

City of Houston

Department of Solid Waste Management

Chapter 39 – Solid Waste & Litter Control, Amended May 26, 2007



History

- 2006 – Mayor's Solid Waste Task Force was appointed to study various issues relating to the City's solid waste services.
- April 2, 2007 the Task Force Presented its final report and recommendations



Task Force's Objectives

- Consider changes to ~ 1970 criteria for qualification for direct service and for sponsorship reimbursement
- Recommend long-term funding source for solid waste



Qualification for direct service AND for sponsorship reimbursement

Before Revision

- Units abutting a public street only
- Apartments < 9 units

After Revision

- Units abutting a public street
- Apartments < 9 units
- Units on private streets if:
 - a. 25 or fewer units in total.
 - b. At least 1 abuts a pub st.
 - c. Enough space for cans.
 - d. Must bring cans to street.
- All units in private st. development must comply with all conditions



Sponsorship Agreements Prior to Revision

- Houston is the only city with any sort of “rebate” program
- 338 associations had sponsorship agreements
- 76,117 total units in those 338 associations
- 58,021 units received rebate
- 18,096 units were not qualified (did not abut a public street)



Sponsorship Agreements After Revision

- Houston remains the only city with any sort of “rebate” program
- 4,480 units previously qualified are not qualified for rebate (most of development on private streets and more than 25 total units)
- 292 previously not qualified units now qualified for rebate (most of development on private streets but less than 26 total units)



Result of Revision City Service

- Approximately 30,000 previously not qualified customers are now qualified
- About 10,000 were already being serviced
- About 15,000 have had service added since revision
- About 5,000 have requested service when current private service contract terminates
- About 400 previously qualified who were serviced “by hand” are requesting sponsorship
- About 600 unqualified units that were receiving service are still not qualified and will have service terminated by 12/31/07



Result of Revision Sponsorship

- Qualification for reimbursement is the same as qualification for city service
- Units abutting public street are NOT qualified for reimbursement if development has more than 25 total units

