evictions that would place the burden of removal onto the landlord/property owner, <u>which complies with current</u> <u>Georgia law</u>, O.C.G.A. 44-7-55.
- (c) Any writ of possession issued pursuant to this article shall authorize the removal of the tenant or his or her personal property or both from the premises and permit the placement of such personal property on some portion of the landlord's property or on other property as may be designated by the landlord and as may be approved by the executing officer; provided, however, that the landlord shall not be a bailee of such personal property and shall owe no duty to the tenant regarding such personal property. After execution of the writ, such property shall be regarded as abandoned.







COLUMBUS CODE CH13 ARTICLE VI SEC 13

• Sec. 13-152. - Definitions.

- (a)The word "litter" means all sand, gravel, slag, brickbats, rubbish, waste material, tin cans, refuse, garbage, trash, debris, dead animals or discarded materials of every kind and description.
- (b)The phrase "public or private property" means the rightof-way of any road or highway; any body of water or watercourse or the shores thereof; any park, playground, building, industrial, commercial, residential, farm or forest properties.
- (Ord. No. 82-68, § 2, 9-21-82)







COLUMBUS CODE CH13 ARTICLE VI SEC 13

Sec. 13-153. - Unlawful activities.

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to dump, deposit, throw or leave, or to cause or permit the dumping, depositing, placing, throwing or leaving of litter on any public or private property in Columbus, Georgia, or any waters in Columbus, Georgia, unless:

- (a) Such property is designated by Columbus, Georgia, or by any of its agencies for the disposal of such litter, and such person is authorized by the proper public authority to use such property;
- (b) Such litter is placed into a litter receptacle or container installed on such property;
- (c) Such person is the owner or tenant in lawful possession of such property or has first obtained consent of the owner or tenant in lawful possession, or unless the act is done under the personal direction of said owner or tenant, all in a manner consistent with the public welfare.





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MARSHAL'S CIVIL PROCESS

E. PLACEMENT OF THE REMOVED ITEMS

Items are to be placed on the right away directly in front of the property, except in apartment/condo complexes, which are to be placed in the parking spaces closest to the apartment (or a space assigned to that apartment). The evicted items are deemed abandoned when the eviction is completed. (O.C.G.A. 44-7-55)





PROPOSED CHANGE

 Public Works proposes a process change for evictions that would place the burden of removal onto the landlord/property owner, which complies with current Georgia law, O.C.G.A. 44-7-55. The process for the writ of possession (eviction) through the Marshal's office would remain the same with the exceptions of establishing a fee for city removal of the personal property and to keeping the personal property out of the right-of-way, sidewalks, or streets of the city.



PROPOSED PROCESS CHANGE

- During the writ of possession, the property owner specifies the type of removal service; private or city, on the writ of possession form.
- The Marshall or the Sheriff would still secure the eviction location.
- There is a required deposit or payment of a fee of \$XXX if city removal services are selected.
- A copy of the writ of possession form is sent to Public Works.
- The Marshal's Office contacts Public Works providing the eviction date.
- If the city is providing the removal services, then they contact the third-party removal service. Normally a private hauler will charge between \$100-\$500 for removal, which includes the landfill or tipping fee.







NEW ORDINANCE

- Prior to the proposed process change, the city would need to adopt a new ordinance that will restrict the dumping of eviction items on right-ofway. This ordinance would comply with Georgia law on eviction item location.
- The Marshal's Civil Process 3.19 OCCG 9-11-4c, would need editing to not reference the right of way as the designated location for placement of the removed items.
- RFB is needed to create the list of private haulers (vendors) who will provide the removal services.



NEW EVICTION ORDINANCE

- "It shall be unlawful for any landlord, owner or other person or entity taking possession of a residential unit or nonresidential establishment to place any personal property, garbage, rubbish or solid waste on the right-of-way, sidewalks or streets of the city.
- Each landlord, owner or other person or entity, shall dispose of all personal property, garbage, rubbish or solid waste by placing the same in a secure location, such as to prevent scavenging or other involuntary disbursal, on the premises of the residential unit or nonresidential establishment or by removing the same to a separate premises.
- If the property owner wished to use city services to dispose of any personal property, garbage, rubbish or solid waste associated therewith shall only be collected by the city after the payment of a separate fee for said collection".



CONCLUSION

 Public Works provides solid waste and recycling collection services that have included the removal of eviction items but has never collected a fee for such services. The burden of evictions has fallen to the garbage fee payer. This proposed process change would levy the fee for eviction removal and disposal onto the property owner as in the same as the garbage fee payer.



