



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Public Works

**Date:** July 8, 2014

**To:** Honorable Kevin Reich, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

**Subject:** **Amending Title 11, Chapter 225 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Health and Sanitation: Garbage and Refuse**

**Recommendation:** Set a Public Hearing for July 22, 2014.

**Previous Directives:**

None

**Department Information:**

Prepared by: David Herberholz, Director, Solid Waste and Recycling Division

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Steven A. Kotke, P.E., Director of Public Works

Presenters in Committee: David Herberholz

**Reviews**

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval   N/A   Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Civil Rights Approval Approval   N/A   Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval   N/A   Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Impact**

- No financial impact
- Action is within the Business Plan

**Community Impact**

**Supporting Information**

Section 225.690 of the current City Code of Ordinances applies to what has traditionally been called "Dirty Collection Point" or "DCP." The current ordinance provides authority to Public Works, Solid Waste and Recycling (SWR) to enforce all properties with City Solid Waste and Recycling collection to keep the area within 20 feet of their collection point free

of debris, and the authority to clean-up and bill non-compliant properties. Our customer base is 99% residential properties with 4-dwelling units or less.

Privately serviced properties typically have dumpsters for solid waste services. Overflowing dumpsters at residential properties with more than 4-dwelling units have been a consistent livability concern in Minneapolis and a source of complaint from city-serviced residents. The ordinance should be amended to provide uniform standards, timelines, and procedures for enforcing clean-up of DCP's at all City properties, and uniform clean-up services and costs at non-compliant properties, whether City or privately serviced.

This action amends Chapter 225, Title 11, Chapter 225 Garbage and Refuse: to expand the authority of the Department of Public Works, Division of Solid Waste and Recycling to provide clean-up and charge for excessive solid waste at residential properties with more than four (4) dwelling units, and non-residential properties in the City of Minneapolis.

Article V currently limits enforcement authority of overflowing dumpsters to the Director of Inspections. The requested ordinance amendment would also give this authority to the Director of the Solid Waste and Recycling Division of the Department of Public Works. This allows Solid Waste and Recycling to follow well-established Dirty Collection Point enforcement and billing procedures at privately serviced properties by treating overflowing dumpsters in the same manner as a DCP at a City serviced property.

The Public Works Department, Division of Solid Waste and Recycling, and the Department of Regulatory Services, Housing Inspection Services collaborated to address overflowing privately serviced dumpsters within the City since 2006. It is the intention of the Divisions of Solid Waste and Recycling and Housing Inspection Services to develop an internal memorandum of understanding tasking one City department with enforcement and cleanup responsibilities for all overflowing dumpsters City-wide.