



Historic District Refuse Update

Town Council Regular Meeting

November 10, 2025

The Challenge: Waste in the Historic District

High-Volume Waste

Many restaurants lack adequate, centralized storage for refuse.

Public Impact

Ad-hoc solutions lead to dumpsters in public view, detracting from historic district aesthetics.

Historic Constraints

Limited space behind historic buildings makes individual storage nearly impossible.

The Primary Constraint

"Apartment houses, restaurants, hotels, commercial houses... are classified as commercial properties outside the scope of regular trash collection."

— Town Code Section 8-21

Roles & Responsibilities

The Town

Provides a small, designated parcel of Town-owned land.
Contributes the initial enclosure on a concrete pad.

Experience Old Town (EOTW)

Funds, manages, and operates the shared enclosure. Assumes all financial, operational, and liability responsibilities. Recoups costs directly from participating businesses.

Progress & Collaboration

- Staff met with members of the EOTW board on October 30, 2025.
- EOTW leadership was receptive and agreed that this is a positive path forward for all Main Street merchants.
- The November 1, 2025, deadline for an existing dumpster removal has been delayed to allow for this permanent solution.
- Draft Addendum was received back from legal and sent to Council on November 10th.

Service & Collaborative Impact

Service Level Impact

Provides a significant visual and sanitary improvement. Gives businesses a viable, code-compliant, and aesthetic disposal option.

Collaborative Impact

Reinforces the Town's partnership with EOTW. Empowers EOTW to solve a collective problem for its businesses.

Legal & Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact

No continued fiscal impact. The Town's contribution is in-kind (land/enclosure). All operational costs are borne by EOTW.

Legal Impact

Complies with Town Code 8-21 (Town is not *collecting* trash). The MOU Addendum transfers all liability to EOTW.

Fiscal Impact on Town

\$0

Continued Fiscal Impact

A Partnership-Driven Solution

This partnership model provides a community solution at no operational cost to the Town. No Town funds will be used for the operation or maintenance of the enclosure.

Staff Recommendation

Authorize the Town Manager to finalize and execute an Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Experience Old Town Warrenton (EOTW).

This Addendum formally designates the Town-owned parcel for EOTW to manage and operate the central refuse enclosure.



Questions?