


Paul St. Cyr,
Public Works Commissioner

TO: Thomas A. Golden, Jr, 
City Manager

FROM: Gunther Wellenstein
DPW Deputy Director, Admin. & Finance

DATE: Thursday, September 7, 2023

RE: Motion by C. Kim Scott
“Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Increase Enforcement Efforts Around
Trash And Recycling Barrels Continuously Blocking Sidewalks”

The Solid Waste & Recycling Office is currently onboarding a new Enforcement Coordinator (a start date is pending) and a posting for a part-time SW Technician has recently closed. As staff join the team, they will be trained to conduct curbside outreach, education and enforcement. While heavy emphasis will continue to focus on matters of recycling CONTAMINATION, ALL components of [Chapter 270 Waste & Recycling](#) will be considered –including keeping cart lids closed before during and after collection day.

Specific to the topic of this motion, the Enforcement Coordinator will address the issue of Trash & Recycling carts (and yard waste barrels) left on the curb [or in the public way] after collection day.

[§ 270-8 Storage of waste and curbside collection.](#)

[C.](#) Whoever allows uncollected waste or an empty recycling bin, cart, barrel, City bag or City-approved receptacle to remain on the curb the day after collection shall be subject to a fine of \$25 for the first violation. All subsequent violations shall be subject to a fine of \$100

While the enforcement team is out on the routes every day, we welcome the reporting of offending carts. Residents can contact the SW&R Office at 978-674-4309 or via email: recycle@lowellma.gov.

We anticipate providing the City Council with regular updates on the number and types of violations issued by the SW&R team.

In addition, this subject will also be addressed in the FALL SW&R Newsletter, that is scheduled to be mailed later this month.

If there are any questions, please feel free to reach out.