

GENERAL FACT SHEET

11-60

BILL NUMBER

BRIEF TITLE	APPROVAL DEADLINE	REASON
LMC 8.32 Solid Wastes - Requiring Garbage Service for Every Dwelling		

DETAILS	POSITIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS	
<p>This ordinance will require that every dwelling have garbage service, clarify that the property owner is responsible for providing garbage service, and simplify enforcement. The ordinance: amends LMC 8.32.010 to define dwelling; adds a new section 8.32.205, Garbage Service to be Provided; and amends sections 8.32.210 and 8.32.220 to require garbage service for every dwelling in the city.</p>	Sponsor	Health Department
	Program Departments, or Groups Affected	All automated departments Core Neighborhoods, Property Owners, Renters, all residents of all neighborhoods
	Applicants/ Proponents	Applicant Scott E. Holmes, Manager, Environmental Public Health Division City Department Health Other Board of Health, Lincoln Policy Network, Lincoln NeighborWorks, Lincoln Solid Waste Management Association, etc.
<p>Discussion (Including Relationship to other Council Actions) The City Council has taken several recent actions to improve the quality of life in our community and help make stronger, safer neighborhoods. This ordinance focuses on decreasing garbage related problems that negatively impact many of our neighborhoods.</p> <p>The Health Department responds to over 600 garbage complaints per year, most due to lack of garbage service. About 75% of these complaints are on single family or duplex rental properties, with the majority located in central Lincoln neighborhoods. Garbage problems increase public health risks, such as rodent infestations and spread of disease from insects, and are associated with higher crime rates, lower quality of life, and poorer educational outcomes.</p> <p>Currently, due to how the existing ordinance is written, Health staff must educate and enforce against an ever-changing/transient population, including students, new immigrants, people coming from communities with different garbage systems, and low income residents who are choosing between the garbage bill and other needs. Clearly putting the responsibility for garbage service upon property owners who are easier to identify, contact, work with, and change much less frequently will simplify enforcement and significantly decrease garbage problems in core neighborhoods.</p>	Opponents	Groups or Individuals None specifically identified. Basis of Opposition
	Staff Recommendations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For <input type="checkbox"/> Against Reason Against
	Board or Commission Recommendation	BY: Board of Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For <input type="checkbox"/> Against <input type="checkbox"/> No Action Taken <input type="checkbox"/> For with revisions or conditions (See Details column for conditions)
	CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS (For Council Use Only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Pass (As Amended) <input type="checkbox"/> Council Sub. <input type="checkbox"/> Without Recommendation <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Do not Pass

