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**Gainesville**

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**Solid Waste Ordinance Updates**  
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# Solid Waste Ordinance Updates

## Updated Areas

- Multifamily Residential Service
- Mandatory Commercial Recycling Ordinance
- Food Waste/Organics
- Special Events
- Operations/Litter Control
- General Updates

# Solid Waste Ordinance Updates

## Multifamily Residential Service

- Replacing “Commercial Collected Residential” terminology with “**Multifamily Residential**” in definitions (Sec. 27-72)
- Sets a minimum garbage service level **of twice per week** for multifamily residential serviced w/o compactors (Sec. 27-75.b)
- Mandatory Recycling “Multifamily Residential” Ordinance Updates (Sec. 27-85.e)



- ✓ **Food waste diversion program by 2025**
- ✓ Recycling is as **convenient & accessible as garbage/trash**
- ✓ **Adequate level of recycling service**
- ✓ Posting of **recycling signage** in common areas
- ✓ **Distribution of recycling information to tenants**

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## Mandatory Recycling Ordinance

- Addition of “**cumulative**” to 15% total by volume under definition of “De minimus” (*Sec. 27-72, line 99*)
- Establish protocol for posting **designated recyclable materials** (*Sec. 27-27 lines 104-107*)
- Separation of “**generators of construction and demolition debris**” from Mandatory Recycling Ordinance (*Sec. 27-85, lines 716-719*)
- Addition of “**Exemptions**” clause to Mandatory Recycling Ordinance (*Sec. 27-85, lines 811-819*)

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## Food Waste / Organics

- Adds definition of **Food Waste** (Sec. 27-72)
- Adds definition of **Organic Materials** (Sec. 27-72)
- Establishes start date of 1/1/2022 for commercial generator to divert food waste (Sec. 27-85.b)
  - ✓ All restaurants, food processors, and grocery stores shall be assumed to be required to meet this requirement; and/or
  - ✓ More than one cubic yard of food waste per week
  - ✓ Start date can be pushed back if need be
  - ✓ Allows City Manager to phase in when available infrastructure can not meet full needs of the community
- Establishes food waste diversion hierarchy (Sec. 27-85.b)

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## Special Events

- Adds definition of **Special Event Permittee** (Sec. 27-72)
- Event recycling for events requiring a permit from the City of Gainesville (Sec. 27-85.c)
  - ✓ Equal number of receptacles of garbage, recycling & food waste
  - ✓ Receptacles placed next to each other
  - ✓ Minimum recyclables collected (bottles, cans, cardboard)
  - ✓ Food waste collection required when appropriate
  - ✓ Clearly identified receptacles
  - ✓ Use compostable bags in food waste receptacles

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## Operations / Litter Control

- Requires commercial container **covers to be closed when not in use** and **properly sized** (Sec. 27-73.21 & Sec. 27-73.22)
- Allows for **dumpster sharing** with adjacent generators (Sec. 27.75.b)
- Requires the minimum standards for the **labeling recycling and organic material containers** (Sec. 27-75.d.1)
- Adds **Sunday** as commercial collection option (Sec. 27-79.e.1 & Sec. 27-79.e.3)
- **Four day** per week collection of **restaurants, bars, and grocery stores** without compacting dumpsters (Sec 27-75.b)

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## General Updates

- Updates **approximate cart sizes** (Sec. 27-72)
- Simplifies definition of **Trash** (Sec. 27-72)
- Replaces “must” & “will” with “**shall**” (Sec. 27-75.d)
- Cleaning up of **Residential service exclusion text** (Sec. 27-76.f.6 & Sec. 27-76.f.7)
- Removes outdated commercial franchise savings pass through verbiage (27-76.h)



**Thank You.**