

# Ordinance Amendment

## Chapter 17 of the County Code - Mandatory Service in Isla Vista

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

**Resource Recovery &  
Waste Management Division**

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# Solid Waste in Isla Vista

- Highest population density in the County
  - ~28,000 persons per square mile
  - More waste generated per household



# Special Measures in Isla Vista

- Isla Vista the only unincorporated community with mandatory service
  - Established in 1992, updated in 1995
- Ban on indoor furniture placed outdoors to reduce arson
  - Established in 2006

# Special Services in Isla Vista

- Weekly free bulky item pickup year-round
- Daily free bulky item pickup for 2 weeks during the primary move-out/move-in period



# Current Issues

## Undersubscription

- Minimum required service levels unchanged for 30 years
- Minimum required service levels lack recycling



# Current Issues

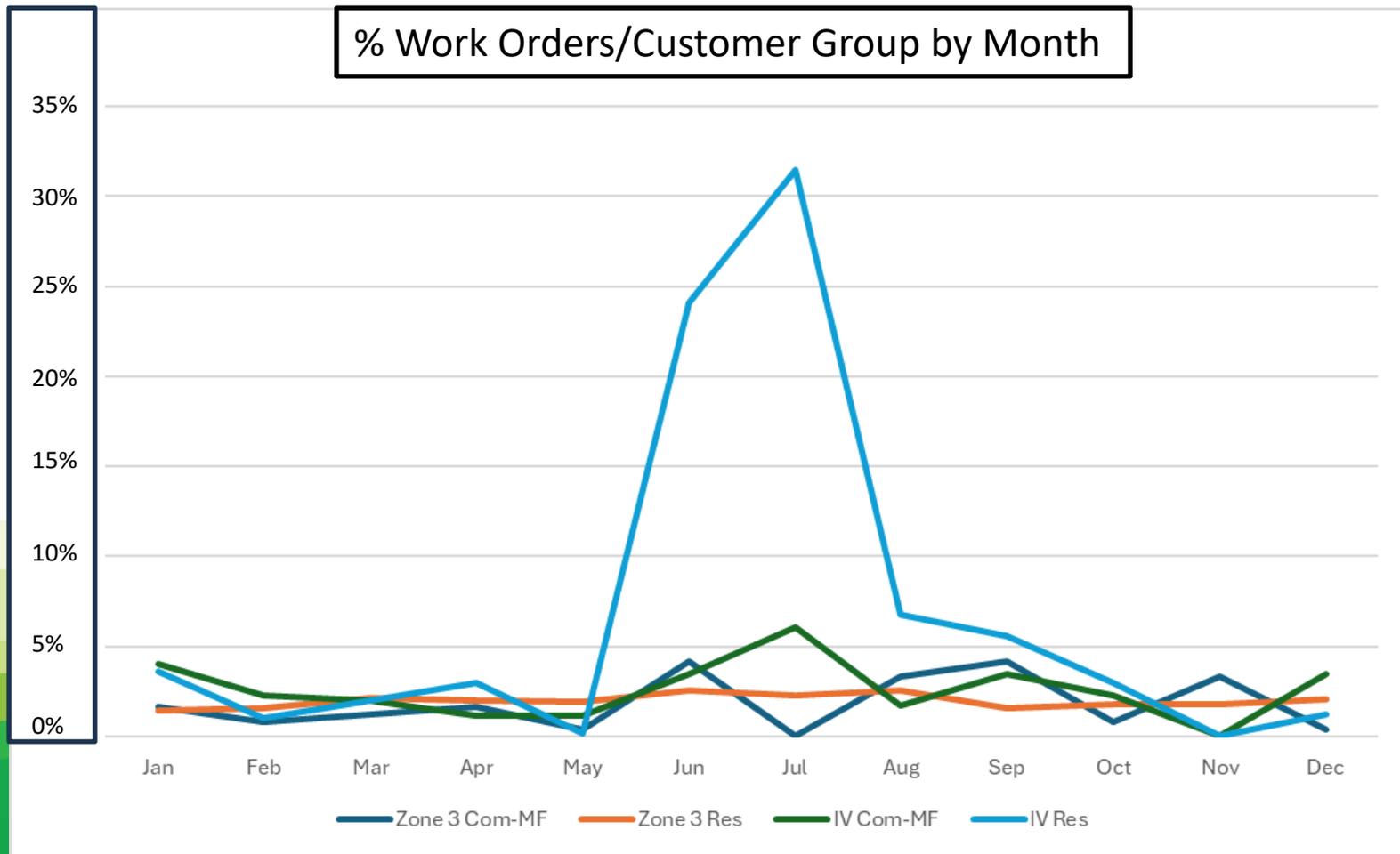
## Undersubscription

- Only a subset of units on a property might subscribe to service
- Inconsistent waste service



# Current Issues

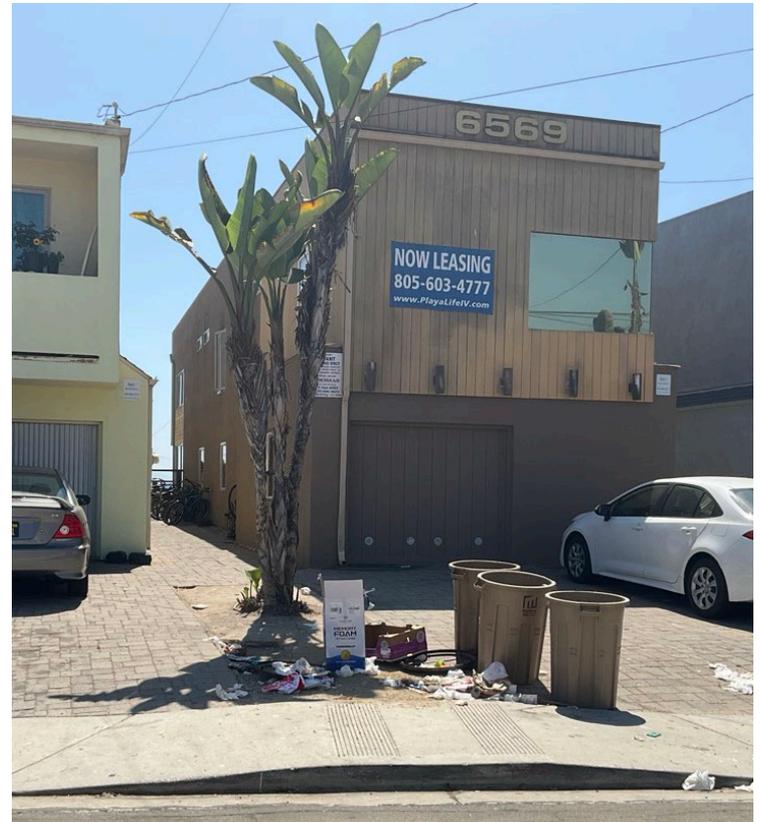
## Inconsistent Waste Service



# Current Issues

## Undersubscription

- Current minimum required service inadequate for large single-unit dwellings



# Current Issues

## Litter

- Exacerbated by undersubscription
- 32-gallon cans with detachable lids



# Current Issues



# Enforcement in IV

- Regular patrols from Code Enforcement Officer
- Hauler feedback
- Resident complaints



# Enforcement in IV

- Education & outreach is always the first step and resolves >99% of cases
  - Administrative fines
  - Citations



# Enforcement in IV

What is new for enforcement?

- Ability for Public Works to establish the level of subscription AFTER more than one violation has occurred within a 12-month period.

# Stakeholder Outreach

- Property Owners & Managers
- All Isla Vista Solid Waste Customers
- IVCSD (Isla Vista Community Services District)



# Service Responsibility

Existing Ordinance	Proposed Ordinance
<p data-bbox="125 432 935 568">Who may subscribe to waste service?</p> <p data-bbox="253 682 813 896"><b>Property Owners</b> <b>Property Managers</b> <b>Tenants</b></p>	<p data-bbox="996 432 1806 568">Who may subscribe to waste service?</p> <p data-bbox="1124 682 1684 825"><b>Property Owners</b> <b>Property Managers</b></p>

# Service Requirements

Existing Ordinance	Proposed Ordinance
<p>Residential parcels may have <b>multiple</b> waste accounts on file</p>	<p>Residential parcels may only have <b>one</b> waste account on file*</p> <p>*Exception to allow up to two adjacent residential parcels to share service</p>
<p>Commercial parcels may have multiple waste accounts on file</p>	<p>Commercial parcels may have multiple waste accounts on file</p>

# Residential Definitions Clarified

Existing Ordinance	Proposed Ordinance
<p>Multiple-unit = Residential premises with two (2) or more dwelling units</p>	<p>Multiple-unit = Residential premises with two (2) or more dwelling units</p>
<p>Single-unit = Residential premises with fewer than two (2) dwelling units</p>	<p><b>Large single-unit</b> = Residential premises with fewer than two (2) dwelling units and four (4) or more bedrooms</p>
	<p><b>Small single-unit</b> = Residential premises with fewer than two (2) dwelling units and fewer than four (4) bedrooms</p>

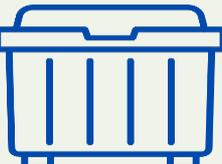
# Updated Minimum Service Levels

Existing Ordinance	Proposed Ordinance
<p data-bbox="338 399 685 456">Multiple-unit</p>  <p data-bbox="550 721 647 792">2x</p> <p data-bbox="154 1042 869 1099">One 32-gal trash can 2x/week</p> <p data-bbox="338 1228 685 1285">Per bedroom</p>	<p data-bbox="1197 399 1632 535">Multiple-unit &amp; Large single-unit</p>  <p data-bbox="1265 721 1362 792">2x</p>  <p data-bbox="1690 721 1787 792">1x</p> <p data-bbox="985 1006 1854 1135">One 35-gal trash cart 2x/week &amp; One 35-gal recycling cart 1x/week</p> <p data-bbox="1246 1220 1593 1278">Per bedroom</p>

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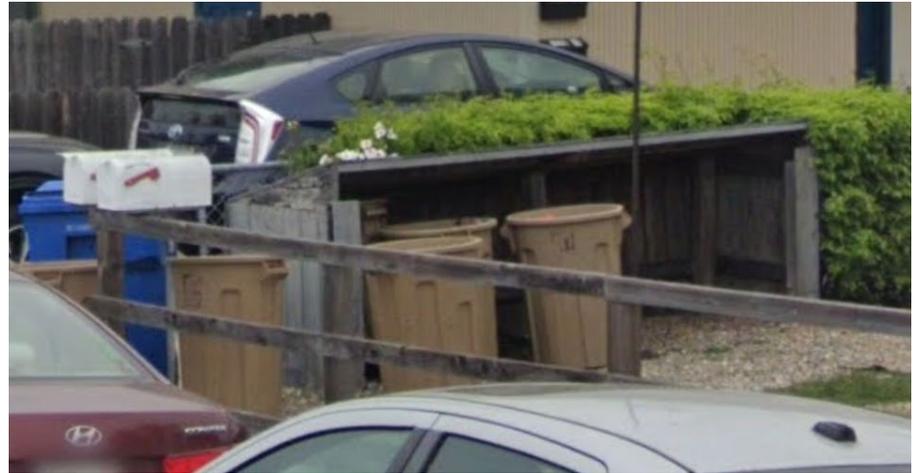
Existing Ordinance	Proposed Ordinance
<p data-bbox="376 421 656 478">Single-unit</p>  <p data-bbox="550 678 647 749">2x</p> <p data-bbox="164 992 869 1049">One 32-gal trash can 2x/week</p> <p data-bbox="347 1178 676 1235">Per property</p>	<p data-bbox="1197 421 1632 478">Small single-unit</p>  <p data-bbox="1246 678 1333 749">1x</p>  <p data-bbox="1690 678 1777 749">1x</p> <p data-bbox="985 949 1845 1078">One 35-gal trash cart 1x/week &amp; One 35-gal recycling cart 1x/week</p> <p data-bbox="1246 1170 1574 1228">Per property</p>

# Container Management

Bedrooms	Proposed Ordinance	
3	 2x	 1x Two 95-gal carts
7	 2x	 1x Four 95-gal & two 35-gal carts
9	 2x	 1x Six 95-gal carts
10-11	 2x	 1x Two 2-yard dumpsters

# Public View

- Chapter 17-8 requirement to store containers out of public view waived until July 1, 2028



# Year-Round Service

## Existing Ordinance

All residential accounts may be paused or terminated at any time

## Proposed Ordinance

Year-round service required unless all units are vacant for more than sixty (60) days

# Isla Vista Rate Restructuring

- The Isla Vista franchised collection rate structure has remained the same since July 1, 1999
- A newly negotiated rate structure with MarBorg Industries will be presented in June 2026

# Staff Recommendations

- ✓ Approve the introduction (First Reading) of an Ordinance amending Chapter 17 pertaining to mandatory solid waste service as included in Attachment A;
- ✓ Read the title, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17, Solid Waste Services, of the Santa Barbara County Code” and waive further reading;
- ✓ Set a hearing for the Administrative Agenda of March 3, 2026, to adopt “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17, Solid Waste Services, of the Santa Barbara County Code” (Second Reading); and
- ✓ Find that the proposed actions are exempt from CEQA

# Thank you!



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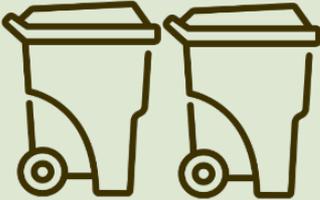
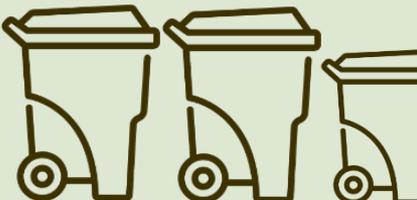
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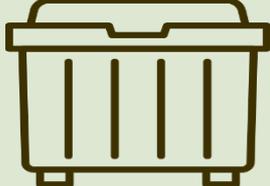
# Container Management – Additional Info

Bedrooms	Proposed Ordinance		
2		OR 	Four 35-gal carts OR Two 65-gallon carts
3			Two 95-gal carts
4			Two 95-gal carts & Two 35-gal carts
5			Two 95-gal carts & Two 65-gal carts

# Container Management – Additional Info

Bedrooms	Proposed Ordinance		
6	 2x	 1x	Four 95-gal carts
7	 2x	 1x	Four 95-gal & two 35-gal carts
8	 2x	 1x	Four 95-gal & two 65-gal carts
9	 2x	 1x	Six 95-gal carts

# Container Management – Additional Info

Bedrooms	Proposed Ordinance		
10-11	 2x	 1x	Two 2-yard dumpsters
12-17	 2x	 1x	Two 3-yard dumpsters
18-23	 2x	 1x	Two 4-yard dumpsters
≥24	 2x 	 1x 	Two 4-yard & two 1.5-yard dumpsters