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3	An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, amending the
4 5	Code of Ordinances by revising definitions; adding requirements for commercial generators of solid waste,
6	commercially-collected residential property, and recovered
7	material registrants; changing the term of commercial
8	franchises; creating a new division regulating single-use plastic
9	and polystyrene products; requiring prescription drug
10	distributors to provide take back programs for prescription
11	drugs; requiring commercial establishments to have additional
12	recycling containers; requiring property owners to provide
13	commercial tenants with adequate space for solid waste and
14 15	recycling; providing directions to the codifier; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing
16	an effective date and an enforcement date.
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18	WHEREAS, .
10	WHERE AS the City Commission Suits that this Outlineaus is necessary to achieve
19	WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that this Ordinance is necessary to achieve
20	waste reduction goals of the city by reducing consumption as well as ensuring maximum
21	processing or reuse of recovered materials.
22	WHEREAS, at least ten (10) days' notice has been given once by publication in a
23	newspaper of general circulation notifying the public of this proposed ordinance and of public
24	hearings in the City Hall Auditorium located on the first floor of City Hall in the City of
25	Gainesville; and
26	WHEREAS, public hearings were held pursuant to the notice described above at which
27	hearings the parties in interest and all others had an opportunity to be and were, in fact, heard.
28	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE
29	CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:

30	Section 1. Article III of Chapter 27 of the Gainesville Code of Ordinances is amended to
31	read as set forth below. Except as amended herein, the remainder of Chapter 27 remains in full
32	force and effect.
33	CHAPTER 27 - UTILITIES
34	ARTICLE III – SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL
35 36	DIVISION 1 GENERALLY
37 38	Sec. 27-71 Purpose.
39	This article is adopted to promote and protect the public health, safety and general welfare of the
40	citizens residents and visitors of the city. The regulations, authority and rates established in this
41	article are for the purpose of providing a solid waste collection and disposal program at a
42	reasonable cost and promoting recycling by both residential and commercial customers.
43	Sec. 27-72 Definitions.
44	For the purpose of this article, the following words and terms are herewith defined:
45	Applicant shall mean
46	(a) a person applying to the city for a franchise required to provide commercial service or
47	collect construction and demolition debris within the city for hire, remuneration or other
48	consideration: or
49	(b) a person applying to the city for a registration certificate required to collect, process,
50	convey or transport recovered materials within the city for hire, remuneration or other
51	consideration.
52	Appropriate disposal and/or recycling site shall mean a place that is properly zoned,
53	permitted, registered or licensed in accordance with all applicable local and state laws for the

54	disposal of solid waste and/or the processing of recyclable recovered materials that have been
55	collected by commercial franchisees or registrants.
56	Cart shall mean a serial-numbered, two-wheeled container with attached lid and handle,
57	available in approximately $\underline{20}$, $3\underline{50}$, $6\underline{50}$, and $9\underline{50}$ gallon sizes, supplied and distributed by the
58	solid waste collector.
59	Certified recovered materials dealer shall mean a dealer certified as provided in F.S. §
60	403.7046.
61	Commercial customer shall mean any person who receives commercial service.
62	Commercial franchisee shall mean a person who has filed an application with, and
63	received a franchise from, the city to provide one or more of the following services:
64	(a) commercial service;
65	(b) collection of construction and demolition debris.
66	Commercial generator shall mean a person who is eligible to receive commercial service
67	under this article and who is the point of origination of solid waste or recovered materials.
68	Commercial service shall mean pickup of garbage and trash, but excluding hazardous
69	waste, biomedical waste and yard trash waste, provided by a commercial franchisee to one of the
70	following:
71	(1) a licensed mobile home park exceeding four with five or more dwelling units:
72	(2) multi-family residences exceeding four with five or more dwelling units under one
73	common roof:
74	(3) any residential property that has opted-out of residential service under the terms of
75	this article and is eligible to receive commercially collected residential service:

76	(4) business, commercial or industrial enterprises of all types licensed to do business in
77	the city.
78	Commercial service container shall mean an industry-standard container constructed of

Commercial service container shall mean an industry-standard container constructed of non-absorbent material, with or without a cover, made for mechanized pickup.

Commercially-collected residential service shall mean the collection of solid waste, other than hazardous waste and bio-medical waste, provided to persons occupying residential dwelling units in buildings with five or more dwelling units within the city and persons occupying residential dwelling units in buildings with two to four dwelling units within the city who have been allowed by the city to opt-out of curbside residential service in a development where one or more of the following criteria exists:

- 1) the development has at least one building with five or more dwelling units;
- 2) the development has a building with two to four dwelling units which has been allowed by the city to opt-out of curbside residential service;
- 3) separate developments that share common infrastructure (such as a shared parking lot), ownership, property management, or home owner association but have four or less units per building when the public works director or designee has determined it is in the best interest of the city for operational or aesthetic reasons to provide commercially-collected residential service to the developments.

Compactor shall mean any container that has a compaction mechanism.

Construction and demolition debris shall mean materials generally considered to be not water soluble nonhazardous in nature, including, but not limited to, steel, glass, brick, concrete, asphalt roofing material, pipe, gypsum wallboard, and lumber, from the construction or destruction of a structure as part of a construction or demolition project, and including rocks,

soils, tree remains, trees, and other vegetative matter that normally results from land clearing or land development operations for a construction project, including such debris from construction of structures at a site remote from the construction or demolition project site. Mixing of construction and demolition debris with other types of solid waste, including material from a construction or demolition site which is not from the actual construction or destruction of a structure will cause it to be classified as other than construction and demolition debris.

Contractor shall mean the firm with whom the city has contracted to provide residential service.

Curbside shall mean the designated physical location for the placement of solid waste accumulations intended for residential service collection and disposal. This designated location shall be as near as possible to the traveled streets or alley normally serviced by the contractor's collection vehicles, but in no case upon such street or alley. The intention of a curbside designation is to allow collection by waste control personnel in a rapid manner with walking or reaching minimized. In all cases, the eity manager public works director or designee shall have the authority to approve or specify the precise location for such curbside placement.

Customer shall mean the person, organization or corporation responsible for payment of all residential, commercial or commercially-collected residential services used at a specific location, and further defined as that person, organization or corporation who signed the utility application or commercial service contract requesting that services be made available at the specific location and thereby agreeing to pay for all usage of such services occurring at the location.

De minimus quantity shall mean

121	(a) no more than 15 percent by volume of <u>total</u> designated recyclable materials,
122	regardless of type, in a solid waste load delivered to a city facility or a facility under contract
123	with the city or in a solid waste container at point of generation; or
124	(b) no more than 15 percent by volume of <u>non-recovered materials</u> non-putrescible and
125	no more than five percent by volume putrescible solid waste in a recovered material container at
126	the point of generation.
127	Designated recyclable materials shall mean those recyclable materials that are designated
128	in writing by the city manager public works director or designee as potential recovered materials.
129	Dwelling unit shall mean a living unit, house, mobile home, apartment or building used
130	primarily for human habitation.
131	Garbage shall mean all putrescible waste, which generally includes, but is not limited to,
132	kitchen and table food waste, animal, vegetable, food or any organic waste that is attendant with,
133	or results from, the storage, preparation, cooking or handling of food materials whether attributed
134	to residential or commercial activities.
135	Living unit shall mean a place where people reside on a non-transient basis, containing a
136	room or rooms comprising the essential elements of a single housekeeping unit. Each separate
137	facility for the preparation, storage and keeping of food for consumption within the premises
138	shall be considered a separate living unit.
139	Organic materials shall mean yard waste, vegetative waste, food waste, non-recyclable
140	paper, or other materials that have known compostable potential, can be feasibly composted
141	and have been diverted and source separated or removed from the solid waste stream, whether

or not the materials require subsequent processing or separation.

Pre-j	paid garbage disposal bag shall mean a plastic bag, approximately 30 gallons in
size, sold by	the contractor solid waste collector or by a distributor approved by the city, for use
in disposing	of solid waste.

Person shall mean an individual, group of persons, firm, corporation, association, organization, syndicate or business trust.

Rates shall mean those charges and fees adopted by the city commission by resolution, ordinance or contract for the management of solid waste and recovered materials, including those charges and fees collected by commercial franchisees, except those charged by registrants to commercial generators and generators of construction and demolition debris.

Recovered materials shall mean metal, paper, glass, plastic, textile or rubber materials that have known recycling potential, can be feasibly recycled and have been diverted and source separated or removed from the solid waste stream for sale, use or reuse as raw materials, whether or not the materials require subsequent processing or separation from each other, but does not include materials destined for any use that constitutes disposal. Recovered materials as described above are not solid waste.

Registrant shall be a person who has made application with the city to collect, transport, convey or process recovered materials in the city and has subsequently received a registration certificate from the city.

Residential service shall mean the solid waste collection service provided to persons occupying residential dwelling units in buildings with four or fewer dwelling units within the city.

Solid waste shall mean sludge unregulated under the federal Clean Water Act or Clean Air Act, sludge from a waste treatment works, water supply treatment plant, or air pollution

control facility, or garbage, trash, special waste, or other discarded material, including solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous material resulting from domestic, industrial, commercial, mining, agricultural or governmental operations. Recovered materials as defined in this article are not solid waste.

Solid waste regulations shall mean those regulations prescribed by this article along with any administrative rules, procedures and contracts as may be established for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this article.

Source separated shall describe those recovered materials separated from solid waste (except other recovered materials or de minimus amount of solid waste) where the recovered materials and solid waste are generated.

Trash shall mean accumulations of paper, magazines, packaging, containers, sweepings and all other accumulations of a nature other than garbage and lawn trash, and excluding designated recyclable materials, which are usual to housekeeping and the operation of stores, offices and other business places nonputrescible debris that is generated by households, businesses, and institutions.

Yard trash waste shall mean all accumulations of grass, leaves, shrubbery, vines, tree branches and trimmings which are normally associated with the care and maintenance of landscaping.

Sec. 27-73. - Prohibited acts.

- It shall be unlawful for any person to do any of the following:
- 186 (1) To place or cause to be placed any garbage or trash upon the property of another;
- 187 (2) To collect or transport solid waste for hire or for remuneration or any other form of consideration without first being granted a commercial franchise except as follows:

(a) Commercial generators transporting their own solid waste; and

- (b) Persons transporting their own solid waste generated by their own dwelling unit or
 establishment to an appropriate disposal site;
 - (3) To collect or transport construction and demolition debris for hire or for remuneration or any other form of consideration without first being granted a construction and demolition debris franchise except as follows:
 - (a) Commercial generators transporting their own debris;
 - (b) Persons secondarily providing removal of debris created as a result of other primary services performed by those persons as described in subsection (11) below. Subcontractors who provide primarily collection or transport services shall not qualify for this exemption.
 - (4) To collect, process, convey or transport recovered materials in the city without having registered with the city, except as follows:
 - (a) Persons whose primary business is freight transport that may involve the intermittent transport of recovered materials:;
 - (b) Commercial generators transporting their own recovered materials; and
 - (c) Persons transporting their own recovered materials generated by their own dwelling unit or establishment to an appropriate recycling site.
 - (5) To collect recovered materials from a solid waste container used by a consumer or commercial customer receiving service from a franchisee, franchise or registrant, after the consumer or commercial customer places the container and recovered materials at the curb or designated area for collection, except as permitted by the city on an emergency interim basis as part of the city's recycling program when the eity manager public works director or designee determines that it is necessary to protect public health, safety or welfare:

- 212 (6) To allow solid waste or recovered materials to spill, blow or drop from any vehicle on 213 any road or to transport any solid waste or recovered material over any public road unless the 214 solid waste or recovered material is securely tied or covered so as to prevent leakage or spillage 215 onto the road:
- 216 (7) To place or store solid waste on any property for a period in excess of one week, unless it 217 is securely contained or covered.
- 218 (8) To deposit or dispose of any garbage or trash on the paved or traveled portion of any 219 public street, or any alleyway, sidewalk, bike path, stream, ditch, river, pond, bay, creek, park, 220 other right-of-way or public place in the city except at areas as may be designated by the city.
- 221 (9) To deposit, dump or dispose of any garbage or trash at, upon or in any incinerator or 222 landfill within the city without first obtaining the permission of the custodian thereof;
- 223 (10) To burn any garbage or trash within the city, except at designated incinerators or 224 landfills, without first obtaining a permit from the city;
- 225 (11) To produce or accumulate any construction and demolition debris, tree branches or 226 similar debris while acting in the capacity of a contractor (such as a tree surgeon, landscaper or 227 building contractor), without removal of the same to a designated disposal area;
- 228 (12) To allow any scattered garbage or trash to remain at or near the curbside, or to fail to
 229 remove any windblown or animal scattered garbage or trash from a public area and right-of-way
 230 which have blown or otherwise scattered from the person's dwelling unit curbside collection
 231 point;
- 232 (13) To place any solid waste or recyclable recovered materials out for collection by any alley 233 service drive, easement or right-of-way not serviced by collection trucks;

- 234 (14) To place any solid waste or recyclable recovered materials out for collection adjacent to
- 235 the street if collection trucks service the area from an established alley;
- 236 (15) To place any solid waste or recyclable recovered materials in an underground container
- 237 for pickup;
- 238 (16) To do any act prohibited or to fail to do any act required by the solid waste regulations of
- 239 the city.
- 240 (17) To deposit any hazardous waste as defined in F.S. § 403.703, in any cart or commercial
- service container;
- 242 (18) To place or cause to be placed any garbage, trash, recyclable recovered materials or other
- solid waste in the cart or commercial service container belonging to another without proper
- 244 authority;
- 245 (19) To remove any materials, without proper authority, from any container belonging to
- another which contains materials set out for recycling;
- 247 (20) To mix yard trash waste with normal solid waste loads, whether for residential or
- 248 commercial service.
- 249 (21) To leave a garbage, trash, recovered material, or food waste container cover open when
- 250 not in use.
- 251 (22) To collect garbage, trash, recovered material, or food waste in a container without a
- properly sized or fitted cover, except for residential curbside recycling bins designed to be open-
- 253 topped containers.
- Sec. 27-74. City manager Public works director to make regulations; enforce article.
- 255 (a) The <u>eity manager public works director</u> or designee shall have the authority to make
- regulations concerning the days of collection, type and location of collection containers and other

such matters pertaining to the storage, collection, conveyance and disposal as necessary and to change or modify the same after reasonable notice to affected persons.

- (b) The city manager public works director or designee is responsible for the enforcement of regulations regarding storage, collection, conveyance and disposal of all solid waste and recyclable recovered materials generated within the city, including accumulations of same that may be in violation of this article or other solid waste regulations. A notification of violation will be provided and correction of the violation shall be made in the time specified by the notice; however, failing correction, the city is hereby authorized to collect and dispose of the material causing the violation and to bill the customer or owner of record of the property for the cost of providing this additional collection and disposal service.
- (c) The public works director or designee will be responsible for posting the current list of designated recycling materials on the city website.

Sec. 27-75. - Commercial service and commercially-collected residential service.

- (a) *Provided:* Commercial service shall be provided by collectors authorized to provide such service under a franchise with the city to persons that do not qualify to receive residential service. Collection of designated recyclable materials shall be provided by registrants, including franchisees who are registrants.
- (b) Collection frequency and method: Each Commercial generators or commercially-collected residential service customers shall enter into an agreement with a franchisee of the city for the frequency and method of refuse garbage collection except where 1) landlords provide service through a franchisee, or 2) generators reach a dumpster sharing arrangement with an adjacent generator or a generator whose shared dumpster is within 500 feet of each commercial generator's service door. If a commercial generator or commercially-collected residential

service customer has a dumpster sharing arrangement, proof of such an arrangement shall be submitted to the city and is subject to approval by the public works director or designee. Such service shall be received no less than one time per week with no exception for holidays, except that collection service scheduled to occur on a holiday may be rescheduled with written notice to the customer as long as minimum frequency is met. Collection service provided to compactors is exempt from this minimum frequency. Commercially-collected residential service not serviced by a compacting dumpster shall receive a minimum of twice per week service. Alcoholic beverage establishments, grocery stores, and restaurants not serviced by a compacting dumpster shall receive a minimum of four (4) times per week service. When necessary to protect the public health or to enforce the purpose of this article, the city manager public works director or designee shall have the authority to stipulate the frequency of collection or require the implementation of a plan to eliminate the hazard. Service shall consist of the mechanical dumping of commercial containers capable of being unloaded by proper equipment; or a manual hand service dumping of containers located at agreed upon sites upon the property; or other levels of service as may be required or agreed to. If the franchisee fails to perform collection according to the contract, the customer shall have 30 days from the first such failure to enter into an agreement with another franchisee before being cited for violation of this subsection.

(c) *Preparation and storage*. Storage Collection containers shall be drained of free liquids prior to accumulation for collection. Storage areas and areas adjacent to the storage area shall be maintained by the customer in a neat, sanitary and sightly manner. Customers are responsible for maintaining the accessibility to storage collection containers or areas. If pickups are missed due to customer's failure to maintain accessibility, and unsanitary or unsightly conditions result, the customer shall be in violation of this article. All storage collection

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containers that are to be picked up by collection trucks must be approved by the city as meeting acceptable standards established by the city. Readily apparent damage to storage areas or container enclosures, normal wear and tear excepted, caused by the collector driver shall be reported by the driver to the customer prior to leaving the collection area if the business or management office is open and if not, by radio to the contractor's office, and personnel from the office will then contact the customer at the earliest possible time.

- (d) *Commercial service containers*. The following commercial service container standards are guidelines under which the owners of containers, as well as the lessees of containers, will conform in order to ensure a healthy and aesthetically pleasing environment for the eitizens residents and visitors of the city:
- (1) Each container <u>must shall</u> be kept painted in good condition at all times, unless the container is made of aluminum, stainless steel, <u>plastic</u> or other similar materials that do not readily accept painting.
- (2) Every container will shall be clearly marked on the front of the container with the following information:
 - a. A serial or property control number;

- b. "NO PARKING," "UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY OR USE PROHIBITED," AND "DEPOSITING OF FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS OR EXPLOSIVES PROHIBITED" labeled conspicuously across its front.
- c. By October 1, 2022, every solid waste commercial service container, except for construction and demolition debris collection containers, shall follow the City's approved color and educational labeling format as set forth in regulations maintained on file with the solid waste department. Labeling graphics and suggested text will be supplied by the City at no cost to

326	commercial service providers operating within the city. The public	olic works director or designee
327	may waive the educational labeling requirements of this section	if it is determined to be in the
328	best interest of the city.	
329	(3) Every recovered materials container shall be clearly and	conspicuously labeled across the
330	front of the container with the following information:	
331	a. "RECYCLING", "RECYCLING ONLY" or "RECYCLING"	CLE HERE".
332	<u>b.</u> "NO GARBAGE".	
333	c. List of designated recyclable materials accepted in the	hat container, such as
334	"CARDBOARD ONLY," that is texted-based, imag	e-based or a combination of text
335	and images.	
336	d. Educational labeling shall be:	
337	i. <u>Clearly and conspicuously placed on and</u>	consist of at least twenty-five
338	(25) percent of the area of the front loading	ng side of dumpsters or cart lids;
339	ii. Printed in both the English and Spanish l	anguage.
340	(4) Every organic materials container shall be clearly and co	onspicuously labeled across the
341	front of the container with the following information:	
342	a. "YARD WASTE ONLY", "COMPOST ONLY" or	"FOOD WASTE ONLY".
343	b. "NO GARBAGE".	
344	c. List of organic materials accepted in that container the	hat is texted-based, image-based
345	or a combination of text and images.	
346	d. Educational labeling shall be:	
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348	(25) percent of the area of the front loading	ng side of dumpsters or cart lids;

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Each container must shall be free of rust holes, broken hinges or broken door fasteners (36)and will have solid substantial bottoms with at least one drain hole for purposes of cleanout. (47) All necessary containers will shall have properly fitting lids and or side door(s) in place that close automatically when lifted and that will prevent the entry of rodents, snakes and other animals, and allow for opening and closing action during the emptying cycle. Containers used for storage of materials other than garbage must meet the same criteria, except that lids Lids or covers may not be required if the eity manager public works director or designee determines that it does not pose a threat to the health, welfare or safety of the eitizens residents and visitors, or cleanliness of the container site or adjacent community. Containers at commercial locations are not to be filled to a height exceeding the level of (58)the highest portion of the container body or rim. This limitation applies to dumpsters, cans, bins or any other method employed for storage. Customers must arrange for items such as furniture, appliances, construction and demolition debris or any material not considered a part of the customer's normal collection service to be picked up within seven days of being placed for collection. If these items are not picked up within seven days of being placed for collection, the eity manager public works director or designee may provide notice to the customer by hand delivery or certified mail, return receipt requested. If the customer has not removed the refuse within 24 hours after notification by the city, the city manager public works director or designee may order such removal and all costs incurred shall be placed against the customer's utility account. At no time will any solid waste or storage containers be placed on the travel portions of any walk, street or alley within the city without prior authorization from the eity manager public works director or designee.

(69) The city waste control inspector shall notify the owners and/or lessees of containers not maintained in a condition of good repair or in violation of any provision of this section either by hand delivery of such notice or by sending notice by certified mail, return receipt requested and shall also post a notice in a conspicuous place on the premises. After notice is given in writing, the owner and/or lessee will have 24 hours in which to repair or replace any container that is a hazard during the unloading cycle and seven working days in which to repair or replace all other violations.

Sec. 27-76. - Residential service.

- (a) *Provided*. Residential service shall consist of curbside collection of all garbage and designed recyclable materials household trash, and an optional service of backyard collection of garbage and designated recyclable materials household trash.
- (b) *Preparation, storage, placement for collection.*

(1) *Garbage and household trash*:

- a. Each dwelling unit qualifying for residential service in the city shall be assigned a serial-numbered cart of the size requested by the occupant of the unit, or, if no size request is received, of the size determined by the eity manager public works director or designee. The occupant may exchange the cart for another of different size upon paying the fee as listed in Appendix A. Damaged and stolen carts will be replaced on request.
- b. All garbage and household trash shall be drained of free liquids and stored for collection in the assigned cart, or in pre-paid garbage disposal bags, as accumulated. The cart shall not be filled above a height allowing the attached lid to be completely closed, nor shall the prepaid garbage disposal bags be

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filled such that they the bags cannot be securely fastened shut or weigh over 40 pounds. The bags may be placed inside non-disposable containers. The assigned cart and the pre-paid garbage disposal bags shall be placed at the curb or roadside no earlier than 5:00 p.m. on the day preceding the scheduled collection day, and the emptied carts and non-disposable containers shall be removed from the curbside location not later than 9:00 p.m. of the day of collection. The carts and non-disposable containers shall be removed and kept, except during the hours permitted by this section for the placement of them for collection, at a location where they are not clearly visible from any public street. It shall be unlawful and punishable as provided for any owner or occupant to place, permit the placing of or allow the continued location of garbage and household trash collection containers in any location or at any times not provided for in this subsection. Garbage and household trash placed in containers other than the assigned cart or pre-paid approved garbage disposal bags will not be collected. Non-disposable or reusable containers intended not to be picked up by the collectors shall be clearly and appropriately identified. Anyone placing garbage or household trash in containers other than the assigned cart or pre-paid garbage disposal bags will be in violation of this article.

c. Any container, other than the assigned cart, that is allowed to remain at curbside or roadside at times other than those permitted by this section, and any container, other than the assigned cart, that has become damaged or deteriorated, may be impounded by the city. The owner of any such container

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so impounded shall be notified immediately in writing by the city by mail to the address where picked up or by placing a notice thereof in a conspicuous place on such premises, or both. The owner may redeem such impounded containers within 30 days after the same are impounded by the city by paying the charges in accordance with the schedule set out in Appendix A. Any container not redeemed within the 30-day period may be used by the city in any manner as the city may determine in furtherance of the waste control program or may be sold to the highest bidder at a noticed public sale for each, which cash shall be deposited in the general fund of the city.

Yard trash waste. Yard trash waste that is properly bundled or containerized in such manner to enable one person to lift the trash in a single lifting movement to place same in the compaction truck, and which bundles or containers do not exceed 40 pounds in weight and five feet in length, will be collected at curb or roadside. If tree or shrubbery trimmings are not containerized they may be placed at curbside in a compact pile not containing any items exceeding 40 pounds in weight and five feet in length and will be picked up. Grass, leaves and pine straw must be containerized by either using disposable or reusable containers, and will be collected if properly placed for collection at curb or roadside. Non_disposable or reusable containers intended not to be picked up by the collectors shall be clearly and appropriately identified. Concrete, dirt, bricks, appliances, furniture or similar items are not considered yard trash waste, and will not be collected except by special service as described in section 27-77.

(3)	<u>Recycling Containers</u> <u>Bin provided</u> . Each dwelling unit shall be provided a bin
	container for the purpose of storage and disposal of designated recyclable materials
	<u>Designated</u> <u>Rrecyclable</u> materials that meet the requirements set forth by the eity
	manager public works director or designee shall be collected from curb or roadside
	<u>Designated</u> <u>Rrecyclable</u> materials not fitting in the bin may be placed in non-
	disposable containers or paper bags and will be collected at curb or roadside.

- (c) Responsibility for scattered garbage or trash. Customers are responsible for the cleanup from bags torn or cans spilled by animals, or otherwise spilled through no fault of the collectors.

 Collectors are not required to sweep, fork, shovel or otherwise clean up trash or garbage that has become scattered or is otherwise not readily picked up and placed in the compaction truck, including spillage resulting from overloaded containers.
- (d) Backyard option and service fee exception. The residential service program will allow customers the option of requesting backyard collection. (This does not include yard trash waste.) Such requests must be made in writing to the eity manager public works director or designee 30 days in advance of the start of service and once requested, such service and associated fees shall remain in effect for a minimum of six months. Service charges for backyard service as specified in the schedule set out in Appendix A may be waived and the uniform curbside service charge applied where all occupants of the dwelling unit are physically ineapacitated and unable to transport their cart and bin to the curb. Customers desiring backyard service at the curbside rate must be certified as to the necessity for this service by the eity manager public works director or designee who may impose such reasonable conditions as may be required for such service and certification.

462	(e) Service charges. In order to cover the direct cost, including but not limited to inspecting,
463	billing, collecting, handling, hauling and disposal of solid waste, yard trash waste and
464	designated recyclable materials, and indirect cost, including but not limited to administration,
465	accounting, personnel, purchasing, legal and other staff or departmental services, service
466	charges in accordance with the schedule set out in Appendix A shall be paid monthly to the
467	city, which charge shall be included on the regular monthly statement for utility service.
468	(f) Residential service exclusion.
469	(1) Owners of buildings containing two to four residential dwelling units may petition
470	the city to be excluded from residential service and allowed to contract for
471	commercially-collected residential service.
472	(2) Petitions for exclusion shall be made to the eity manager public works director or
473	designee.
474	(3) Petitions shall be made on city-provided forms, and shall contain the following
475	information:
476	a. Applicant's name.
477	b. Address of the property proposed to be excluded and number of dwelling units.
478	c. A copy of the proposed service agreement between the applicant and a
479	franchised commercial provider, including the level and type of services to be
480	provided and the number of dwelling units to be served.
481	(4) Upon receipt of a properly executed application and verification of the supporting
482	documentation, the eity manager public works director or designee shall decide
483	whether to grant the exclusion based on the following criteria:

a. Collection history (whether commercial or residential)

485	b. Accessibility of collection vehicles to property.
486	c. Available space for placement of carts.
487	d. Predominant use of property.
488	e. Safety.
489	f. Level of service requested by residents.
490	(5) The eity manager public works director or designee shall notify the applicant in
491	writing of the decision.
492	(6) If the exclusion is approved, it shall be effective <u>until terminated</u> . from the date
493	specified by the city manager or designee until September 30, 2004, unless An
494	exclusion may be terminated earlier by the eity manager public works director or
495	designee, or at the request of the property owner, due to changes in the contract
496	between the city and its solid waste collector or change in circumstances concerning
497	the property.
498	(7) If the exclusion is approved, the applicant must contract for recycling service
499	specified in section 27-85.
500	Sec. 27-77 Special service.
501	(a) Described. Any waste which, by reason of its bulk, shape or weight, cannot be placed
502	in a container or bundled, or which exceeds the size and weight limitations of any section of this
503	article, will be collected and disposed of by the contractor on an on-call basis.
504	(b) Scheduling and rates. Special collection will be scheduled at the earliest reasonable
505	time by the contractor. The fee for special service collection and disposal will be arranged

between the customer and the contractor. The contractor will bill directly for such services and

507	collect a reasonable fee agreed to jointly by the contractor and the customer prior to the work
508	being performed.
509	Sec. 27-78 Reserved.
510	DIVISION 2 COMMERCIAL SERVICE AND CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION
511	DEBRIS FRANCHISE
512	Sec. 27-79 General provisions.
513	(a) It shall be unlawful to commence or engage in the business of providing containers
514	for commercial service or providing commercial service or construction and demolition debris
515	collection and disposal to properties in the city without a franchise issued by the city in
516	accordance with this article.
517	(b) No franchise shall be awarded until the city determines that the franchisee is capable
518	of complying with the requirements of this article.
519	(c) Each franchise shall be subject to the charter of the city and this Code of Ordinances.
520	Each franchise shall be subject to, and franchisees shall abide by, all present and future laws,
521	regulations, orders of regulatory bodies, city code provisions and administrative rules applicable
522	to the performance of the collection services hereunder. Each franchise shall obtain all licenses
523	and permits presently required by federal, state and local governments, and as required from time
524	to time.
525	(d) All commercial franchises issued on or after October 1, 1996, may be by contract,
526	which may include, among other things, agreement on the disposal site for solid waste collected
527	by the franchisee.

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(e) Collection times shall be as follows:

- (1) Each commercial franchisee shall make available daily (except Sunday) collection of solid waste. Collection shall begin no earlier than 6:00 a.m. and shall cease no later than 9:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, except that in areas of mixed residential and commercial occupancy collections shall begin no earlier than 7:00 a.m. and cease no later than 9:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Sunday service shall not begin before 8:00 am and cease no later than 9:00 p.m.
- (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (e)(1), the eity manager public works director or designee may set other hours for the purpose of improving collection operations or safety, by the city first holding a neighborhood workshop to inform various residents, businesses and other stakeholders of the change being considered, and to solicit their input. The workshop will be held in a location generally near the subject area in a facility that is ADA compliant. The city will provide notification by mail to all owners of property and neighborhood associations within the area being considered as well as those within 400 feet of the perimeter of that area. The notices will be mailed at least 14 days before the workshop and the city will also advertise the workshop in a newspaper of general circulation at least 14 days before the date of the workshop. The workshop must start between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on a weekday or between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on a weekend. The city shall prepare a written summary of the neighborhood meeting that includes a list of those in attendance, a summary of the issues discussed, and comments, concerns and suggestions by those in attendance. Any change in collection times shall be established in a written memorandum outlining the justification. All memoranda establishing collection times, and summaries of the neighborhood meetings, shall be

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retained on file by the solid waste division and made available to the public for inspection. These collection times should be reviewed periodically to determine whether the operational justification continues to exist.

- Notwithstanding paragraph (e)(1), the city manager or designee may authorize collection on Sunday where special needs of the customer make it necessary. In the event of an emergency, a franchisee may collect at times not allowed by this section, provided the eity manager public works director grants prior approval, to be later evidenced by a written memorandum. If no written memorandum is obtained, there shall be a presumption that the franchisee had not obtained prior approval. All written memoranda issued shall be retained on file by the solid waste division and made available to the public for inspection.
- (f) Franchisee shall not be relieved of the obligation to promptly comply with any provision of the franchise by failure of the city to enforce compliance with the franchise.
- (g) The franchise granted hereunder <u>may shall not</u> be exclusive. <u>Any exclusive franchise</u> granted by the city shall be selected through a competitive procurement process. The city reserves the right to grant similar rights or franchises to more than one person or corporation as well as the right in its own name to use its streets for purposes similar to or different from those allowed to franchisees hereunder.
- (h) For all contracts between customers and commercial franchisees as of January 1, 1997, the franchisee shall pass through to its customers any savings realized through reduced service levels that the franchisee experiences due to the customers' participation in the mandatory recycling program.

(i h) If a franchisee fails to perform its contract with any customer for longer than two weeks, the city may perform the work using its own equipment or assign the work to another franchisee, who shall be entitled to receive the revenue from the customer for work performed that would have gone to the defaulting franchisee.

- (j i) The franchisee shall submit to any load inspection program that the city may reasonably devise.
- (k j) Yard waste from a commercial generator or customer shall be collected separately from other solid waste. Each commercial franchisee shall inform all of its commercial customers of this requirement.
- $(1 \underline{k})$ A commercial franchisee shall respond to and, if feasible, resolve all complaints received by 12:00 noon on any business day by 5:00 p.m. of the same day and shall respond to and, if feasible, resolve all complaints received after 12:00 noon on any business day by 12:00 noon the next day. An emergency telephone number where the commercial franchisee can be reached shall be given to the <u>eity manager public works director</u> or designee.
- (m l) A commercial franchisee shall handle commercial service containers with reasonable care and return them to the approximate location from which they were collected. A commercial franchisee shall clean up all solid waste spilled during the collection operation.
- (nm) A commercial franchisee shall not be required to provide collection services when all appropriate disposal sites are closed or an emergency or imminent emergency exists, as determined by the eity manager public works director or designee. Collections shall resume on the instruction of the eity manager public works director or designee.
- $(\underline{\theta} \ \underline{n})$ A commercial franchisee shall not be deemed to be an agent of the city and shall be responsible for any losses or damages of any kind arising from its performance or

nonperformance under its franchise. The franchisee shall defend at its own expense or reimburse the city for its defense, at the city's option, on any and all claims and suits brought against the city, its elected or appointed officers, employees, and agents resulting from the franchisee's performance or nonperformance of service pursuant to the franchise.

- (po) Each commercial franchisee shall report to the city by December 15 of each year the percentage participation of its clients in commercial recycling and the amount of recycled material collected as a percentage of total solid waste collected from its customers for the year ending September 30.
- (q p) Each franchisee must provide the city with the location of the disposal site it uses for construction and demolition debris.
- (# q) In order to ensure that the franchisee provides a quality level of solid waste and recycling collection services, the following standards and fines are set.
 - (1) All complaints received by the city and reported to the franchisee shall be promptly resolved. Any complaint received by the franchisee shall be entered on a form approved by the city. All complaints received during the business day shall be transmitted on the approved form by 5:00 p.m. each business day. Any complaint received before noon shall be resolved the same business day. All other complaints shall be resolved by the end of the next business day.
 - (2) In the event legitimate complaints shall exceed two percent of the total customers served by the franchisee during any city fiscal year, or 0.5 percent of the total customers serviced by the franchisee during any calendar month, the city may seek fines for the following violation of this article, on a per incident basis, when committed by the franchisee:

620	a. Commingling solid waste with vegetative waste and/or <u>designated</u> recyclable
621	materials.
622	b. Failure to replace damaged container within seven days of notification (48
623	hours for commercially collected residential customers).
624	c. Throwing of garbage cans or recycling containers.
625	d. Failure to transmit commercial complaint forms as specified in this
626	subsection.
627	e. Failure to repair damage to customer's property.
628	(3) The city may seek fines for the following violations of the article, on a per
629	day basis, when committed by the franchisee:
630	a. Failure to provide clean, safe, sanitary equipment.
631	b. Failure to maintain required office hours.
632	c. Failure to maintain proper licenses.
633	d. Failure to display franchisee name and phone number on equipment or
634	containers.
635	e. Failure to collect solid waste upon notification by city. Franchisee will
636	also be charged the cost incurred by the city if city personnel are required
637	to collect the solid waste due to such failure.
638	f. Using improper truck to service commercial or commercially collected
639	residential customer solid waste.
640	g. Failure to provide monthly recycling reports by the 30th day after each
641	month in the format specified by the city.
642	h. Collection outside hours specified in section 27-79.

i. Failure to clean up spillage of any substance required to be cleaned up pursuant to federal, state or local laws, rules or ordinance.

Sec. 27-79.1. - Term of franchise.

Any new non-exclusive franchise issued or renewal of an existing franchise shall be by application. The term of any new or renewal non-exclusive franchise shall extend until 11:59 p.m. on September 30 of each year unless forfeited or revoked sooner, or be held month to month, as provided herein. In any year in which the city is transitioning from non-exclusive franchises to an exclusive franchise system, the term of non-exclusive franchises will be month to month instead of one year. If the city issues an exclusive franchise, the term of the exclusive franchise agreement shall be as set forth in the agreement.

Sec. 27-80. - Franchise fees.

- 654 (a) Amount of fee.
- The commercial franchisee providing commercial service shall pay as compensation to
 the city, for the rights and benefits granted hereunder, a monthly fee as described in Appendix A.
 For purposes of the calculation stated as Appendix A, gross revenues shall consist of all revenues
 from the sale or lease of containers, all revenues from garbage and trash collection services, all
 disposal billed, late fees, bad debt recoveries and other fees collected from customers, with no
 deductions except for bad debts actually written off.
 - (2) The commercial franchisee providing construction and demolition debris collection service shall pay as compensation to the city, for the rights and benefits granted hereunder, an annual fee calculated based on all vehicles owned, leased, or otherwise used in construction and demolition debris collection service as described in Appendix A.

(3) Commercial franchisees providing both commercial service and construction and demolition debris collection service shall pay both fees described in subsections (1) and (2) above, but shall not be required to pay the fees in Appendix A deriving from subsection (2) above for vehicles which are not intended and shall never be used to haul construction and demolition debris.

- (b) Compensation payments for commercial service shall be due 20 days after the end of each month, accompanied by statements of gross revenues as prescribed by the city's finance department, and shall be paid directly to the city's finance department. Statements and remittances shall be accepted as timely if postmarked on or before the 20th day of the month; if the 20th day falls upon a Saturday, Sunday or federal or state holiday, statements and remittances shall be accepted as timely if postmarked on the next succeeding workday. Compensation payments for construction and demolition debris collection service shall be due on October 15 of each year, and will be accepted as timely if postmarked on or before October 15, or the next succeeding workday if October 15 falls upon a Saturday or Sunday or state or federal holiday. Payments not received by the due date shall be assessed interest at the rate of one percent per month compounded monthly from the due date.
- (c) All amounts paid shall be subject to confirmation and recomputation by the city. An acceptance of payment shall not be construed as an accord that the amount paid is, in fact, the correct amount, nor shall acceptance of payment be construed as a release of any claim the city may have for further or additional sums payable.
- (d) Billing maneuvers that have the effect of reducing or avoiding the payment of franchise fees are expressly prohibited and will be cause for termination of the franchise, as well as punishment as provided by section 1-9.

(e) Payment of this franchise fee shall not exempt the commercial franchisee from the payment of any other license fee, tax or charge on the business, occupation, property or income of the franchisee that may be imposed by the city.

Sec. 27-81. - Books, records and reporting requirements.

- (a) The city shall have the right to review all records maintained by a franchise providing commercial service concerning its franchise on 30 days' written notice.
- (b) Each commercial franchisee providing commercial service shall file written monthly reports within 30 days after the end of each month with the eity manager public works director or designee. The report shall contain an accurate statement of all receipts under the franchise from all sources, the number of accounts by service level, the quantities of garbage and trash collected and the number of routes for garbage and trash collection.
- (c) Each commercial franchisee providing commercial service shall file an annual report including a schedule of total gross revenues as defined in section 27-80(a). This annual report shall be examined by an independent certified public accountant ("auditor") to certify that the computation of gross revenue used to calculate franchise fees remitted is in accordance with the terms of the franchise. The auditor's report shall state that the examination was performed in accordance with professional standards established by the AICPA and shall be filed with the eity manager public works director or designee within 120 days of the franchisee's year end.
- (d) Each commercial franchisee shall submit by September 1 of each year an updated list of the type, number and complete description of all equipment to be used for providing service pursuant to this division. Vehicles placed into service since the preceding September 1 shall have the in-service dates noted, and vehicles no longer in service shall have the retirement dates noted. Commercial and demolition debris collection service franchisees will be invoiced for all net

increases in vehicles operating during the prior year on a prorated basis, as well as invoiced for vehicles intended to be operated during the coming year.

Sec. 27-82. - Application requirements.

- (a) Applications for a franchise shall be made to the eity manager public works director or designee on such forms and in such manner as prescribed by the city. Application may be made for one or both of the following types of franchise:
 - (1) Commercial limited to collection of garbage and trash from commercially-collected residential dwellings and collection or processing of garbage and trash from commercial generators.
 - (2) Construction and demolition limited to collection and disposal of construction and demolition debris.
- (b) Application forms will require, at a minimum, the following information and supporting documents.
 - (1) If the applicant is a partnership or corporation, the name(s) and business address(es) of the principal officers and stockholders and other persons having financial or controlling interest in the partnership or corporation; provided, however, that if the corporation is a publicly owned corporation having more than 25 shareholders, then only the names and business addresses of the local managing officers shall be required.
 - (2) Criminal convictions, including withheld adjudication and plea of nolo contendere for any felonies of the applicant if an individual, or any person having any controlling interest in a firm, corporation, partnership, association or

organization making application, if requested by the eity manager public works

director or designee.

- (3) A statement of whether such applicant operates or has operated a solid waste collection business in this or any other state or territory under a franchise, permit or license; and if so, where, and whether such franchise, permit or license has ever been revoked or suspended and the reasons therefor.
- (4) Proof that corporation is in good standing in the state of corporation, if applicant is a corporation, and, if not a Florida corporation, that applicant is qualified to do business in the State of Florida. If applicant is other than a corporation and is operating under a fictitious name, applicant shall be required to submit information that such fictitious name is registered and held by applicant.
- (5) A list of the type, number and complete description of all equipment to be used by the applicant for providing service pursuant to this division. The eity manager public works director or designee may conduct an inspection of all equipment utilized in providing the services as outlined in the franchise to determine that the franchise possesses equipment capable of providing safe and efficient services.
- (6) The applicant shall maintain in full force and effect insurance as specified herein and shall furnish a comprehensive general liability policy to the eity manager public works director or designee and also file with the eity manager public works director or designee a certificate of insurance for all policies written in the applicant's name. The applicant shall carry in its own name a policy covering its operations in an amount not less than \$200,000.00 per occurrence for bodily injury

and \$200,000.00 per occurrence for property damage regarding comprehensive general liability. The applicant shall carry in its own name a policy covering its operation in an amount not less than \$100,000.00 per person, \$200,000.00 per occurrence for bodily injury, and \$50,000.00 per occurrence for property damage liability regarding automobile liability insurance. The applicant shall maintain workers compensation as required by Chapter 440, Florida Statutes.

- (7) The insurance policies shall be filed in the office of the eity manager public works director or designee and shall remain on file so long as the franchisee operates a franchise.
- (8) The applicant shall pay the city a nonrefundable application fee, as specified in Appendix A, at the time application is filed.

Sec. 27-83. - Denial of application; suspension or revocation of franchise; right of appeal.

- (a) Upon a finding of just cause, the eity manager public works director or designee shall deny a franchise in the case of application for new or renewed franchises, and suspend or revoke a franchise for a specified period of time in the case of previously issued franchises. Just cause shall include but not be limited to a failure to meet the requirements of this article, violation of any of the provisions of this article or any of the ordinances of the city, or the laws of the United States or the state of Florida, the violations of which reflect unfavorably on the fitness of the holder to offer solid waste collection services to the public.
- (b) Prior to denial, suspension or revocation, the applicant or holder shall be given reasonable notice of the proposed action to be taken and shall have an opportunity to present to the eity manager public works director or designee written and oral evidence at a hearing as to why the franchise should not be denied, revoked or suspended. The notice of intention the

proposed action shall be served upon the applicant or franchisee by registered mail or personal service. The hearing shall be held no earlier than 10 days after notice is received by the applicant or registrant. Notice of the final decision of the public works director or designee shall be sent in writing to the applicant or registrant.

(c) Any applicant or franchisee whose franchise is denied, suspended or revoked by the eity manager public works director or designee may appeal the decision to the city commission manager. The appeal shall be taken by filing written notice thereof, in duplicate, with the clerk of the commission within ten days after the decision of the eity manager public works director or designee. The clerk of the commission shall notify the eity manager public works director of the appeal and the eity manager public works director or designee shall forthwith transmit to the clerk copies of all papers constituting the record upon which the action appealed is based. The clerk of the commission shall place the appeal on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled city commission meeting which is not less than ten days from the date of the filing of the appeal. No later than 15 days after the date of filing the appeal, Tthe city commission manager shall review the record and decide whether the decision of the eity manager public works director was based on competent, substantial evidence. It-If- the commission city manager finds competent, substantial evidence for the eity manager public works director's decision, it the city manager will uphold the eity manager public works director 's decision; otherwise, it the city manager will reverse the eity manager public works director 's decision. The decision of the city eommission manager shall constitute final administrative action.

Sec. 27-84. - Penalties for violation.

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Except as otherwise provided, any person violating or failing to comply with any of the provisions of this division shall may be punished enforced as provided by section 1-9, enforced by code enforcement proceedings, or the city may seek injunctive relief.

DIVISION 3. – COMMERCIAL RECYCLING

Sec. 27-85. - Mandatory commercial recycling established.

- (a) Commercial generators. Beginning January 1, 1997, or such later date as designated by the city manager or designee, all All commercial generators and generators of construction and demolition debris shall separate designated recycling materials and make them available for recycling. The commercial generator or generator of construction and demolition debris may utilize a registrant, which includes a commercial franchisee who has obtained a registration, to collect the recycled materials. The commercial generator shall either self-transport the designated recyclable materials or utilize a registrant to collect and transport the designated recyclable materials to a recovered materials processing facility. Failure to separate the designated recyclable materials, except for de minimus amounts as determined by the city manager public works director or designee, from solid waste loads delivered to a city facility, a facility under contract with the city or a solid waste container at point of generation will subject the commercial generator to civil citation as provided in sections 2-336 through 2-339 of this Code and may, in addition, result in a surcharge as provided in subsection (ec) below.
- (b) [Notice of noncompliant status.]-Before a civil citation is issued, or a surcharge can be imposed, the commercial generator must be issued a notice advising of its noncompliant status. The notice shall provide a compliance date. If upon subsequent inspection the commercial generator is still not in compliance a civil citation will be issued.

- (c) [Separation and collection or special pick-up by city.] If the city undertakes the separation and collection of the <u>designated</u> recycled materials or otherwise performs a special pick-up of garbage or trash because a commercial generator fails to separate the designated recyclable materials, except for de minimus amounts as determined by the <u>eity manager public works director</u> or designee, from solid waste loads delivered to a city facility, a facility under contract with the city or a solid waste container at point of generation, the city may have it removed and any expenses incurred will be included as a surcharge in the utility bill of the commercial generator.
- (d) Appeal. A commercial establishment may appeal the imposition of a surcharge to the city manager or designee within 15 calendar days of such imposition. The notice of appeal shall include all information and grounds the commercial generator wants to be considered by the city manager or designee as to why the surcharge should not be imposed. The city manager or designee shall have 15 calendar days to affirm or abate the surcharge. The determination of the city manager or designee shall be final.
- (e) Commercially-collected residential. All commercially-collected residential units shall establish a recycling program that includes recycling of all designated recyclable materials and is convenient and accessible to the residents by January 1, 1997.
- (fe) Location of containers. All recovered materials shall be placed in an appropriate industry standard container. Where garbage cans carts are used, they shall be placed at the roadside or at such other single collection point(s) as may be agreed to between the registrant and the customer. All containers shall be kept in a safe, accessible location as designated or approved by the city and agreed to by the registrant and customer.

$(g\underline{t})$ Maintenance of containers. If a registrant provides recovered material containers to
its customers, the registrant will be responsible for the proper maintenance of the container.
Customers that acquire their own containers from any other source are responsible for the proper
maintenance of the container, except that damage done by the registrant shall be the
responsibility of the registrant; and for ensuring that the container can be serviced by the
registrant's equipment. Any customer or registrant violating this paragraph shall be subject to a
civil citation as provided in chapter 2, article V, division 6.

- (hg) Proof of participation in recycling program. A commercial generator, generator of construction and demolition debris or owner of a commercially-collected residential property shall produce proof of a valid and current contract with a registrant or receipts for delivery of recovered materials to an approved site, upon request of the eity manager public works director or designee.
- (h) Commercially-collected residential recycling. All commercially-collected residential serviced properties shall establish a recycling program that:
 - (1) includes recycling of all designated recyclable materials;
 - (2) provides a location for recycling containers that is as convenient and accessible to the residents as garbage and trash collection containers. If the public works director or designee determines the location of recycling containers fails to meet this requirement, the public works director shall determine an appropriate location on the property for recycling containers;
 - (3) provides an adequate level of service and capacity of designated recyclable collection containers based on the number of residents, units, or generation at the given property. If the public works director or designee determines the

867	level of service and capacity of recycling containers is inadequate, the public
868	works director shall determine an appropriate level of service and capacity of
869	recycling containers;
870	(4) prominently posts and maintains one or more signs in common areas where
871	designated recyclable materials are collected or stored that specify the
872	materials accepted for recycling and the collection procedures for such
873	materials;
874	(5) distributes recycling information in printed or electronic form to each occupant
875	or unit on the property upon leasing and at least once annually and within
876	fourteen (14) days after any changes to recycling services on the property; and
877	(6) as of October 1, 2022, provides at least one indoor recycling storage container
878	per unit of a type and design approved by the City for tenants to easily
879	transport designated recyclable materials to a central collection area on the
880	property.
881	(i) Commercially collected residential property lease transition plan.
882	(1) Beginning January 1, 2024, commercially collected residential properties with
883	at least 50 units shall submit to the Public Works Department a plan to divert
884	from the landfill waste stream usable and functioning household goods,
885	furnishings, and electronics, and recyclable cardboard resulting from the high
886	volume move-in and move-out periods that occur at the end and beginning of
887	leases. Beginning January 1, 2025, commercially collected residential
888	properties with at least 20 units shall submit to the Public Works Department

a plan to divert from the landfill waste stream usable and functioning

890	household goods, furnishings, and electronics, and recyclable cardboard
891	resulting from the high volume move-in and move-out periods that occur at
892	the end and beginning of leases. The plan shall be submitted on a form
893	prepared by the city.
894	(2) The city shall approve or disapprove the plan within 15 business days of the
895	plan being submitted and send written notice of the decision to the
896	commercially-collected residential property. If approved, the proposed plan
897	shall be implemented no later than 60 days after approval. If the plan is
898	disapproved, the commercially-collected residential property shall re-submit
899	the plan no later than 30 days after the date of its disapproval.
900	(3) Failure to submit or follow the plan will result in a civil citation in accordance
901	with division 6, article V, chapter 2. In addition, commercially-collected
902	residential properties which are not in compliance with this article shall be
903	subject to appropriate civil action in the court of appropriate jurisdiction for
904	injunctive relief.
905	(j) Exemptions. A commercial generator shall have the right to file a request for an
906	exemption request from the requirements within Section 27-85(a)-(h). The public works
907	director or designee shall grant a request for an exemption if the commercial generator
908	demonstrates to the satisfaction of the public works director of designee that the volume of
909	designated recyclable materials generated is de minimus amounts or space is not available at a
910	given property for additional container placement. Each exemption request must be completed

and submitted using the standardized forms provided by the city. Commercial generators shall

913	denied.
914	Sec. 27-86 Registration of recovered materials collectors.
915	(a) Registration required. On and after October 1, 1996, no No person, including a
916	commercial franchisee, shall collect, transport, convey or process recovered materials in the city
917	without a registration certificate from the city. Each commercial franchise holder as of October
918	1, 1996, who desires to collect recovered materials as part of the commercial recycling program
919	shall be granted a registration certificate upon filling out an application and providing the
920	necessary documentation. No application fee will be required until such time as the commercial
921	franchise would have terminated had it not been extended by subsection 27-79.1. This
922	subsection does not prohibit the city from entering into an exclusive franchise agreement or
923	issuing exclusive certificates of registration for the collection of recovered materials from
924	residential properties or commercially-collected residential properties.
925	(b) Application for a Recovered Material certificate.
926	(1) Applications for registration shall be obtained from and returned to the
927	department of solid waste.
928	(2) The applicant shall state whether it is a processor, a transporter, or both.
929	(3) Requested information on the application shall be limited to that information
930	required by F.S. § 403.7046.
931	(4) The application must be accompanied by
932	a. a copy of state certification as required by F.S. § 403.7046;
933	b. disclosure of ownership as set forth below; and
934	c. proof of insurance as set forth below.

be notified in writing within sixty (60) days of whether their exemption request is granted or

935	(c) Renewal of registration. The certificate of registration may be valid for five years,
936	and may be renewed up to two times upon
937	(1) disclosure of ownership as set forth below;
938	(2) proof of insurance as set forth below as of the time of renewal; and
939	(3) proof that the registrant is still providing service to customers.
940	(d) Operating requirements for registrants. Persons collecting, transporting, conveying or
941	processing recovered materials in the city shall comply with the following operating
942	requirements:
943	(1) Disclosure of ownership. Each registrant shall annually provide two copies of a
944	notarized statement disclosing the names of its owners, general and limited partners,
945	or corporate or registered name under which it will conduct its business as
946	authorized by this article.
947	(2) Response to complaint. Each registrant shall be responsible for responding to
948	any and all complaints which involve registrant's actions that create a nuisance or
949	have the potential to create a nuisance. Response shall be within 24 hours of the
950	complaint, or by 5 p.m. Monday if the complaint was received during a weekend.
951	(3) Clean-up. A registrant shall handle recovered materials containers with
952	reasonable care and return them to the approximate location from which they were
953	collected. A registrant shall clean up all materials spilled during its collection
954	operation.
955	(4) Emergencies. A registrant shall not be required to provide collection services
956	when all appropriate recycling sites are closed or a city emergency or imminent
957	emergency exists, as determined by the city manager public works director or

and agents shall comply with all relevant local, state, and federal laws, rules and regulations, orders and mandatory guidelines applying to the collection or processing services being rendered.

- (9) Effect of certificate. Issuance of a registration certificate by the city shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any applicable local, state or federal law or regulation, including but not limited to zoning or planning regulations, with respect to a recycling operation of any kind, nor shall it create any vested right to own or operate any type of recycling operation.
- (10) *Hours of operation*. A registrant shall make available daily (except Sunday) collection of designated recyclable materials. Collection shall begin no earlier than 6:00 a.m. and shall cease no later than 9:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, except in areas of mixed residential and commercial occupancy where collections shall begin no earlier than 7:00 a.m. and shall cease no later than 9:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The eity manager public works director or designee may authorize collection on Sunday where special needs of the customer make it necessary.
- (e) Separation of residential and commercial materials. Curbside collection of designated recyclable materials from commercial generators shall be allowed only with prior approval of the eity manager public works director or designee, when considering a request to provide curbside collection, the eity manager public works director or designee shall consider the following factors:
 - (1) Accessibility of collection vehicles to property.
 - (2) Available space for placement of containers.

- (3) Predominant use of property.
- (4) Safety.

- (f) *Delivery of materials*. All recovered materials shall be delivered to a recovered materials dealer that has been certified by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection or subsequent responsible agency, and the city.
- (g) Reports. The recovered materials registrants shall submit to the eity manager public works director or designee reports as authorized by F.S. § 403.7046, and the regulations promulgated pursuant to the authority stated in statute. Within 15 days of changing facilities where recovered materials is being delivered, recovered materials registrants shall provide the name and location of the new facilities to the public works director or designee.

Sec. 27-87. - Revocation of registration.

- (a) Upon a finding of just cause, the eity manager public works director or designee shall deny a registration in the case of application for a new or renewed registration, and suspend or revoke a registration for a specified period of time in the case of previously issued registration.

 Just cause shall be consistent and repeated violation of state or local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations relating to the applicant's or registrant's operation; or loss of state certification as a recovered materials dealer.
- (b) Prior to denial, suspension or revocation, the applicant or registrant shall be given reasonable notice of the proposed action to be taken and shall have an opportunity to present to the eity manager public works director or designee written and oral evidence at a hearing as to why the registration should not be denied, revoked or suspended. The notice of intention the proposed action shall be served upon the applicant or registrant by registered mail or personal

service. The hearing shall be held no earlier than 10 days after notice is received by the applicant or registrant. Notice of the final decision of the public works director or designee shall be sent in writing to the applicant or registrant.

(c) Any applicant or registrant whose registration is denied, suspended or revoked by the eity manager public works director or designee may appeal the decision to the city eommission manager. The appeal shall be taken by filing written notice thereof, in duplicate, with the city clerk of the commission within ten days after the decision of the city manager public works director or designee. The city clerk shall inform the city manager public works director of the appeal, and the eity manager public works director or designee shall forthwith transmit to the city clerk copies of all papers constituting the record upon which the action appealed is based. The clerk shall place the appeal on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled city commission meeting which is not less than ten days from the date of the filing of the appeal. No later than 15 days after the date of filing the appeal, Tthe city commission manager shall review the record and decide whether the decision of the eity manager public works director was based on competent, substantial evidence. It [If] If the commission city manager finds competent, substantial evidence for the eity manager public works director 's decision, the city manager will uphold the eity manager public works director's decision; otherwise, the city manager will reverse the city manager public works director 's decision. The decision of the city commission manager shall constitute final administrative action.

Sec. 27-88. - Penalties for violation.

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Except as otherwise provided, any person violating or failing to comply with any of the provisions of this division shall be punished as provided by section 1-9 of this Code of

1050 against such person. 1051 Section 2. A new Division 4 within Article III of Chapter 27 of the Gainesville Code of 1052 Ordinances is created to read as set forth below. Division 5 is amended as set forth below. 1053 Except as amended herein, the remainder of Chapter 27 remains in full force and effect. 1054 DIVISION 4. RESERVED. SINGLE-USE PLASTIC AND POLYSTYRENE 1055 PRODUCTS. 1056 Sec. 27-9289. - Definitions. 1057 The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings 1058 ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning: 1059 Expanded polystyrene container means any plate, bowl, cup, container, lid, tray, cooler, 1060 ice chest, and similar items that are made of blown polystyrene and expanded and extruded 1061 foams that are thermoplastic petrochemical materials utilizing a styrene monomer and 1062 manufactured by fusion of polymer spheres (expandable bead foam), injection molding, foam 1063 molding and extrusion-blown molding (extruded foam polystyrene) or any other technique. 1064 Beverage Prepared food provider means a person or entity that provides food (including 1065 beverages) directly to the consumer, that is ready for immediate consumption without any further 1066 cooking, mixing, preparation, alteration or repackaging regardless of whether such food beverage 1067 is provided free of charge or sold, or whether consumption occurs on or off premises, or whether 1068 the food beverage is provided from a building, pushcart, stand or vehicle. Prepared Food 1069 Beverage providers include, but are not limited to, bars, restaurants, cafes, sidewalk cafes, 1070 delicatessens, coffee shops, grocery stores, markets, supermarkets, drug stores, pharmacies, 1071 bakeries, caterers, gas stations, vending or food trucks or carts and cafeterias.

Ordinances, is subject to code enforcement proceedings, or the city may seek injunctive relief

Single-use plastic food accessory means any item which is made predominantly of plastic derived from petroleum polymer or a biologically-based polymer and is provided for one-time use with prepared food (including beverages), such as utensils, chopsticks, portion cups, condiment packets, and other similar accessories. This definition excludes items that are provided to prevent spills and injuries, such as spill plugs, splash sticks, cup lids, cup sleeves and cup trays.

Single-use plastic straw means a disposable tube used for the purpose of consuming beverages and intended for one-time use, which is made predominantly of plastic derived from petroleum polymer or a biologically-based polymer.

Single-use plastic stirrer means a device that is used to mix beverages and intended for one-time use, and made predominantly of plastic derived from a petroleum polymer or a biologically based polymer.

Sec. 27-9390. - Prohibition on single-use plastic straws and single-use plastic stirrers.

- (a) Beverage Prepared food providers shall not sell, use, offer for sale or use, or provide to any person a single-use plastic straw or single-use plastic stirrer.
 - (1) Exceptions: Although the discontinuation of the use of single-use plastic straws and single-use plastic stirrers is strongly encouraged, this article shall not apply to the sale or use of single-use plastic straws or single-use plastic stirrers as follows:
 - a. Pre-packaged beverages with a single-use plastic straw or single-use plastic stirrer that are prepared and packaged outside the city and are not altered, packaged or repackaged within the city.
 - b. Boxes of pre-packaged single-use plastic straws or single-use plastic stirrers
 that are offered for retail sale to a consumer for personal use, that are prepared

1095	and packaged outside the city and are not altered, packaged or repackaged
1096	within the city.
1097	c. By medical or dental facilities.
1098	d. By hospitals.
1099	e. By nursing homes or assisted living facilities.
1100	f. By any disabled person that requires or relies on same to consume beverages
1101	and/or food supplements.
1102	Sec. 27-91. – Single-Use Plastic Food Accessories available upon request.
1103	Prepared food providers shall not provide single-use plastic food accessories for dine-in, take-out
1104	or delivery, unless the single-use food accessory is specifically requested by the customer or is
1105	provided at a customer self-serve station.
1106	Sec. 27-92 Prohibition on use of expanded polystyrene containers on city property or city
1107	right-of-way.
1108	Any person or entity that is required to obtain a permit, use agreement, or other authorization or
1109	approval to use city property or city right-of-way pursuant to Chapter 18, Article II. Park
1110	Regulations; Chapter 19 Peddlers, Solicitors and Canvassers; and Chapter 30, Article V. Use
1111	Standards, is prohibited from using expanded polystyrene containers for the permitted activity on
1112	city property or city right-of-way. This prohibition excludes the distribution of any prepackaged
1113	food that is filled and sealed in an expanded polystyrene container prior to receipt by the person
1114	or entity and it excludes raw meat or seafood that is stored in an expanded polystyrene container
1115	and sold from a refrigerated display or storage case.
1116	Sec. 27-93. Prohibition on intentional release outdoors of plastic confetti, glitter and
1117	balloons.

All persons are prohibited from intentionally releasing outdoors any plastic confetti, glitter or
balloons. Consistent with Section 379.233, Florida Statutes, the following balloon releases are
exempt from the above prohibition: (a) balloons released by a person on behalf of a
governmental agency or pursuant to a governmental contract for scientific or meteorological
purposes; (b) hot air balloons that are recovered after launching; or (c) balloons that are either
biodegradable or photodegradable, as determined by rule of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
Commission, and which are closed by a hand-tied knot in the stem of the balloon without string,
ribbon, or other attachments. The party responsible for the release shall make available evidence
of the biodegradability or photodegradability of said balloons in the form of a certificate
executed by the manufacturer. Failure to provide said evidence shall be prima facie evidence of a
violation of this act.
Sec. 27-94 Enforcement; penalties; injunctive relief.
The city may enforce this article division by civil citation in accordance with chapter 2, article V,
division 6. In addition, persons who are not in conformity with these requirements shall be
subject to appropriate civil action in the court of appropriate jurisdiction for injunctive relief.
DIVISION 5 PLASTIC STRAWS AND STIRRERS. WASTE REDUCTION.
Sec. 27-95. Reserved. Requirement for a take back program for prescription drugs.
All commercial generators distributing or providing prescription medicines or drugs shall
provide on-site publicly accessible containers for the destruction of prescription medicines or
drugs. Such containers shall be located within 20 feet of the location where prescription drugs
are dispensed. If the commercial generator is unable to meet the above location requirement, the
commercial generator shall work with the city to develop an acceptable alternative plan for the
placement of collection containers on the premises

141	Sec. 27-95.1. Requirement for public recycling containers at commercial establishments.
142	(a) Any commercial establishment providing receptacles for collecting and disposing of
143	garbage to the public shall provide an equal number of collection receptacles for designated
144	recyclable materials paired next to the garbage receptacle. If the commercial establishment
145	is unable to meet the above requirement, the commercial establishment shall work with the
146	city to develop an acceptable alternative plan for the placement of collection receptacles for
147	designated recyclable materials on the premises.
148	(b) The commercial establishment shall make designated recyclable materials collected in the
149	receptacles available for recycling. The commercial establishment shall either self-transport
150	the designated recyclable materials or utilize a registrant to collect and transport the
151	designated recyclable materials to a recovered materials processing facility.
152	Sec. 27-95.2. Requirement for property owners to provide accommodations for solid waste
153	containers.
154	Property owners shall provide commercial tenants with space for commercial service containers
155	for garbage and recycling collection or make reasonable accommodations for shared commercial
156	service containers for garbage and recycling collection in a nearby location. If the property
157	owner is unable to meet the above requirement, the property owner shall work with the city to
158	develop an acceptable alternative plan for the collection of waste from the tenant.
159	Section 3. Section 2-339 of the Code of Ordinances of Gainesville, Florida, is amended as
160	set forth below. Except as herein amended, the remainder of Section 2-339 remains in full force
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161	and effect.

The following ordinances are enforceable by the procedures described in this division:

Division 3,	Maintenance of containers	<u>II</u>	\$250.00
Article III of			
Chapter 27			
Division 3,	Failure to submit lease transition plan.	<u>II</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
Article III of			
Chapter 27			
Division 4,	Single-use plastic and polystyrene products straws and	II	\$250.00
Article III of	single-use plastic stirrers		
Chapter 27			

Section 4. It is the intention of the City Commission that the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville, Florida, and that the sections and paragraphs of this Ordinance may be renumbered or relettered in order to accomplish such intentions.

Section 5. If any word, phrase, clause, paragraph, section or provision of this ordinance or the application hereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such finding shall not affect the other provisions or application of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared severable.

Section 6. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

Section 7. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption; however, to allow time for education and public awareness of these new restrictions and prohibitions, citations for violations of Sec. 27-91 will not be issued until after January 1, 2022.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS	DAY OF	, 2022.

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8 ATTEST:	Approved as to form and legality
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CITY CLERK	CITY ATTORNEY
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