

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: SUPPORT — Council File 26-0645 I strongly support Council File 26-0645 and the effort to authorize the 30-day impoundment of vehicles used in the commission or attempted commission of illegal dumping offenses. Illegal dumping is not a minor quality-of-life issue. In communities such as Harbor Gateway, it creates public safety hazards, attracts additional dumping, burdens residents and businesses, and requires repeated deployment of City resources to clean the same locations. After years of working with businesses, residents and government agencies on illegal dumping and neighborhood cleanup efforts, I have seen how quickly a single dumping location can become a recurring problem when there are insufficient consequences for those responsible. The City should have effective enforcement tools aimed at the vehicles being used to facilitate these offenses. A meaningful impoundment period can provide a stronger deterrent than citations and cleanup alone. I respectfully urge the City Council to support this motion and direct the City Attorney to develop a legally sound ordinance that gives enforcement agencies another practical tool to address chronic illegal dumping. Our communities should not have to continually clean up after individuals who deliberately use our streets and neighborhoods as dumping grounds. David Matthews Harbor Gateway