



Commercial Refuse Pickup

Town Council Regular Meeting
September 8th, 2026

Commercial Refuse Pickup – Current Code

- In 2021, Chapter 8 of Town Code was updated to specify which structures in the Town of Warrenton were eligible for municipal trash collection and which must obtain private services. Sec 8-21 states:
- *Garbage and trash shall be removed by the town from dwellings (defined as single family and duplexes), commercial properties in historic district or standalone professional services businesses. Apartment houses, restaurants, hotels, commercial houses and other places where human beings may dwell or assemble are classified as commercial properties outside the scope of regular trash collection. Such removal shall be under the direction of the town manager and in compliance with the provisions of this article. With the exception of properties classified as commercial by virtue of the type and amount of waste produced by the site and use.*

Commercial Refuse Pickup - Clarifications

- Would NOT be picked up:
 - Trash from apartments, restaurants, hotels, commercial houses, other places where humans may dwell or assemble (outside of the historic district).
- Would be picked up:
 - Trash from single family homes & duplexes throughout the Town.
 - Trash from commercial properties within the historic district.
 - Trash from standalone professional service businesses throughout the Town.
 - Defined as?

Commercial Refuse Pickup – Project Status

- Progress so far:
 - Generated a list of all commercial properties that receive trash pickup.
 - Clarified which of these properties lay within the Historic District.
 - Estimated the trash output of these businesses.
- Future efforts include:
 - Contacting affected businesses.
 - Creating a deadline for the cessation of services.
 - Working with businesses to ensure they have a new system for managing trash compliant with Town Code.

Commercial Refuse Pickup – Request to Council

- Request for clarification:
 - Define or eliminate the phrase “standalone professional service businesses” from Town Code sec 8-21.
- Definition/clarification is crucial to know which businesses outside of the historic district will be affected.



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An aerial photograph of a town street, showing a mix of residential and commercial buildings, trees, and parked cars. The street runs vertically through the center of the image. The word "Questions?" is overlaid in the center in a bold, dark blue font.

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