



MOBILE RECYCLING FACILITIES/UNITS

PSP19-0030

**Community & Economic
Development Department**

Public Safety Committee
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BACKGROUND

1. Public convenience to recycle beverage containers
2. Potential negative impacts to adjacent properties
3. Issues of concern for Riverside: poorly maintained, litter, noise and illegal activity
4. 31 mobile recycling facilities in Riverside
5. Typically located in commercial shopping centers
6. Include outside bins accessible to the public
7. Located in parking areas or rear service areas



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STATE REQUIREMENTS

1. Beverage Container Recycling & Litter Reduction Act (Act) requires facilities:
 - a. "convenience zones" within ½ mile of a supermarket;
 - b. Standard Operating hours and days
2. State Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery oversight



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MOBILE RECYCLING UNIT ZONING CODE DEFINITION

A licensed automobile, truck, trailer or van that is used for the collection of recyclable beverage containers. Also included in this definition are bins, boxes or containers transportable by said vehicles.



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CITY REQUIREMENTS

Description	Standard
Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shall operate a minimum of 30 hours per week & limited to hours between 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. • Shall be staffed at all times during operating hours.
Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shall be located on a site occupied by commercial or industrial businesses.
Setback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shall be at least 50 feet from any street or residentially zoned or occupied property. • Additional setback may be required to mitigate exposure of the unit to the street or adjacent property.
Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total area occupied by the unit shall not exceed 500 square feet (sf).
Screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shall be screened from adjacent properties and streets by landscaping or other screening.
Exterior of Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All beverage containers shall be stored in opaque enclosures so as not to be readily visible. • No more than three colors shall be used on the unit(s).
Exterior Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited to one unlighted identification sign and one hours-of-operation sign, each not to exceed 16 square feet per mobile recycling unit.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The unit shall not interfere with pedestrian or vehicular circulation and shall not consume any required parking spaces.

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COMPLIANCE WITH RMC

1. Compliance with Permit and Conditions
2. Violations
 - a) Units exceeding size limitations
 - b) Additional unapproved units
 - c) Non-compliance with operating hours
 - d) Distances from residential properties – units not meeting required setbacks

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ADDITIONAL ISSUES

1. Property Maintenance
 - Trash and Debris
 - Weeds and Diseased Vegetation
2. Noise
 - Title 19
 - Hours of operation -9 am to 7 pm
 - 50-foot setback
 - Title 7
 - Noise limits
 - Enforced as necessary
3. Screening
 - Units are visible from both private property & streets
 - Complete screen with fence or hedge not practical
 - Design improved
4. Location
 - Units – rear or front yard
 - Most issues today – rear yard locations
 - Activities are hidden
 - A particular concern when adjacent to residential areas
 - Better design - front locations may be desirable



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OPTIONS FOR POSSIBLE NEXT STEPS

1. **Option 1:** Code Enforcement with no amendments to Title 19
2. **Option 2:** Amend Title 19
 - a. Define screening requirements
 - b. Property owner maintenance requirements
 - c. Locational requirements
 - d. Permit renewal every two years



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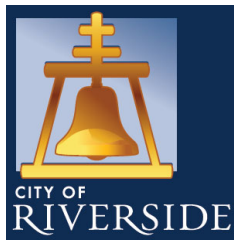
RECOMMENDATION

That the Public Safety Committee consider and provide direction to staff regarding City regulations for mobile recycling facilities, and the enforcement and effectiveness of the existing regulations, including but not limited to Riverside Municipal Code – Title 19 (Zoning Code) amendments and/or code enforcement strategies.



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