

Solid Waste and Recycling Policy

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT
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Denton Solid Waste and Recycling Policy

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 - [Code of Ordinances](#)
 - [Denton Development Code](#)
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Previous Discussions and Action

May 19, 2017

[Informal Staff Report to Council](#)

Proposed Strategies for Increasing Multi-Family Recycling

March 6, 2017

[Council Committee on the Environment Discussion](#)

Increasing Commercial and Multi-Family Recycling

August 8, 2012

[Planning and Zoning Commission Approval](#)

Amendment to Section 35.13 of the Denton Development Code regarding Solid Waste Enclosure Design Standards

Previous Discussions and Action (cont'd)

WHAT WE'VE HEARD:

- Conversations about increasing diversion
- How to increase multi-family and commercial recycling participation
- Increase accessibility to recycling (specifically for multi-family)

GOALS FOR TODAY'S DISCUSSION:

- Are the above points accurate?
- Review basics of current policy – what it says, what it doesn't say, areas of opportunity
- Initiate a conversation about policy direction, citywide goals, and how we get there

Current Policy Documents

Denton Code of Ordinances

- Chapter 24 – Solid Waste
- Adopted September 2005
- Last updated in 2012 (enclosure design standards)

Denton Development Code

- Subchapter 13 – Screening Requirements

Site Design Criteria Manual for Municipal Refuse and Recyclables

- Adopted April 2009



Denton Code of Ordinances

Chapter 24 – Solid Waste

Purpose (as related to Solid Waste and Recycling Policy):

- Broad policy standards and authorization for all aspects of Solid Waste service

What it Says:

- Defines basic terms related to disposal of municipal solid waste
- Identifies City as exclusive provider for **solid waste** services

What it DOESN'T Say:

- Missing and inconsistent definitions (ex. multi-family, recyclable materials, lot)
- Limited language on recycling
- No specific policies for City Landfill use (i.e., scavenging)

Denton Development Code

Subchapter 13 – Screening Requirements

Purpose:

- Outlines standards of design for commercial and non-residential development

What it Says:

- Containers must be screened from public view
- The property owner or developer must construct and maintain the enclosure
- Container enclosures must be large enough to contain all waste generated

What it DOESN'T Say:

- No requirement for recycling containers
- No guidelines for residential development
- No technical specifications

Site Design Criteria Manual

For Municipal Refuse and Recyclables

Purpose:

- Technical guidelines and specific requirements for commercial and non-residential design and construction

What it Says:

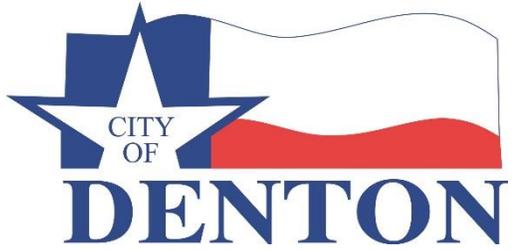
- City is sole service provider for municipal solid waste
- Space, building material, and access requirements
- References 35.3.7 of the Denton Development Code for Staff Review Procedure

What it DOESN'T Say:

- No requirement for recycling containers
- No guidelines for residential development

Summary and Request for Direction

- **Information in current policy documents is out of date and duplicative**
 - We are currently working to address insufficiencies and duplications
- **Need for clear and specific policy direction**
 - Broad policy stance and philosophy for Denton's approach to recycling, diversion, and waste resource management
 - Specific, measureable goals for recycling participation
- **Beyond Policy – A Combined Implementation Approach**
 - Once we have goals, how do we get there?
 - Combined approach of policy, marketing/behavior change, enforcement



Questions and Discussion

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