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**Solid Waste Regulation Amendments**

Attached for your review are the proposed amendments to the Solid Waste Regulations as enabled by Section 2:10 of Chapter 26 of the City Code.

A portion of these amendments deal with two proposed changes to compost collection for 2008:

1. Elimination of cans: Effective April 1st, 2008, resident-supplied cans will no longer be allowed for compost collection. The reason for eliminating the cans is that they have been an ongoing source of injuries for collection workers. Issues include but are not limited to: overweight cans, materials frozen in the bottom of cans, and cans frozen to the ground. Residents will still be able to use paper compost bags or bundles. In addition, city authorized compost curbcarts will be available for sale at several local vendors.

2. End collection on October 31st: Starting in 2008, it is proposed that curbside compost collection end one month earlier, on October 31st. Currently street leaf collection and compost collection overlap by one month. Compost drivers often have to climb over leaf piles to collect bags and cans of compost. Ending one month earlier will allow a much more efficient use of our work force, with compost collection workers moving to leaf collection. Residents will be able to put compostable materials out with leaf collection. Any bundled branches placed out with the leaves will be collected separately.

Other amendments deal with proposed updates in the preparation and setout of recyclables and refuse, including modifications that deal more effectively with street leaf collection and bike lanes. There are also some updates as the results of facility name changes and additions.

For the purposes of Section 2:10, these regulations shall take effect 30 days after being filed with the city clerk unless modified or disapproved by the city council. January 22, 2008 shall be the date of filing with the City Clerk. Regulations which are modified by City Council take effect 30 days after the modification.

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