

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS IN TITLE 6 OF THE RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIAL.

The City Council of the City of Riverside does ordain as follows:

Section 1: Section 6.04.020 of the Riverside Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

**“Section 6.04.020 Receptacle requirements.**

A. Every owner, tenant, lessee or occupant of any premises where solid waste is generated shall keep upon the premises sufficient standard automated containers for receiving and holding all solid waste generated between the times of removal. Where a property is served by manual service, the owner, tenant, lessee, or occupant of such property shall provide sufficient manual containers for receiving and holding all solid waste generated between times of removal. All solid waste on the premises shall be kept in said containers.

B. Solid waste containers shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. It is unlawful for any person to use solid waste containers that do not conform to the provisions of this chapter or that may have ragged or sharp edges or any other defect liable to hamper or injure the person collecting the contents thereof. If, within five days after written notice of a violation of this section from the Public Works Director, such container is not repaired or replaced as necessary, further service for the container may be suspended until the violation is corrected. Where the container does not conform to the provisions of this chapter, the City may replace the container and charge the cost for the replacement to the customer's account, except where the damage was caused by someone other than the property owner or resident or was due to normal wear and tear of the container. The notice of violation shall be deemed served when securely attached to the container determined not in conformance with the provisions of this section. The customer may appeal the notice of violation to the Public Works Director within ten days of service of notice. The Public Works Director's decision shall be final.

C. Each property shall have separate containers for the collection of solid waste, recyclable materials, and organic recyclable materials. Properties serviced by automated service shall have no

1 more than one standard automated container each for solid waste, recyclable materials, and organic  
2 recyclable materials, except where the customer has made arrangements with the City or Contractor  
3 for an additional container or where the City or Contractor has required an additional container  
4 pursuant to this Chapter. Properties serviced by manual service shall have no more than three manual  
5 containers each for solid waste, recyclable materials, and organic recyclable materials.

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7 Section 2: Section 6.04.040 of the Riverside Municipal Code is hereby amended as  
8 follows:

9 **“Section 6.04.040 Placement of material in receptacles.**

10 A. At residential properties, the Public Works Director shall designate the manner in which material  
11 shall be placed in containers for collection, including, but not limited to, the types of materials to be  
12 placed in solid waste, recycling, and green waste or organic recyclable containers and the manner in  
13 which materials shall be separated, contained, or broken down prior to placement in containers.

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15 D. Placement of solid waste into containers designated for recyclable or organic recyclable material  
16 is prohibited. The Public Works Director, or designee, shall enforce contamination of recycling and  
17 organic recycling containers. For the purposes of this section, contamination shall mean more than  
18 two percent by volume of nonacceptable materials.

19 1. If a collector finds that a recycling or organic recycling container has been contaminated  
20 by solid waste, the collector must leave a tag on the container notifying the customer of the violation  
21 and identifying the incorrect materials. The collector shall not refuse to empty a container from a  
22 residential property.

23 2. If a collector identifies contamination and issues notices of violation for three collection  
24 dates within a calendar year for a particular container (i.e. solid waste, recyclable, or green waste  
25 and organic recyclable containers), a fee equal to the charge for an additional solid waste disposal  
26 container shall be charged to the customer's account for the third and fourth violation. For the fifth  
27 and subsequent violation within a calendar year, Contractor may require that the property maintain  
28 a second container for the particular waste, the cost of which shall be charged to the customer’s

1 account. Contractor shall notify the City within five (5) business days if Contractor requires a  
2 property to maintain an additional container pursuant to this Section. The Public Works Director  
3 shall provide notice of the fee to the customer at least ten days prior to the fee appearing the  
4 customer's bill. Notice of the fee shall be deemed served when placed in the mail to the customer at  
5 the last known address listed on the account. The customer may appeal the assessment of the fee to  
6 the Public Works Director within ten days of service of notice. The Public Works Director's decision  
7 shall be final.

8 E. If a collector identifies overfilled or overweight containers and issues notices of violation for  
9 three collection dates in a calendar year for a particular container (i.e. solid waste, recyclable, or  
10 green waste and organic recyclable containers), a fee, in an amount as set by resolution of the City  
11 Council, shall be charged to the customer's account for the third violation and each violation  
12 thereafter.

13 1. For the purposes of this section, overfilled shall mean a container filled past its capacity, preventing  
14 the lid from closing properly with a lid angle open from the rims at a 45-degree angle or greater, or 11  
15 inches or more. Overfilled shall also mean waste is piled on top of or around the container.

16 2. For the purposes of this section, overweight shall mean a container exceeding the container weight  
17 limits of Section 6.04.040(B).

18 3. The customer has the right to appeal the assessment of this fee to the Public Works Director within  
19 ten days of receiving notice. The decision of the Public Works Director shall be final.”

20 Section 3: Section 6.04.080 of the Riverside Municipal Code is hereby amended as  
21 follows:

22 **“Section 6.04.080 Dumping, placing, burning and burial restrictions.**

23 A. No person shall throw, drop, leave, dump, bury, burn, place, keep, accumulate or otherwise  
24 dispose of any waste matter, including but not limited to garbage, hazardous waste, refuse, recyclable  
25 materials, rubbish, or solid waste as defined in Section 6.04.010 upon any lot, land, street, alley,  
26 water or waterway, either with or without intent to later remove same. Any person in violation of this  
27 Section may be subject to the hazardous materials cleanup cost recovery provisions of Section  
28 16.32.390.

Section 4: The City Council has reviewed the matter and, based upon the facts and information contained in the staff reports, administrative record, and written and oral testimony, hereby finds that this ordinance is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule), as it can be seen with certainty that approval of the project will not have an effect on the environment.

Section 5: The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and cause publication once in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with Section 414 of the Charter of the City of Riverside. This ordinance shall become effective on the 30th day after the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED by the City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON  
Mayor of the City of Riverside

Attest:

DONESIA GAUSE  
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

I, Donesia Gause, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly and regularly introduced and adopted at a meeting of the City Council on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, by the following vote, to wit:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the  
City of Riverside, California, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

DONESIA GAUSE  
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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