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The City of Los Angeles is currently facing a significant infrastructure challenge resulting from the successful expansion of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) on multi-family residential lots. While much attention is dedicated to site planning, it is imperative that plans include updated provisions and regulations for onsite trash facilities and appropriate equipment. In extreme cases, lot intensification leads to no planned areas for trash receptacles or adjustment to additional service for new units leading to spillover into the public right-of-way.

Traditionally, properties with one to four units have individual residential accounts with separate black, blue, and green bins. Recent laws have allowed for the conversion of garages and additional ADUs on multifamily lots. When ADUS are added, additional individual trash bins end up on the same property, leading to an over saturation of individual bins. Lack of space to accommodate these bins on-site leads to them becoming permanent fixtures of the sidewalks, alleys and parkways. Over saturation of individual bins creates significant accessibility barriers, public health concerns, and major quality-of-life issues for a neighborhood. Consequently, there is an urgent need to align the building permit process with sanitation requirements for appropriate trash receptacle type and location to address the overspill of individual bins and proper on-site placement.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the City Planning Department (CPD), the Department of Building and Safety (LADBS), and the Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) to report back within 60 days on ADU Trash Policies and Procedures with recommendations to mitigate increased trash needs when additional ADUs are added to existing multifamily properties resulting in 5 or more units.

I FURTHER MOVE that the report includes sanitation alternatives for properties with bin storage limitations, such as the use of "micro-dumpsters" standards or collection programs like RecycLA. These recommendations should aim to ensure that trash receptacles are fully accommodated on-site, thereby restoring the accessibility of City sidewalks and alleys while providing efficient sanitation services to high-density residential lots.

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