

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
WATERSHED & NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 2013-01

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SOLID WASTE SERVICES' PROPOSAL TO OFFER CUSTOMERS THE OPTION OF USING BEAR-RESISTANT TIPPER CARTS AND DUMPSTERS.

(WNRC Case No. 13-01)

WHEREAS, the Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the Mayor, the Assembly, the Planning and Zoning Commission, and municipal departments; and

WHEREAS, Solid Waste Services provides curbside garbage collection for about 13,000 households in the Municipality of Anchorage, including the neighborhoods of Government Hill, Mountain View, Rogers Park, University Area, and Scenic Foothills; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game has collected data that show these areas have problems with bears getting into garbage; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the Living With Wildlife in Anchorage Plan, and the Anchorage Bear Committee have identified improperly secured garbage as the major reason black bears are attracted into neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, bears that become conditioned to human foods and linger in neighborhoods to exploit easily accessible garbage are potential risks to public safety; and

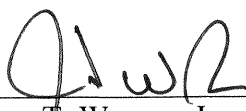
WHEREAS, many customers of Solid Waste Services do not have garages or sheds where garbage can be kept inaccessible to bears until it is collected; and

WHEREAS, most of the remainder of garbage in the Municipality of Anchorage is collected by Alaska Waste, which offers customers the option of paying an additional small monthly fee for a bear-resistant tipper cart or dumpster; and

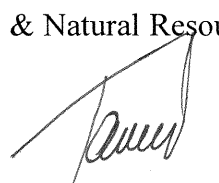
WHEREAS, Solid Waste Services does not currently offer customers the opportunity to pay a small additional fee for a bear-resistant garbage container, although the director recently said the department was looking into offering them and had ordered samples.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission encourages Solid Waste Services to offer its customers the option of using bear-resistant tipper carts and dumpsters and recommends that the department cooperate with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to identify those neighborhoods where bear-resistant garbage containers are most needed.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Watershed & Natural Resources Advisory Commission on this 28th day of August, 2013.



Jerry T. Weaver, Jr.
Secretary



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Chair