



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

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ECAF: 2022-0927

Proposal: Ord. 22-041

Date: September 20, 2022

Consideration:

The proposed ordinance relates to the residential collection of solid waste and recyclables in unincorporated areas of the county, amending [Chapter 7.42](#) of the Snohomish County Code.

Background:

The Residential Collection of Solid Waste and Recyclables in Unincorporated areas of the County was added by Ordinance in 1989, and the code was last revised in 1998. Chapter 7.42 currently contains no language related to the timing or placement of collection containers.

The proposed language would define the timing for setting out collection containers, the appropriate location for collection containers, and the retrieval timing of collection containers. Collection containers for solid waste and recyclables can become a health and public safety issue, as left containers can obstruct roadways, limit traffic flow, emergency vehicle access, obstruct bike lanes, sidewalks, ADA accessibility, road maintenance and can become an attractant to various wildlife (bears, mountain lion, bobcat, opossum, etc.)

Within Snohomish County, eight jurisdictions have language in municipal code related to the timing and/or placement of collection containers.

Municipal Jurisdiction	Code Section(s)	Set out/Pick-up	Placement
Marysville	7.08.065	No sooner than 24 hrs set out/ 2 business day for pick-up or fined	Defined in code
Bothell	8.20	Earliest convenience	Defined in code
Lake Stevens	8.04.080	On the day of collection/no pick-up defined	Defined in code – 10 feet traveled way
Monroe	6.08.110.D	On the day of collection/no pick-up defined	Defined in code – 10 feet traveled way
Snohomish	8.12.110.E	On day of collection/no pick-up defined	Defined in code – 10 feet traveled way
Mountlake Terrace	13.10.175	Night before collection/within 24 hrs of collection	Not defined
Everett	8.14.060	Not specified	Defined in code
Arlington	6.05.050	Not specified	Defined in code

Current Proposal:

Scope: The proposed code amendments would revise the current language to include the timing of container placement (no sooner than the day prior to collection) and the collection timing of containers (within 12 hours of collection) and would include the placement of containers (no farther than ten feet from the traveled way), so as not to interfere with vehicular pathways, driveways, parking, pedestrian walkways, trails, bicycle lanes and rights-of-way maintenance.

Duration: Upon adoption until future amendments.

Fiscal Implications: NA

2022 Budget: NA

Future Budget Impacts: NA

Handling: NORMAL

Approved-as-to-form: YES

Risk Management: NA

Executive Recommendation: TBD

Analysis

Council has the legislative authority to adopt this ordinance amending county code, per SCC 2.48. The existing code section has not been updated since 1998. This is the first code revision for this section, as the Solid Waste Division is currently in the process of updating the Solid Waste Management Plan and is currently waiting direction from the Department of Ecology in regards to the implementation of HB1799.

Request: Move to GLS on September 28, 2022, to consider scheduling a public hearing. Following receipt of public testimony, consider taking action on proposed Ordinance 22-041 or provide other direction to staff.