



## A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO RECYCLING.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to address the curbside collection of food waste.

SECTION 2. Section 9-1.2, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990 ("Definitions"), is amended by amending the definition of "Refuse" to read as follows:

"Refuse" means:

~~[(a)] Garbage consisting of all organic wastes resulting from the preparation and serving of food, but not commercial cooking oil waste and commercial FOG waste;~~

~~(b)]~~ (a) Rubbish, other than recyclable materials as defined in this section, consisting of and including such materials as paper, cardboard, clothes, shoes, bottles, cans, china, glass, grass, hedge cuttings, tree branches under nine inches in diameter and any other material of similar character; and

~~[(c)]~~ (b) Bulky wastes consisting of such materials as lumber, iron pipes, tree branches over nine inches in diameter, refrigerators, stoves, radios, television sets, phonographs, bedsteads, bed springs, tables, sofas, chairs, water heaters, sinks and other similar materials or equipment of a weighty or bulky nature."

SECTION 3. Section 9-1.4, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990 ("Preparation and placement of refuse and recyclable materials by owner"), is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) The types of refuse and recyclable materials hereinafter described shall be prepared for collection as follows:

- (1) In areas provided with manual collection, tree branches set out for collection shall not exceed nine inches in diameter and green waste shall be cut into lengths not exceeding three feet. All green waste shall be tied in bundles which shall not weigh more than 50 pounds each or prepared in a manner determined by the director in accordance with Section 9-1.12(b)(3). In areas with automated green waste collection, green waste shall be placed in the city-provided green waste cart as designated by the director such that the cart lid fully closes.



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- (2) In areas provided with manual collection, all empty cardboard and other fibrous cartons, wooden boxes and crates, and other similar empty containers shall be flattened and securely tied in bundles not exceeding three feet in length nor weighing more than 50 pounds each. In areas with automated mixed recyclable materials collection, all empty corrugated cardboard boxes shall be flattened and placed in the city-provided mixed recyclable materials cart as designated by the director such that the cart lid fully closes.
- (3) All other refuse except that mentioned in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection shall be placed in city-provided refuse carts as designated by the director, or in areas provided with manual collection, in durable or nondurable containers described as follows:
  - (A) Durable Containers. The interior surface of the container shall be smooth with no projections and the top diameter shall be equal to or larger than the bottom diameter. The container shall have a capacity of at least 10 gallons but not more than 35 gallons. The maximum weight of an empty container shall be 25 pounds. The maximum weight of a filled container shall be 75 pounds. Every container holding any garbage shall have a tight fitting lid.
  - (B) Nondurable Containers. Nondurable containers made of plastic film, paper, or cardboard may be used if such containers are able to contain their contents securely at all times. The maximum weight for filled nondurable containers shall be 50 pounds. Such containers shall be collected together with their contents.
- (4) All rubbish consisting of ashes, powders, dust, sawdust, broken bottles, glass or china or other materials likely to cause injury to persons collecting the same shall be securely wrapped or contained before being placed in the city-provided refuse cart as designated by the director for automated collection or in the resident-provided container for manual collection.
- (5) Except for food waste that the director designates as a recyclable material, garbage shall be drained and securely wrapped before being placed in the container.
- (6) Recyclable materials designated by the director, except newspaper or other paper which is used to wrap or hold garbage or other refuse not designated as recyclable materials, shall be prepared or placed in the city-provided mixed recyclable materials cart as designated by the director and shall be collected under procedures determined by the director.



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- (7) The director shall designate the city-provided cart into which food waste shall be placed and may specify additional standards for the placement of food waste in the carts."

SECTION 4. Section 9-1.12, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990 ("Islandwide curbside recycling program"), is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) The director shall establish an islandwide program for the curbside collection of recyclable materials. The director may implement the program in stages, provided that by July 1, 2007, the curbside collection of recyclable materials shall include at a minimum the collection of at least two of the following:

- (1) glass containers,
- (2) newspapers,
- (3) plastic containers,
- (4) green waste, and/or
- (5) food waste.

By July 1, 2008, the director shall include, at a minimum, an additional two recyclable materials from the list in the subsection. By January 1, 2024, the director shall include the collection of food waste."

SECTION 5. Ordinance material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken and new material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the Revisor of Ordinances need not include the brackets, the material that has been bracketed and stricken, or the underscoring.



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SECTION 6. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tommy Waters

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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August 27, 2020  
Honolulu, Hawai'i

\_\_\_\_\_ Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

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RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor  
City and County of Honolulu