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Staff Report

**ITEM
NO.** 9

To: Lemoore City Council
From: Judy Holwell, Redevelopment Project Manager
Date: March 1, 2007
Subject: Storage of Refuse/Recycling/Green Waste Containers

Discussion:

Recently there has been a concern by community members regarding the refuse containers being visible from a public right-of-way or neighboring property when being stored on days there is no collection. Mayor Murray recently requested that this item be brought to the Council for discussion. Our Municipal Code clearly states that all such containers be removed from public view on the same day that refuse is collected (see attached ordinances). The City has not aggressively enforced these sections.

As you know, our City has separate trash receptacles for garbage, green waste and recycling. The cans measure 29 inches wide, 35.5 inches deep, and 46.75 inches high. In a side yard with a five foot (5') setback, this leaves approximately 2 feet (2') of space to maneuver the cans for storage (see attached diagram). In addition, the width of the fence may reduce the actual amount of space available by several inches and there may be electrical and/or gas meters, air conditioning units, water faucets, etc. protruding into the setback area as well.

The majority of the approximately 5,410 active refuse accounts in our community currently store their containers on the side of their home; some have theirs screened by a fence, hedge, lattice work, stored in the garage or backyard (see attached pictures). However, for others that do not keep their containers concealed, conditions of blight occur. The following are some suggestions to reduce the number of cans improperly stored:

- Send out an informational flyer to all residences in Lemoore notifying them of such ordinance and encouraging screened storage
- Submit an article to the Lemoore Advance for publication reminding residents of the requirement to move the containers off the street and out of the front yard at times of no collection
- Require new residential developer to provide larger side yard setbacks to ensure adequate space for walkway and storage of containers

If Council recommends changing the Municipal Code, a public meeting should be scheduled to address concerns regarding placement and concealment of the containers.

Budget Impact:

Unknown at this time.

Recommendation:

That Council review and discuss the suggestions listed above and direct staff accordingly.

LEMOORE MUNICIPAL CODE

4-4-3: PROPERTY STANDARDS:

Unless expressly allowed by the zoning regulations, it is unlawful for any landowner or person leasing, occupying or having charge or possession of any real property in the city to keep, maintain, deposit or perform on such property any of the following and existence of **any of the following is hereby declared a public nuisance:**

- J. City-provided garbage cans or other trash receptacles stored within the front yard or on street, except when placed in locations of collection at times of collection, not extending more than twenty four (24) hours. Any other garbage cans or receptacles visible from the street.

4-1-4: REFUSE STORAGE REGULATIONS:

C. Placement Of Containers:

- 2. In areas of the city where refuse is required to be picked up at a front or side yard or alley location, all containers shall be placed at a location specified by the public works director not later than five o'clock (5:00) A.M. on the day of collection and **all such containers shall be removed from public view on the same day as collection is made.**