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[06-0811](#)

Title

RECYCLING CHUTES / MULTI-FAMILY BUILDINGS

Subject

Motion - Recycling needs to be easier to do. We must, as individuals and as a community, be responsible for ourselves and for the mess we create, but it need not all be hard to accomplish. Involvement is time consuming in a very busy world but given the opportunity, most Angelinos would do their part to minimize our impact on the planet. In addition to big solutions, we must strive to make doing the right thing more obvious and more efficient. As a City, Los Angeles is entirely too dependent on dumping our trash into landfills in the effort we call management of our municipal solid waste. For years the City has worked with local agencies, private businesses, and non-profit organizations to increase awareness and decrease the volume of solid waste that needs to be disposed of. These efforts have included pilot programs such as Recycling for Dollars that rewards residents for decreases in black bin volume and increases in blue and green bin recycling. Our Bureau of Sanitation has worked hard to increase the number of things that can be extracted from our solid waste to be reused or recycled, such as plastic grocery bags and wire hangars. Along these lines, the Bureau of Sanitation is in the process of addressing Council committees on the possibility of providing recycling service to multi-family buildings. Currently the City only provides recycling services for single family dwellings and buildings with less than five units. This program has the potential to recycle tons of un-harvested materials simply by making recycling easier. Without recycling technology, we would not know what can be recycled to begin with. Without recycle bins, many people would not separate garbage. And without recycling service, many would not drive recyclables to a center. The more the public knows how and what can be recycled and the more convenient that recycling becomes, the easier it will be to increase the publics participation in this worthy effort. THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Sanitation report to the Energy and Environment Committee in 30 days on the status of the Bureaus current and proposed efforts to increase recycling throughout the City, including, but not limited to, expansive public outreach and information efforts. FURTHER MOVE that the Planning Department and Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) report to the Committee on the current requirements regarding recycling in multi-family buildings and an evaluation of the adequacy of and compliance with such requirements. FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Sanitation, Bureau of Engineering, LADBS, and Planning Department report to the Committee on the feasibility of and an implementation plan for requiring recycling chutes for any and all future multi-family buildings that are designed to contain trash chutes. FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to report to the Committee on the legality, and prepare a draft ordinance if appropriate, of requiring future multi-family buildings, within the City, to contain recycling facilities / units, including recycling chutes, on their premises.

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07/12/2010

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07/07/2012

Reference Numbers

08-0603

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Action History for Council File [06-0811](#)

Date	Activity
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07/12/2010	Council action final.
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07/07/2010 Council adopted item, subject to reconsideration, pursuant to Council Rule 51.

06/22/2010 Ad Hoc RENEW LA Committee transmitted Council File to Planning and Land Use Management Committee.

06/22/2010 Ad Hoc RENEW LA Committee received and filed item(s).

06/18/2010 Ad Hoc RENEW LA Committee scheduled item for committee meeting on June 22, 2010.

11/24/2009 Energy and Environment Committee transmitted Council File to Ad Hoc RENEW LA Committee.

11/24/2009 Energy and Environment Committee received and filed item(s).

11/20/2009 Energy and Environment Committee scheduled item for committee meeting on November 24, 2009.

11/16/2009 Energy and Environment Committee continued item to/for future date due to cancellation of meeting.

11/13/2009 Energy and Environment Committee scheduled item for committee meeting on November 17, 2009.

07/21/2009 Energy and Environment Committee continued item to/for date to be determined.

07/17/2009 Energy and Environment Committee scheduled item for committee meeting on July 21, 2009.

05/09/2008 Planning and Land Use Management Committee transmitted Council File to Energy and Environment Committee.

05/09/2008 Document(s) submitted by City Clerk, as follows:

Communication regarding the Status of Proposed Amendments to the Los Angeles Municipal Code, relative to Trash and Recycling Chutes - is attached to Council File.

05/06/2008 Planning and Land Use Management Committee received and filed item(s). (Received and filed Report from Public Works: Bureau of Sanitation); Ordinance will be considered on Council File 08-0803

05/21/2007 Document(s) submitted by Public Works: Sanitation, as follows:

Communication regarding recycling chute recommendations.

Archive History

4-11-06 - This day's Council session

4-11-06 - Ref to Planning and Land Use Management, Energy and Environment, and Ad Hoc RENEW LA Committees

4-11-06 - File to Planning and Land Use Management Committee Clerk

4-28-06 - Set for Planning and Land Use Management Committee on May 2, 2006

5-2-06 - Planning and Land Use Management Committee Disposition - Refer to staff

6-6-07 - For ref - Communication from the Planning Department, Department of Building and Safety and Bureau of Sanitation, dated May 21, 2007, relative to drafting an ordinance that amends the City Zoning Code to add the following requirements:

1. Any new multiple-family or commercial development designed to include a trash chute shall be required to provide a recycling chute.
2. All existing multiple-family or commercial developments with a trash chute adding floor space of 25 percent or more will be required to include a recycling chute, upon review and approval of the Department of Building and Safety.

6-8-07 - Ref to Planning and Land Use Management Committee, Energy and Environment, and Ad Hoc on RENEW LA Committees - to Planning and Land Use Management Committee Clerk

6-12-07 - File to Ad Hoc on RENEW LA Committee Clerk per Planning and Land Use Management Committee Clerk

6-19-07 - File to Planning and Land Use Management Committee Clerk

7-13-07 - Set for Planning and Land Use Management Committee on July 17, 2007

7-17-07 - Planning and Land Use Management Committee Disposition - Refer to Bureau of Sanitation, Bureau of Engineering, Department of Building and Safety and Planning Department for Ordinance

7-19-07 - Letter to Bureau of Sanitation, Bureau of Engineering, Department of Building and Safety and Planning Department per Planning and Land Use Management Committee Clerk

5-2-08 - Set for Planning and Land Use Management Committee on May 6, 2008

5-6-08 - Planning and Land Use Management Committee Disposition - Receive and File

5-9-08 - Communication from the City Clerk's Office, dated May 9, 2008, relative to the Proposed Amendments to the Los Angeles Municipal Code, relative to Trash and Recycling Chutes - is attached to Council file.

5-9-08 - File to Energy and Environment Committee Clerk per Planning and Land Use Management Committee Clerk letter