

April 15, 2020

Subject: Mandatory Commercial and Organics Recycling Ordinance (AB 431 and AB 1826)

Dear Business Manager/Owner,

California law requires all businesses that regularly generate four (4) or more cubic yards of solid waste weekly, including multifamily residential dwellings of 5 or more units, to arrange for commingled recycling (paper, cans, bottles, glass and cardboard) pursuant to AB 341, and organics waste recycling (food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper waste that is mixed in with food waste) pursuant to AB 1826. At this time, multifamily residential dwellings, however, are not required to recycle food waste.

For the past few years, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes has worked with its authorized haulers to educate and notify businesses of these requirements and monitored compliance. Additionally, the City sent informational fliers and requests for compliance letters regarding these mandates and requirements. However, to date approximately 50% of the City's subject businesses have not complied and do not have a recycling program. The City is required to assure compliance of these state mandates and enforce these regulations. Therefore, in order to increase the City's compliance with these two mandates, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes is proposing to amend its solid waste and recycling ordinance, Chapter 8.20 to include mandatory commercial and organics recycling provisions. This item will be presented to the City Council on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 7 p.m. If approved these mandatory requirements will go into effect on January 1, 2021. The proposed ordinance includes:

- Mandatory recycling and organics recycling services- All subject businesses will be required to have these services.
- Hauler outreach, education and site visit- Your hauler will work with you to provide the mandated recycling services and answer your questions.
- Enforcement and penalties for non-compliance- The City's code enforcement will conduct site visits and issue a non-compliance notice, if needed. If corrective action is taken by the deadline, penalties/administrative citations will not be issued.
- Exemptions and Exclusions- The City will review such requests on a case-by-case basis and approve if it meets the exemption or exclusion conditions.

To review the staff report and proposed ordinance, please click on: <https://ca-ranchopalosverdes2.civicplus.com/772/City-Meeting-Video-and-Agendas> and then scroll to the City Council agenda for 4/27/20. The item is under the category of: "Regular Business". To learn more about these two laws visit: <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/Organics/> (organics/AB 1826), and/or <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Recycle/Commercial/FAQ/> (recycling/AB 341).

If you have any questions about the proposed amended ordinance, the two laws, and/or impact to your business, please feel free to contact me at: Laurenr@rpvca.gov, or call me at 310-544-5245.

Sincerely,



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