

**Parking Reduction for Multifamily Recycling Container**

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**Request:**

Consideration of amending Section 51A-4.209(b)(5), "Multifamily Use," of Chapter 51A of the Dallas City Code to allow a parking reduction to provide adequate area for the placement of recycling containers.

**Background:**

On June 13, 2018, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 30879, which established Section 18-5.1, "Collection and Removal of Recyclable Materials from Multifamily Sites," of Chapter 18, "Municipal Solid Wastes," of the Dallas City Code. This ordinance, also referred to as the Multifamily Recycling Ordinance, requires all multifamily properties with eight or more dwelling units to provide recycling services to their tenants and employees beginning on January 1, 2020.

**Intent/Staff Analysis:**

The proposed amendments to the Dallas Development Code intend to bring Section 51A-4.209(b)(5), "Multifamily Use," into compliance with Section 18-5.1(e) of the Multifamily Recycling Ordinance:

Section 18-5.1 Collection and Removal of Recyclable Materials from Multifamily Sites

(e) Parking reduction. Minimum parking required for a multifamily site may be reduced in order to provide adequate space for recycling containers.

The proposed amendments allow for a parking reduction of one required parking space in order to provide adequate area for the placement of recycling containers as specified in Section 18-5.1(d) (See Appendix). This added provision to Section 51A-4.209(b)(5), "Multifamily Use," details how the provision in Section 18-5.1(e) can occur.

Staff recommends approval of the proposed amendments to Section 51A-4.209(b)(5), "Multifamily Use," of Chapter 51A of the Dallas City Code because the amendments will bring this section into compliance with the Multifamily Recycling Ordinance.

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Proposed Amendments

**SEC. 51A-4.209(b)(5) Multifamily Use**

(5) Multifamily.

(A) Definitions: Three or more dwelling units located on a lot.

(B) Districts permitted: By right in CH, multifamily, central area, mixed use, and urban corridor districts. By right as a restricted component of a building in the GO(A) district. [See Section [51A-4.121\(d\)](#).]

(C) Off-street parking.

(i) Required off-street parking: One space per bedroom with a minimum of one space per dwelling unit. An additional one-quarter space per dwelling unit must be provided for guest parking if the required parking is restricted to resident parking only. No additional parking is required for accessory uses that are limited principally to residents.

(ii) The number of off-street parking spaces required under this section may be reduced by one parking space in order to provide adequate area for the placement of recycling containers as specified in Section 18-5.1(d).

(D) Required off-street loading: None.

(E) Additional provisions:

(i) Uses that are customarily incidental to the multifamily use and that include an employee's washroom, a manager's office, laundry room, swimming pool, and game courts are permitted provided they are located no closer than 50 feet to an R, R(A), D, D(A), TH, or TH(A) district. The game courts, laundry room, and swimming pool must be for the exclusive use of the residents and their guests. No exterior advertising of the uses is permitted.

(ii) The minimum space between exterior walls of a multifamily dwelling must be 10 feet between the walls if only one wall has an opening for light and air and 20 feet if both walls have an opening for light and air. This provision applies to multifamily buildings with a common roof and free standing multifamily buildings. This provision does not apply to walls located entirely within a dwelling unit.

(iii) This use does not include a hotel or motel.

## Appendix

### **SEC. 18-5.1. COLLECTION AND REMOVAL OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS FROM MULTIFAMILY SITES.**

(a) General regulations. The owner of a multifamily site shall:

(1) provide single stream, dual stream, or valet recycling through persons holding a multifamily site recycling collection service permit pursuant to Article IV-a of this chapter.

(2) provide recycling container(s) through persons holding a multifamily site recycling collection service permit pursuant to Article IV-a of this chapter.

(3) provide and place recycling containers in locations within visibility of waste containers. If valet trash service is provided, the recycling service should be of a similar nature. If trash chute rooms or trash rooms are utilized, then the recycling service should be of a similar nature or should be as convenient for the tenant, such as placing a recycling container adjacent to the trash chute, if there is adequate space.

(4) provide information (e.g. posters, signs) in suitable common areas, such as mail rooms and laundry facilities, that discusses how to recycle at the property, including information on the types of recyclable materials that are acceptable using photos or images, the chasing arrows recycling symbol, locations of recycling containers, and onsite contact information to report overflowing recycling containers and contamination. If the property utilizes valet recycling collection services, then only information regarding how to recycle and materials accepted is required.

(5) educate each tenant on recycling program implementation upon lease commencement and biannually thereafter of the following:

(A) the multifamily site provides access to recycling in accordance with [Chapter 18](#) of the Dallas City Code;

(B) location of recycling containers;

(C) types of recycling materials accepted;

(D) information related to proper recycling practices, including that cardboard boxes should be broken down before placed in recycling containers;

(E) onsite contact information to report overflowing recycling containers and contamination; and

(F) information on how to report waste or recycling problems to the City of Dallas, utilizing 3-1-1, the 311 app or submitting an online service request.

(6) inform each tenant within 30 days of any significant change in recycling services to the multifamily site.

(7) for multifamily sites offering back-of-house and valet recycling, provide biannual training (or within 30 days of new employee start date) to those collecting recyclable materials of the following:

(A) types of clean and empty materials accepted in recycling containers;

(B) instruction to break down cardboard boxes before depositing into recycling containers serviced by a permitted multifamily site recycling collection service business;

(C) for multifamily sites providing valet recycling, instruction to empty plastic bags before depositing contents into recycling containers serviced by permitted multifamily site recycling collection service businesses and instruction to place plastic bags into waste or garbage containers to be landfilled;

(D) location of recycling containers; and

(E) onsite contact information for reporting overflowing recycling containers and contamination.

(8) submit an annual recycling plan to the director of sanitation as set forth in Subsection (g) of this section, along with an affidavit of compliance as part of the owner's annual multi-tenant registration or on a form approved by the director of sanitation.

(b) Recyclable materials for collection. The owner of a multifamily site must provide collection for recyclable materials that are consistent with those materials accepted by the city's residential recycling program, unless otherwise exempted by the director of sanitation.

(c) Recycling collection and capacity. The owner of a multifamily site must provide recycling container collection capacity equal to or greater than 11 gallons per unit, per week.

(d) Recycling containers. A recycling container must:

(1) be a roll cart, bin, wheelie bin, dumpster, or compactor. Wheelie bins, dumpsters, and compactors larger than two yards may have restricted access to prevent gross contamination; and

(2) comply with screening and other applicable regulations in the Dallas Development Code, as amended.

(e) Parking reduction. Minimum parking required for a multifamily site may be reduced in order to provide adequate space for recycling containers.

(f) Implementation.

(1) An owner of a multifamily site shall implement a multifamily site recycling program by January 1, 2020.

(2) An owner of a multifamily site applying for a certificate of occupancy after January 1, 2020, shall immediately comply with this section upon issuance of the property's certificate of occupancy and submit a recycling plan with their initial multi-tenant registration application.

(g) Recycling plans.

(1) The owner of a multifamily site shall submit a recycling plan each year, as part of their annual multi-tenant registration application, to the city. Initial recycling plans must be submitted upon the first annual multi-tenant registration after January 1, 2020. Electronic or hard copy of the recycling plan information should be available for inspection on site after January 1, 2020. The recycling plan must include the following information:

(A) name of permitted multifamily site recycling collection service business utilized;

(B) types of materials recycled;

(C) type, size, location(s), and frequency of recycling container(s) collection;

(D) a site map of the property showing current garbage and recycling locations, unless valet recycling service is provided and no community recycling containers are available;

(E) notation of any changes to the multifamily site recycling program in the previous calendar year, including but not limited to changes of the following: multifamily site recycling collection service business utilized or method of collection, if applicable; and

(F) any other information that the director of sanitation deems necessary, and is reasonable, to verify compliance with this ordinance or to enhance program reporting capabilities and other information.

(2) The owner of a multifamily site shall maintain records and examples of materials relevant to meeting the requirements of Section [18-5.1\(a\)\(5\)](#) and make records available if requested by the city manager's designee, or that designee's authorized representative during an on-site inspection.

(3) The director of sanitation may reject a recycling plan if it does not contain the information specified in this section or meet the minimum requirements as defined in this section. The owner of a multifamily site shall submit a revised plan no later than 30 days from notification of the director of sanitation's determination to reject the plan.

(h) Inspection. For any multifamily site, the city manager's designee, or that designee's authorized representative, may conduct an inspection for compliance with this section and verify the site's provision of access to recycling services at any time or when an inspection under Section [27-42](#), of [Chapter 27](#) of the Dallas City Code, as amended, is conducted, even if the

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multifamily site is not a rental property, as defined in [Chapter 27](#) of the Dallas City Code, as amended.

(i) Exemptions and Implementation Extension.

(1) Section [18-5.1\(a\)\(8\)](#) does not apply to multifamily sites that have a current contract with the City of Dallas to receive recycling collection services from the city.

(2) The owner of a multifamily site may submit to the director of sanitation, within 90 days of required recycling program implementation, a written request for an implementation extension and/or exemption from all or specific provisions of the regulations of this section because of the owner's inability to comply. The director of sanitation will conduct a thorough evaluation on whether the owner demonstrated an inability to comply with the ordinance. The owner will receive a determination by the director of sanitation in writing within 60 days. The director of sanitation's decision will be final. (Ord. [30879](#))