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Currently, the City requires residents with City-issued waste bins to remove bins from the curb by 8:00 pm on the same day of collection. In some instances, bins are left on the curb well past this limit, taking up parking space, or are simply moved onto the adjacent sidewalk, limiting pedestrian access.

Under the City's Municipal Code, the Board of Public Works is tasked with setting the rules and regulations for solid waste services provided in the City. However, enforcement responsibilities of the rules and regulations and violations of City code where bins are left in the road or on the sidewalk, is ambiguous and the Bureau of Sanitation and Bureau of Street Services have varying authorities to enforce under the current Code. The City should update its rules and regulations, clarify code sections regarding violations, and designate and codify which bureau will have primary enforcement responsibilities in order to determine resource needs.

Additionally, the City should clarify its enforcement process and penalties, including the possibility of including fines for violations on residents' utility bills or other options beyond the City's Administrative Citation Enforcement Program. A clear and easily understood enforcement process will help prevent violations and ensure that bins that are left blocking the road or sidewalk are promptly removed.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Bureau of Sanitation and the Bureau of Street Services, be requested to report with recommended changes to the City code to clarify City agency responsibilities of enforcement of trash bins left within the public right-of-way outside of allowable hours and options for enhanced enforcement to ensure that sidewalks and streets remain accessible to all residents.

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