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TO: Portland Neighborhood Associations and Neighborhood Business Associations

FROM: City of Portland, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) Staff

RE: Comments Invited on City of Portland Rules for Garbage and Recycling

The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) is conducting a public review of the City's Administrative Rules which cover garbage and recycling for Residential (dwellings that are a fourplex or smaller) and Business (commercial entities, non profit organizations and government facilities). As part of the review, BPS is proposing changes to both the Residential and Business Administrative Rules (see description below). Those changes are being developed and will be available on the BPS website for review in mid August. We are offering interested parties the opportunity to review the rules and to suggest changes. For a copy of either or both sets of current rules, you may view or print them (as a PDF) from our website, <http://www.portlandonline.com/bps/index.cfm?c=41472>, or you may phone or email your request. See below for addresses and phone numbers.

We plan to hold two public hearings on Tuesday, September 27, 2011:

2:00 to 4:00 pm- Business Administrative Rule Hearing and

4:00 to 6:00 pm- Residential Administrative Rule Hearing.

Hearings will be held at 1900 SW 4th Ave., Room 7A. We plan to adopt any changes shortly after the hearing. We will notify you of any change in the date, time or location of the hearing. If you would like to suggest changes to the rules but do not plan to attend the hearing, please send your comments in writing.

In order to incorporate your comments into the discussion at the hearing, we would like to have those comments by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2011. In any case, comments must be received no later than the end of the public hearing, unless the deadline is extended at the hearing. We also invite you to contact us by telephone or email to send comments or discuss questions you may have.

- Email: wasteinfo@portlandoregon.gov. Please note "Admin rules review" on the subject line. We will respond to email by email unless you request otherwise.



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The remainder of this memo gives background information about what the rules cover, the names of staff to contact, and the proposed changes to date.

Background on what the “RESIDENTIAL” rules govern: The rules affect garbage and recycling service delivery at any “residential” building, which is defined in the waste industry as a single-family, duplex, triplex or fourplex residence. For “residential” service, the City uses a franchise system which assigns haulers to specific territories and the City sets rates. Because residential customers cannot choose their hauler, the City’s rules are quite detailed. For “residential” questions, call Laura Haggi at 503-823-6111 or email lhaggi@portlandoregon.gov.

Background on what the “BUSINESS” rules govern: The rules affect the standards and expectations for business solid waste, recyclables and compostables collection. As defined by Portland City Code Section 17.102.020, a “business” is any commercial entity, including industrial and institutional, non profit organizations and government facilities, but not including multifamily complexes or commercial entities which occupy less than 50 percent of the floor area of a residence. For “business” questions, call or email Megan Ponder at 503-823-9582 (megan.ponder@portlandoregon.gov)

Below is a list of rules changes proposed to date. Other changes will likely be added as the process continues.

The following are among the changes are being proposed to the **Residential** rules:

1. Including the collection of food scraps in the curbside collection program that will be considered by City Council in August.
2. Clean up and clarify terms

The following are among the changes being proposed in the **Business** rules:

1. Changes to reflect the next iteration of the 2008 Portland Recycles! Plan, specifically related to business recycling and composting requirements.
2. Define minimum storage space requirements for the storage of solid waste, recyclables and compostables containers required for new construction or major renovations.
3. These revisions will not contain changes to the rules regarding storage of Containers in the Right Of Way (CROW).

