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Honorable City Council
The City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, New York
(Through the Office of the Mayor)

Re: Amendment to Section 140-4, Garbage and Rubbish Collection, Authorizing a Red Tag Bulk Item Disposal Section

Dear Board Members,

The Department of Public Works ("DPW") respectfully requests that the above-referenced item be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next scheduled City Council meeting.

Purpose of the Amendment

This amendment formally codifies Bulk Item Disposal within the City's sanitation code, providing the legal framework necessary for program implementation, enforcement, and fee collection. The addition would authorize DPW to designate oversized items as a separate waste stream requiring a disposal tag and to establish fees by Council resolution.

Program Structure

Under the Red Tag Oversized Item Disposal Service:

- **\$12 Tag** – For general household bulky items such as chairs, tables, rolled carpets, bicycles, large furniture, sofas, dressers, mattresses, and toilets.
- **\$25 Tag** – For appliances and specialty items such as air conditioning units, snow blowers, and grills (no propane).

Requested Action

The Department of Public Works respectfully requests that the City Council:

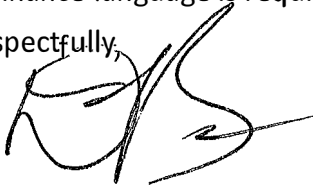
- Authorize DPW to begin drafting the amendment of Section 140-4 ("Garbage and Rubbish Collection – Additional Services") to include provisions and penalties for a Red Tag Bulk Item Disposal Service.
- Authorize the Department of Public Works and The Procurement and Purchasing Manager to publish notice of the amendment and coordinate rollout upon approval.

This amendment will ensure the City's sanitation code reflects modern, sustainable collection practices and provides the necessary authority for DPW to implement a fair and efficient bulky-item disposal service.

- Authorize the Office of the Comptroller to create a revenue code for any fore casted revenue

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if additional documentation or draft ordinance language is required for legal review.

Respectfully,



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Damani L. Bush
Commissioner of Public
Works DB/db

Attachments

- **Draft Amendment Language – Section 140-4, Garbage and Rubbish Collection**

BULK WASTE (Oversized Items)

Any item of rubbish, refuse, or discarded material that exceeds the capacity of a standard thirty-five (35) gallon receptacle or bundle, or that by reason of its weight, size, or shape cannot be safely and conveniently handled by one sanitation worker. Bulk Waste shall include, but not be limited to:

- Items weighing **more than thirty (30) pounds**, or
- Items exceeding **four (4) feet in length, width, or height**, or
- Items of irregular dimension not suitable for containerization (e.g., sofas, mattresses, box springs, appliances, rolled carpeting, large furniture, bicycles, toilets, and similar household goods).

Bulk Waste does not include trade waste, commercial meat waste, or construction/demolition debris, which shall be managed in accordance with separate regulations.