

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
AGENDA ITEM  
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

**AGENDA DATE:** 8/13/24

**PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** 8/27/24

**CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:** Nicholas Ybarra, (915) 212-6000

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All

**STRATEGIC GOAL:** Goal 3 – Promote the Visual Image of El Paso

**SUBGOAL:**

**SUBJECT:**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 9 (HEALTH AND SAFETY), CHAPTER 9.04 (SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT), SECTION 9.04.100 (LOCATION FOR COLLECTION) OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE TO ADD ALLEYS TO APPROVED EXCLUDED COLLECTION LOCATIONS AND ESTABLISH ALLEY COLLECTION SERVICE AND PROCEDURES AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AND EXPAND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SIDEDOOR COLLECTION.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

This ordinance amendment adds alleys as a collection location and to add alley collection service and procedures to the ordinance. Provided in the amendment are the streets that will be collected manually. The amendment also updates the requirements for the side door/waiver program.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

Ordinance revised 8/24/10 and 12/21/10

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

N/A

**HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED?  YES  NO**

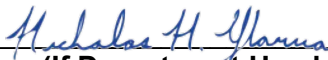
**PRIMARY DEPARTMENT:**

**SECONDARY DEPARTMENT:**

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\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**



(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 9 (HEALTH AND SAFETY), CHAPTER 9.04 (SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT), SECTION 9.04.100 (LOCATION FOR COLLECTION) OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE TO ADD ALLEYS TO APPROVED EXCLUDED COLLECTION LOCATIONS AND ESTABLISH ALLEY COLLECTION SERVICE AND PROCEDURES AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AND EXPAND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SIDEDOOR COLLECTION.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of El Paso wishes to amend Title 9, Chapter 9.04, Section 9.04.100 to add alleys to approved excluded collection locations and establish alley collection of solid waste and recyclable materials at designated locations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of El Paso provides collection of solid waste and recyclable materials throughout the City of El Paso; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to collect from alleys, guidelines are needed to ensure orderly operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the challenges of alley collection can be minimized by citizens following procedures that aid the department's efforts to provide efficient service; and

**WHEREAS**, the needs of residents living alone with debilitating medical conditions and residents of advanced age living alone can be better served by assisting in the collection of solid waste and recyclable materials from such residents.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**

**SECTION 1.** That Title 9 (Health and Safety), Chapter 9.04 (Solid Waste Management), Section 9.04.100 (Location for collection), is hereby amended to read as follows:

**9.04.100 Location for collection.**

Municipal solid waste and program recyclable materials carts and bulk waste shall be placed for collection with the following requirements:

- A. Requirements and location of collection at residential properties. Carts approved by the director for collection of municipal solid waste and program recyclable materials shall be placed for collection in accordance with the following rules:
  - 1. Only municipal solid waste generated at a residential property shall be placed in municipal solid waste carts assigned to such residential property;
  - 2. Only program recyclable materials generated at a residential property shall be placed in program recyclable materials carts assigned to such residential property;
  - 3. Each cart including contents shall not exceed one hundred and fifty pounds;

4. Municipal solid waste shall be contained in secured, odor, and vector-tight plastic bags, and stored in carts and/or containers designated by the director for the collection of municipal solid waste. Municipal solid waste shall not be accumulated or stored outside of carts and/or containers, and cart and/or container lids must remain closed at all times when not adding municipal solid waste to carts and/or containers; and
5. Bulk waste shall be placed for collection in accordance with the following rules:
  - a. Brush that is individually placed or bundled for collection, shall not be more than five feet in length or sixty pounds in weight; and
  - b. Bulk waste placed for collection shall be in conformity with any and all other acceptance policies established by the director.
6. Excluding collection locations approved for sidedoor and alley collection, carts and bulk waste shall be placed at the curbside in accordance with the following rules:
  - a. Carts shall be placed at the curbside of the residential property with the lids opening toward the street; the placing of carts on neighboring property is prohibited;
  - b. Carts and bulk waste shall be placed no closer than three (3) feet from other carts and bulk waste along the curbside;
  - c. Carts and bulk waste shall not be placed within three feet from any permanent, fixed objects, i.e., street light poles, mail boxes, utility boxes, cable television boxes, and other public or private property, and five feet from any vehicles;
  - d. Carts and bulk waste shall not be placed in such a manner as to create a pedestrian hazard, impair the use of the sidewalk, or interfere with vehicular traffic; and
  - e. Where a residential property is located on a street corner, carts and bulk waste shall only be placed along the curbside of the street address of the residential property; the placing of carts and bulk waste along the curbside perpendicular to the residential property's street address is prohibited.
7. Alley collection service shall be limited to routes designated by the traffic engineer or director as indicated below.

| Block(s)                     | Even | Odd |
|------------------------------|------|-----|
| 6500 block of Hoop St.       | X    | X   |
| 6400 block of Toivoa Pl.     | X    |     |
| 6500 block of Toivoa Pl.     |      | X   |
| 1400-1500 blocks of Mundy Dr |      | X   |
| 1500 block of Upson Dr.      |      | X   |
| 1200 block of Prospect St.   | X    | X   |

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| 1000 block of Prospect St.             |   | X |
| 1400- 1600 blocks of Hawthorne St.     | X |   |
| 1400 block of Hawthorne St.            |   | X |
| 1300-1400 blocks of Fewel St.          | X |   |
| 500 block of Fewel St.                 | X |   |
| 400-500 blocks of Fewel St.            |   | X |
| 1200-1300 blocks of Randolph Dr.       |   | X |
| 500 block of Los Angeles Dr.           |   | X |
| 1100-1200, 1400 blocks of El Paso St.  |   | X |
| 1300 block of N. Oregon St.            | X |   |
| 1600 block of N. Mesa St.              |   | X |
| 200 block of W. Rio Grande Ave         | X |   |
| 500-600 blocks of W. Yandell Dr.       | X |   |
| 900 block of Miramon Ave.              |   | X |
| 600-800 blocks of Upson Dr.            |   | X |
| 600 block of Stewart Dr.               | X |   |
| 700-1000 block of Upson Dr.            | X |   |
| 200 block of Porfirio Diaz St.         | X |   |
| 1200, 1600-1700 blocks of Wyoming Ave. | X |   |
| 1100-1500 blocks of W. Yandell Dr.     | X | X |
| 1100-1500 blocks of E. Yandell Dr.     | X | X |
| 1700-1800 blocks of Montana Ave.       | X |   |
| 1100 block of E. River Ave.            |   | X |
| 1000-1100 blocks of E. River Ave.      | X |   |
| 1000-1100 blocks of E. California Ave. | X |   |
| 1100 block of E. Nevada Ave.           | X |   |
| 1600-1800 blocks of Raynolds St.       |   | X |
| 4500-4700 blocks of Cumberland Ave.    |   | X |
| 1700-1800 blocks of Radford St.        | X |   |
| 12800-12900 blocks of Hueco Sands Cir. |   | X |

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| 12800 block of Hueco Mine Dr.   | X | X |
| 12800 block of Hueco Cave Dr.   |   | X |
| 12800 block of Hueco Hill Dr.   | X |   |
| 4000 block of Hueco Valley Dr.  | X |   |
| 12900 block of Hueco Cave Dr.   | X | X |
| 12900 block of Hueco Mine Dr.   |   | X |
| 1500 block of N. Kansas St.     |   | X |
| 1000 block of Wyoming Ave.      | X | X |
| 400-600 blocks of Canal R.      | X |   |
| 1800-1900 blocks of Olive Ave.  | X |   |
| 2000 block of Robert Minnie Pl. | X | X |
| 2000 block of Howard Jones Pl.  | X | X |
| 14000 block of Alyssa Marie Dr. | X | X |
| 14000 block of Eastbrook Dr.    | X | X |
| 14000 block of Oldenberg Ct.    | X | X |

8. Carts shall be placed in the alley in accordance with the following rules at the locations designated by the traffic engineer or director in this chapter.

a. Alley collection is limited to solid waste and program recyclable materials generated at a residential property and placed in municipal solid waste carts and program recyclable material carts assigned to such residential property;

b. It shall be the duty of owners, tenants or occupants of the abutting properties to keep the alleyway clear of obstructions including intruding or overhanging brush and tree limbs.

c. Carts shall be placed in the alley of the residential property with the lids opening toward the center of the alley; the placing of carts on neighboring property is prohibited;

d. Carts shall be placed no closer than five (5) feet from other carts;

e. Carts shall not be placed within five (5) feet from any permanent, fixed objects, i.e., street light poles, meters, utility boxes, cable television boxes, and other public or private property.

B. Occupants of residential properties may request sidedoor collection from the department. The written request must be submitted annually in conformance with the administrative process designated by the director, and its review, approval and continued eligibility is subject to the following rules:

- C. Eligibility and requirements for sidedoor collection.
1. An applicant is eligible to receive sidedoor collection if he meets the following criteria:
    - a. The applicant is the primary water account holder and has provided written documentation of one of the following:
      - i. Certification from the Social Security Administration that the applicant for sidedoor collection is the recipient of a social security or supplemental security income disability pension;
      - ii. Certification from the proper administrative officer that the applicant for sidedoor collection is the recipient of a public disability pension and classified one hundred percent disabled;
      - iii. Certification from the Veterans Administration that the applicant for sidedoor collection is the recipient of the Veterans Administration disability payments and classified one hundred percent disabled; or
    - b. The applicant lives alone, and either has a documented persistent medical condition, or is seventy (70) years of age or older and is incapable of transporting his or her municipal solid waste or program recyclable materials cart to the curbside.
  2. No more than one municipal solid waste cart and one program recyclable materials cart at any time will be assigned to a residential property receiving sidedoor collection.
  3. Approved sidedoor customers must make carts accessible for collection by the department at side or front of residence, and not behind an enclosed fence or gate. The department will not collect carts placed in a back yard or within an enclosed fence. Following collection, the cart will be replaced in the same or closely approximate location from where it was retrieved.
  4. The director shall have the authority to investigate and verify that recipients of sidedoor collection have continued eligibility for sidedoor collection.
  5. A person receiving sidedoor collection is not eligible for a discounted refuse fee.
- D. Location for collection at the citizen collection station. Occupants of residential properties may utilize the citizen collection stations provided by the department subject to the following rules:
1. An occupant who is the primary water account holder may utilize a citizen collection station when the occupant provides written documentation of the following:
    - a. Current city water bill; and
    - b. Photo identification of occupant with same address as city water bill.
  2. Occupants may utilize any citizen collection station at a frequency not to exceed the monthly limit set by the director or his designee, as posted at each citizen collection station.

3. Occupants must comply with the citizen collection station waste acceptance policy established by the department and comply with all posted rules at the station.
4. The director shall have the authority to investigate and verify that occupants utilizing citizen collection stations have continued eligibility for this service.
5. Occupants are prohibited from utilizing citizen collection stations for the disposal of any waste or material not generated solely from the occupant's dwelling and residential activities at their residential property.

**SECTION 2.** Except as herein amended, Title 9 of the El Paso City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

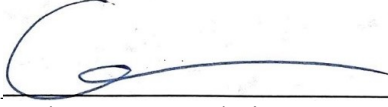
**CITY OF EL PASO:**

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Oscar Leeser  
Mayor

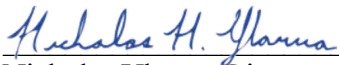
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