

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Sean Ballantine, Department of Public Services Director
Date: September 24, 2025
Subject: Ordinance No. 2207 Revised Ordinance – Requirement for Recycling and Trash Carts

To improve efficiency, safety, reduce costs, and ensure compliance with regional recycling standards, the City is implementing standardized waste collection practices. As part of this initiative, all residents will now be required to use uniform, City-approved carts for trash and recycling. These carts are compatible with automated collection equipment, which helps reduce worker injury risk and enhances service efficiency.

The revised ordinance (attached) amends Ordinance 517, specifically Chapter 14, Sections 14-10, 14-11, and 14-16, to mandate the use of these standardized containers for all residential waste and recycling collection.

During the first reading on September 29, the City Council raised questions about enforcement. Enforcement provisions are already established in Chapter 14, Section V of the ordinance.

Section 14-18 – Penalties states:

Any person, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association, firm, resident, or occupant who violates Sections 14-10, 14-11, and/or 14-12 shall be responsible for a civil infraction, subject to a fine of up to \$100.00. Each day a violation continues will be treated as a separate offense.

All other violations of this chapter are classified as criminal misdemeanors, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00, imprisonment for up to 90 days, or both.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council approve the revised ordinance requiring the use of City-approved trash and recycling carts on second reading.