



ACTION ITEM REPORT

Item Title: Consideration and ACTION to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 564. An Ordinance providing for an amendment to Los Fresnos Code of Ordinance Chapter 34, Article I, in General, Section 34.1, Definitions, Article II, Collection and Disposal, section 34.21, Carts, 34.25, Collection Routes, 34.26 Holidays and 34.27, Complaints, repealing all Ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

Recommendation:

This ordinance was passed at the January meeting. The only change from then is the addition of "Carts must not be stored in the front yard after collection; they must be placed adjacent to the home or in the backyard until the next scheduled pickup." During Code Enforcement's rounds and discussions with the public, it was realized this language was left out during one of our updates. This prevents people from leaving the cart at the curb or by a tree in the front yard. The cart has to be brought back to the home.

I recommend approval.

Comment from last meeting.

The ordinance has some items that need to be updated.

1. It still has BFI Waste Services of Texas, LP but they changed names to use to Republic Services.
2. I capitalized the part of bagging trash. Quite a few people just throw loose trash in the cart and that is why many times when the truck picks up the cart to dump it, trash is blown in the area. If all trash is bagged, that will not happen.
3. We had allowed 24 hours to place your cart out before pickup and 24 hours after pickup. We feel that 12 hours is plenty of time. We are flexible with people as sometimes there may be issues that arise cause it to be later but that should be the exception, not the rule. The goal is to help our City look good. With garbage carts out all the time, our streets look trashy.
4. Lastly, people are confused about holiday trash pickup. The current wording uses the word may for they may recognize the holiday and should they elect to do so, they will notify the city and resident on the change. Republic Services practice is to never observe the holiday as it is too difficult to move to another day when that day is a full day's work. So we are changing the wording to say that Republic Services will continue to provide solid waste collection on Holidays and if they elect to observe a holiday and change days for collection, they will notify those affected.