



TO: FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

FROM: SHANNON VASSEN, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

DATE: MAY 7, 2024

AGENDA TEXT: Ordinance 2024-12 – First Reading – An Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 8.08 of the Fruita Municipal Code Regarding Garbage and Solid Waste.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this Ordinance is to update the Municipal Code to reflect industry standards and practices concerning the collection and disposal of solid waste. This Municipal Code amendment addresses a few sections of Chapter 8.08, as outlined here:

- **Containers** – This amendment updates language on garbage and trash containers to reflect that containers will be provided through the City of Fruita by and through its contractors, and that residents and businesses can use containers up to 96-gallons in size. The previous language, adopted in 2011, indicated that the largest container that could be used was 32 gallons.
- **Replacement of Containers** - This amendment also updates the code to reflect current practices that trash containers, when the containers can no longer be used, will need to be reported to the City for replacement.
- **Weight Restriction of Containers** – This Municipal Code amendment also removes the weight maximum of containers (previously 50 pounds). Since the City’s contractor has moved to an automated system, there is now no weight requirement for the containers.
- **Placement of Containers** – This update also reflects how containers should be placed, and removes section F regarding tree trimmings and hedge cuttings as it is no longer applicable.

These changes bring the municipal code up to date to reflect current trash and recycling collection services throughout the City of Fruita.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to approving this Municipal Code Amendment.

APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

This amendment will update the Municipal Code to reflect the current conditions of trash and recycling services throughout Fruita, a key core service that City provides through its contractors.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO COUNCIL

- Approve First Reading as presented and Schedule Public Hearing for June 4, 2024

- Advise staff to amend the amendment and approve, and then schedule the Public Hearing for June 4, 2024

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council:

MOVE TO APPROVE A SYNOPSIS OF ORDINANCE 2024-12 AMENDING CHAPTER VIII OF THE FRUITA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING GARBAGE AND SOLID WASTE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON JUNE 4, 2024.