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Parsons, Susan

From: M Singleton [mcuffs@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2011 3:26 PM
To: Parsons, Susan
Subject: Change in garbage collection services

Ms. Parsons Mr. Mayor and Commissioners,

I don't usually take the time to comment on the actions you take - other than in the elections - due to my cynical side, but today I would like to comment on the upcoming vote on the changes to garbage collection in the City.

I have lived in Northeast Portland (Piedmont Neighborhood) for over 20-years, which due to changing demographics is becoming a more educated, affluent, younger and hipper area. Several of my neighbors often fill their trash cans - to overflowing - 3-days after collection, and on the fourth day they start filling my trash can! I sometimes inspect their garbage and find that most of it is recyclable i.e. bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.

I recently called the city office that seemed to handle garbage matters and was told that my neighbors "will need to get bigger cans" a logical response, but the need bigger cans now! Bigger cans and more education about recycling.

I don't want to take too much of your time and only wish to say please don't change to bi-weekly trash collection.

Thank you,

M. Singleton
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8/12/2011

RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING COLLECTION RATES

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Subject: Testimony to the Portland City Council on reducing garbage pickup service, August 10, 2011

There needs to be an amendment attached to this ordinance that states: "while on the job, City Council members are required to wear size twelve, high top army boots." The following reasons apply. First of all, this slop bucket stuff is a dictator like brew of social engineering muck that needs to be waded through by the control mindset brew masters. Secondly, part of this autocratic package is to prescribe that one size, one garbage pick up every two weeks and one lifestyle fits all; as long as it is the council's pick for the color of a Model T, and council's choice of direction for daily life in the kitchen. Not only are you reducing a basic service, but you are discriminately increasing the cost of living for single family residences. So what's next on this dictatorial agenda: food police telling people what to eat, dirty diaper decrees; or maybe a Gestapo like garbage patrol force?

The two oversized clamshell containers at my residence sit behind the garage unused and mired in the weeds because there is no convenient, accessible, out of sight place to put those monstrosities. The huge mouth makes them difficult to maneuver through narrow openings from the back yard to the street. I had been using one of the yellow boxes to recycle paper products until the box disappeared along with the garbage truck.

Like the City Council, Waste Management is more focused on extracting money from residents and regulating lifestyles than providing good customer service and democratic choices. Pickup service has become so far-reaching it requires a different fleet of huge trucks for each bin type simultaneously pounding the streets and consuming fossil fuels. Lofty city controlled rates are the same whether your garbage can is full, half full or nearly empty. The only way to get your money's worth is to have a full garbage can.

Any responsible recycling business plan should be financially self-sustainable and not cost residents anything. Pickup service for recyclables needs to be funded by the profits made by the recyclers who turn the recycled materials into marketable goods.

As we all know, this hearing is only window dressing to a nod already taken. Like other typical policy making from this administration, the ordinance is a dictatorial decision that starts with a predetermined conclusion, fabricates arguments to support it, and then chips away at freedom of choice with a looter like price tag attached. **Most importantly, the rates for residential pickup service ought to be reduced by 25 to 50 percent,** reflective of the service reduction from weekly garbage pickup to bi-weekly garbage pickup. Any increase in rates adds to the cost of housing and is just plain thievery.

Finally, in that plastic bag liners are used in government office waste baskets, city owned garbage cans and even line landfills; to further limit the city looting my income including on gold plated, overpriced water and sewer bills, my choice for a slop container will continue to be the same as my choice for dirty cans, jars and disposable dishes; that being reused plastic bags which I can get for free, throw in the trash and do not have wash or rinse out.

Unequivocally submitted,

Terry Parker

Parsons, Susan

From: Mark Bartlett [bartlett.m@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2011 8:53 AM
To: Commissioner Fritz; Commissioner Saltzman; Adams, Mayor; Leonard, Randy; Commissioner Fish; Parsons, Susan
Subject: agenda item 830

As an owner of multi family and other residential properties, I can share my experience that this would unfairly burden those property owners. They will be held responsible for the actions or non actions of their tenants.

It has been my experience that many tenants, especially in lower income areas, do not cooperate or possibly not even understand recycling and their waste disposal responsibilities.

This new ordinance will certainly make living next to these properties less attractive for SFR owners that share boundaries. Vermin will become more of a problem than they already are.

As a homeowner, I seldom use the yard debris pick up container (2-3 times a year), while I recycled my own on my property even while living in a large deciduous tree zone. Even if I placed my leaves out it would amount to 2 additional pickups.

I would also add that placing one or numerous 3' salmon or fish carcasses in one of these containers is unlikely to have been considered. I can assure you that in two days the smell from these decaying wastes are noticeable. I can't imagine how they might smell in 10-14 days.

I don't think this proposal was well thought out.

As with most well meaning proposals, it fails to consider the unintended consequences due to the lack of involvement of those who actually might offer different viewpoints than those who are promoting it. Any proposal offering less service for higher costs is suspect, and clearly shows it was not put before enough residents for scrutiny.

Mark Bartlett

Parsons, Susan

From: Phyllis Yes [yes@lclark.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2011 5:38 AM
To: Moore-Love, Karla
Subject: Garbage proposal

The new garbage proposal is not a good idea. Please vote "no."

Thank you,
Phyllis Yes

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Parsons, Susan

From: Parsons, Susan
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2011 12:55 PM
To: Adams, Sam; Commissioner Fish; Commissioner Fritz; Leonard, Randy; Saltzman, Dan
Subject: FW: Wednesday's composting debate

Sue Parsons

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From: Judy Teufel <teufelj@easystreet.net>
Date: Tue, Aug 9, 2011 at 12:10 PM
Subject: Wednesday's composting debate
To: Council Clerk Karla Moore-Love <kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us>

Dear members of the city council,

As a resident of SW Portland, I hope you give deep consideration to the Portland Composts proposal.

This seems to be a news grabbing idea that will result in a lot of stinky stuff - without truly moving us forward in the waste management area.

I think that there are wiser ways to handle our garbage, and that might be using smaller bins, using smaller and more fuel efficient trucks, and encouraging folks to use central disposal and recycling centers like the one in Beaverton.

Please vote against the compost bill - I seriously think that it has some big flaws.

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From: Parsons, Susan
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2011 8:21 AM
To: Ponder, Megan; Adams, Sam; Commissioner Fish; Commissioner Fritz; Leonard, Randy; Saltzman, Dan
Subject: FW: Testimony #830 - Help on revision to Amendment Code Chapter 17.102
Importance: High

Sue Parsons

Assistant Council Clerk

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please note new email address:

Susan.Parsons@portlandoregon.gov

From: Victoria Wahlman [mailto:brightlamp@msn.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 07, 2011 2:08 PM
To: Parsons, Susan
Subject: Help on revision to Amendment Code Chapter 17.102
Importance: High

I am speaking for the hundreds of families in the city of Portland who provide in-home care for an infirmed, aged parent. An article in the 8/07/11 Sunday Oregonian stated that the revision to residential collection services of solid waste/recycling will be on the City Council Agenda 8/10/11. Item 830 to possibly amend Code Chapter 17.102 would create a dire consequence for families, such a ours, who care for an ill parent at home.

Changing the solid waste garbage pick up to every two weeks would result in an overflow of adult diapers and other disposable medical items needed for the care of an ill elderly person. Due to these disposable medical items, our garbage can (already the largest provided for a residence) is full to the brim each week. While a solution would be to have a second garbage can, those on limited Social Security incomes find it difficult to manage additional costs. Also a greater concern is the foul odors accumulating in the garbage can that would be heightened by an extended period of no collection, regardless of the addition of a second waste container.

Food waste disposal would be useless for our household since the majority of meals are microwavable for necessity due to other family member's disabling conditions restricting regular meal preparation.

As for many families in the city of Portland who are caregivers for their infirmed parents, a change in the collection of solid waste garbage from weekly to bi-weekly would be a great hardship. I am not sure if an exception form would be available for those families, such as ours, with these special circumstances requiring continued weekly waste collection services.

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Thank you for possibly alerting those council members voting on this recommendation that many families in the Portland area would be facing dire consequence at the change of waste collection services to bi-weekly. The hardship in caring for an ill parent is extreme without the stress of having to deal with further hardship of waste disposal changes or added costs to already strained living conditions.

Thank you for your time.

Victoria Wahlman
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Moore-Love, Karla**From:** ALLAN Wahlman [brightlamp@msn.com]**Sent:** Sunday, August 07, 2011 2:10 PM**To:** Moore-Love, Karla**Subject:** [User Approved] FW: Help on revision to Amendment Code Chapter 17.102

I wanted to send this email to you, as well, since I do not know if Susan Parsons was available to receive it in time prior to the 8/10/11 Council Meeting.

Thank you.

Victoria Wahlman

From: brightlamp@msn.com

To: susan.parsons@portlandoregon.gov

Subject: Help on revision to Amendment Code Chapter 17.102

Date: Sun, 7 Aug 2011 14:08:14 -0700

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