

Staff Report

Subject: Ordinance Revision
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Item Description: Consideration to approve the First Reading to **amend** the Code of Ordinances **Part II – Official Code: Chapter 66 – Sec. 66-33. Waste disposal—General** and **Sec. 66-37. Regulation of solid waste collection practices and carts, containers, dumpsters and receptacles** of the Effingham County Code of Ordinances, responding to the findings and recommendations of the Effingham County Litter and Sustainability Task Force with regards to solid waste management practices.

Summary Recommendation

Staff recommends **approval** of an ordinance revision which includes a more thorough listing of general practices, clarification of the requirements on commercial units and non-profits, and usage guidelines for collection carts.

Executive Summary/Background

- Common Citizen concerns and complaints were reviewed by the Effingham County Litter and Sustainability Task Force, the proposed amendment being recommended as one part of their overall proposal to reduce litter and illegal dumping in Effingham County as well as streamline residential collection.
- This ordinance revision would clarify that improper possession and/or usage of a County issued collection cart as well as the usage of a collection cart which belongs to someone else without their permission would constitute an ordinance violation. Further, that the option for commercial units to procure their own waste disposal privately if they produce more than 100lbs of waste per week extends also to non-profits and places of worship and would become a requirement if they exceeded that limit so as not to overburden the County's residential solid waste pickup streams rather than be compelled to keep using standard issue residential collection carts.
- This revision will allow Code Enforcement and Sanitation Department Staff to better respond to common complaints and concerns relating to collection cart usage and resolve them more effectively.

Alternatives

1. **Approve** an **amendment** to the Code of Ordinances **Part II – Official Code: Chapter 66 – Sec. 66-33. Waste disposal—General** and **Sec. 66-37. Regulation of solid waste collection practices and carts, containers, dumpsters and receptacles**
2. **Deny** an **amendment** to the Code of Ordinances **Part II – Official Code: Chapter 66 – Sec. 66-33. Waste disposal—General** and **Sec. 66-37. Regulation of solid waste collection practices and carts, containers, dumpsters and receptacles**

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2

Department Review: Development Services, County Attorney

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Attachments: 1. Draft of Part II – Official Code: Chapter 66 – Sec. 66-33. Waste disposal—General and Sec. 66-37. Regulation of solid waste collection practices and carts, containers, dumpsters and receptacles