



# Council Communication

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Communication No. 08-539

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## AGENDA HEADING:

Administrative Penalties for placing solid waste or other non-recyclable materials in recycling carts.

## SYNOPSIS:

Recommend City Council approves administrative penalties to enforce Municipal Code Section 98-117 which prohibits placing solid wastes for collection with recyclable materials. Non-recyclable material placed in the recycle cart contributes to contamination and could result in rejected loads and a corresponding loss of revenue.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Unknown revenue.

Funding Source: Revenue from administrative penalty will be deposited into FY09 Operating Budget, EN151, PWK100101, page 296.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On July 14, 2008, the City Council approved a contract with Mid-America Recycling for the processing of recyclables. The City's contract with Mid-America Recycling permits the rejection of recyclables containing solid waste or other non-recyclable contaminants resulting in a corresponding loss of revenue.

To reduce the potential for contaminants in recyclables, an administrative penalty in advance of civil citations is recommended to expedite enforcement and, in turn, compliance. An administrative penalty of \$50 for the first offense, \$75 for the second offense within the same year, and \$100 for the third offense is recommended for a property owner placing other solid wastes for collection with recyclables.

## PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: July 14, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-1271

Action: Single-Stream Recyclables Processing Contract with Mid-America Recycling, LLC. (Council Communication No. 08-413) Moved by Kiernan to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Nays: Coleman.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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