

MOTION

The City's multifamily bulky item collection program began on October 1, 2007. Over six months later, a great deal of the household items that had previously been dumped on City parkways and alleys improperly are now being collected. Bureau of Sanitation staff is also educating residents in a variety of languages on which day of the week to take out items.

A logical next step for the City's bulky item program is to include the 100,000 or so condominium units, which are currently serviced by the private sector for all trash services. Doing so will allow the City to recover most of its costs for picking up these items, since few residents of condominiums contact their waste hauler to dispose of bulky items.

The Council also voted to create a mechanism by which larger apartment complexes that can demonstrate that they are completely self-reliant when it comes to disposal of bulky items could exempt themselves from paying the fee. Park La Brea and Oakwood Toluca Lake, the City's two largest apartment complexes, have already been exempted.

Several owners of other properties across the City have called the Bureau of Sanitation to express an interest in exempting their buildings as well. So long as there are fewer than 100,000 units in whichever buildings are removed from the Bulky Item Collection Program, the inclusion of condominiums should allow for us to allow further exemptions.

The California Apartment Association, which represents most of the larger complexes in the City, has estimated that there are between 80 and 200 buildings that might meet all of the five criteria laid out by Council in order to qualify for an exemption. Bureau staff will have to survey these complexes in order to determine if all of the criteria have been met.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Sanitation, with assistance from the City Administrative Officer, be requested to report to Council on the results of the first six months of the Multifamily Bulky Item Collection program, including statistics on the total tonnage of items collected monthly before and after the start of the program.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney, with assistance from the Bureau of Sanitation, be requested to draft an amendment to Ordinance 179070 pertaining to the Multifamily Bulky Item Collection program to require that owners of condominium units pay a \$1.28 a month service fee in exchange for the City taking responsibility for bulky item collection.

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