



LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE
Meeting Action Report

Committee: Environmental Services

Members of the Environmental Services LRC:

City Representative Susie Byrd (Chair)
City Representative Emma Acosta
City Representative Dr. Michiel Noe
City Representative Cortney Carlisle Niland

Staff Assignee: Ellen A. Smyth, Director, Environmental Services

Date of Meeting: August 25, 2011

#1 Discussion and action regarding proposed revisions to Chapter 9.04 for storage of tires.
[Environmental Services, Karl Rimkus, (915) 621-6700]

Summary:

The LRC reviewed the proposed revisions to the storage of tires as it relates to residential and commercial properties, as well as requirements for outside covering with a tarp during precipitation events.

Action Taken:

The LRC voted to support the proposed changes and asked for Legal to research if the City can require tire vendors to collect fees for the City to have a tire program. The Committee recommended that ESD conduct outreach with the stakeholders on the proposed revisions.

Disposition:

City staff will make the change to Title 9.04 to incorporate the LRC recommendation and will bring to the full Council upon Legal's review.

2. Discussion and action regarding proposed revisions to Chapter 9.04 for requirements for solid waste disposal carts/containers at food establishments. [Environmental Services, Karl Rimkus, (915) 621-6700]

Summary:

The presentation outlined the current regulations as outlined in Title 9.12 and Title 9.04. The proposed changes will bring Title 9.04 consistent with City and State requirements. Public comment was provided.

Action:

The LRC expressed support of the proposed Ordinance change

Disposition:

City staff will present proposed changes to the Legal Department and will bring to the full Council.

#3. Discussion and action regarding proposed revisions to Chapter 13.20 for obstruction of sidewalks. [Environmental Services, Karl Rimkus, (915) 621-6700]

Summary:

The presentation discussed the goals to streamline enforcement process for the obstruction of sidewalks.

Disposition:

The LRC did not support the proposed changes and asked for further review of the issue

Action:

No action was taken. City staff will further research this item.

#4. Discussion and action regarding green product stewardship policy for bids and list of potential purchasing products. [Environmental Services, Marty Howell, (915) 541-4925]

Summary:

The presentation outlined the purpose and intent of the green product stewardship program, along with some of the additional work that will be required to incorporate this program into the City's bidding process.

Action:

The LRC expressed support of the program and a Council resolution supporting product stewardship.

Disposition:

City staff will work with Purchasing to incorporate product stewardship into the bidding process and will prepare a Resolution in support of product stewardship.

#5. Discussion and update regarding a staff report on Recycle Right Campaign. (Environmental Services, Eloisa Portillo-Morales & Tammy Fonce (915-621-6700))

Summary:

The presentation outlined the campaign efforts for "Know What to Throw – Recycle Right."

Action:

The LRC supported the current efforts and asked for more public sector outreach.

Disposition:

City staff will continue to explore recycling alternatives.

#6. Discussion and update regarding a staff report on the City of El Paso Sustainability Plan (Environmental Services, Marty Howell (915) 541-4925)

Summary:

The presentation was an update on new Sustainability programs as well as pending programs.

Disposition:

City staff will work on current projects and will continue to explore additional Sustainability programs.

Action:

The LRC requested that staff research the Recycle Bank and review the free Sun Metro ridership day for Ozone Day.

SUBMITTED BY:

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