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

Re: Authorization to Implement Night-Time Commercial Waste Collection – Effective January 2026

Dear Honorable City Council Members:

The Department of Public Works respectfully requests authorization to implement a Night-Time Commercial Waste Collection program within the City of Mount Vernon, effective January 2026.

Under this program, eligible commercial properties will transition from daytime refuse collection to overnight collection occurring between **11:00 PM and 7:00 AM**. This operational change is intended to reduce daytime traffic congestion, limit conflicts with pedestrian and vehicular activity, and improve overall collection efficiency in commercial corridors.

Daytime commercial collection has increasingly contributed to congestion during peak travel hours and created operational challenges for both DPW crews and the public. Shifting these routes to overnight hours will allow refuse collection to occur during off-peak periods, improving safety, reducing noise and delays associated with daytime operations, and allowing DPW to better manage staffing and routing.

The program will apply to designated commercial areas and will be implemented in coordination with internal City departments. DPW will establish collection routes, operating protocols, and enforcement procedures to ensure compliance while minimizing impacts to nearby residential neighborhoods.

This initiative is part of a broader set of sanitation service adjustments planned for 2026, including changes to bulk trash collection and seasonal early-morning residential collection. Together, these changes are intended to modernize service delivery, improve reliability, and better align operations with the City's needs.

Requested Action

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

1. **Authorize the implementation of Night-Time Commercial Waste Collection**, with collection occurring between **11:00 PM and 7:00 AM**, effective January 2026; and

2. **Authorize the Commissioner of Public Works** to establish the operational guidelines, routing, and administrative procedures necessary to carry out the program.

This authorization will allow the City to improve sanitation operations, reduce congestion during peak hours, and enhance overall service delivery in commercial areas.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact my office should additional information be required.

Respectfully,

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Damani L. Bush

Commissioner of Public Works

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