
Attachment A
ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17, SOLID WASTE SERVICES, OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CODE

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 17-1 of Article I, In General, of Chapter 17, Solid Waste Services, of the Santa Barbara County Code is hereby amended to add and update the following definitions as follows (please note, only modified and/or new Definitions are shown below, all other existing Definitions are not proposed to be altered):

Sec. 17-1. Definitions.

“Isla Vista” refers to the unincorporated community of Isla Vista and includes the area south of El Colegio Road, east of Camino Majorca and W. Campus Point Lane, west of Ocean Road and the University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB) Campus, and north of the beach along the Pacific Ocean.

“Large Single-Unit Dwelling” means of, from, or pertaining to any residential parcel with fewer than two (2) dwelling units and with four (4) or more total bedrooms within the community known as Isla Vista.

“Multi-Family Residential Dwelling” or “Multi-Family” means of, from, or pertaining to residential premises with five (5) or more dwelling units. Multi-family premises do not include hotels, motels, or other transient occupancy facilities, which are considered commercial businesses.

“Multiple-Unit Dwelling” means of, from, or pertaining to any residential parcel with two (2) or more dwelling units within the community known as Isla Vista.

“Single-Family” means of, from, or pertaining to any residential premises with fewer than five (5) units.

“Small Single-Unit Dwelling” means of, from, or pertaining to any residential parcel with fewer than two (2) dwelling units and with fewer than four (4) total bedrooms within the community known as Isla Vista.

SECTION 2. Section 17-7 of Article I, In General, of Chapter 17, Solid Waste Services, of the Santa Barbara County Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 17-7. Mandatory service in Isla Vista.

- (a) **Mandatory Service Subscription.** Collection of Solid Waste, Recyclables, and/or Organic Waste by a franchised waste hauler is mandatory for each individual occupied parcel and commercial premises within the community of Isla Vista. The owner or property manager of an occupied parcel or commercial premises, or parcel on which Solid Waste, Recyclables, and/or Organic Waste are created, accumulated, or generated, shall subscribe to and maintain the minimum required Solid Waste Handling Service with a franchised waste hauler. Only one waste service account with the franchised waste hauler can be associated with each

individual parcel; however, up to two adjacent parcels may share one waste service account with the franchised hauler, provided that adequate accessibility to Solid Waste containers is provided to occupants of both parcels. Additionally, with respect to commercial premises only, multiple waste service accounts may be associated with an individual parcel should multiple businesses operate within the same parcel.

- (b) **Multiple-Unit Dwelling and Large Single-Unit Dwelling Service Requirements.** Every owner or property manager of a Multiple-Unit Dwelling or a Large Single-Unit Dwelling in Isla Vista shall provide Solid Waste Handling Service without interruption throughout the year, unless every unit is vacant for greater than sixty (60) days.
1. Definitions. For purpose of this subsection:
 - A. “Solid Waste Handling Service” refers to both trash and recycling service.
 - B. A “studio unit” will be considered to contain one bedroom.
 - C. A “bedroom” is defined as a confined room with primary egress provided via a door, excluding bathrooms and kitchens.
 2. Limited Vacancy Requirements. If 25% or more of the units in a Multiple-Unit Dwelling are vacant for more than thirty (30) days, the owner or property manager may temporarily decrease waste service to match minimum required service levels for only occupied bedrooms as defined in this section.
 3. Minimum Service Requirements. Minimum service for a Multiple-Unit Dwelling or Large Single-Unit Dwelling shall be in an amount equivalent to one thirty-five (35) gallon container of trash serviced twice per week per bedroom and one thirty-five (35) gallon container of recycling serviced once per week per bedroom; however, no more than four thirty-five (35) gallon containers shall be used to provide this level of service. If more than four thirty-five (35) gallon containers are required, then the owner or property manager shall provide the equivalent container volume through the use of sixty-five (65) or ninety-five (95) gallon containers, whichever results in the fewest number of containers onsite. If more than six ninety-five (95) gallon containers are required, then the owner or property manager shall provide the equivalent trash and recycling container volume through the use of a commercial Bin or Bins, the distribution of which must result in the fewest number of containers onsite.
 4. Service Subscriber. The owner or property manager shall subscribe to the service of a franchised waste hauler and pay the associated multiple-unit or large single-unit solid waste rates for this purpose.
- (c) **Small Single-Unit Dwelling Service Requirements.** Every owner or property manager of a Small Single-Unit Dwelling in Isla Vista shall provide Solid Waste Handling Service without interruption throughout the year, unless the unit is vacant for greater than sixty (60) days. Solid Waste Handling Service in this instance refers to both trash and recycling service in the minimum amount equivalent to one thirty-five (35) gallon container for trash and one thirty-five (35) gallon container for recycling serviced once per week. The owner or property manager shall subscribe to the service of a franchised waste hauler and pay the associated small single-unit solid waste rates for this purpose.
- (d) The Director may direct the franchised waste hauler to provide the required level of service mandated by this section if the owner or property manager fails to provide such service. The authorized franchised waste hauler shall bill the owner or property manager for the cost of such service.
- (e) The County shall have the right to review the number and size of containers and frequency of Collection to evaluate adequacy of capacity provided for each type of Collection service. If the County issues more than

one Notice of Violation and/or fine as a result of inadequate capacity of Solid Waste Services as determined by the County's review, within a twelve-month period, then the owner or property manager must increase services as directed by the County. The County's required level of service to be compliant with adequate capacity may exceed the minimum required service as defined in sections (b) and (c) above, and the County may revoke the ability for adjacent parcels to share one waste account as well.

- (f) Upon written request by the franchised waste hauler, the County is authorized to reimburse the franchised waste hauler for the costs of providing the required level of service mandated by subsections (b) and (c) of this section if the owner or property manager fails to pay the franchised waste hauler within sixty days (60) after payment is due. Any and all costs reimbursed to a franchised waste hauler pursuant to this subsection shall be recoverable against the owner or property manager by the County pursuant to Article VI of this chapter and any other applicable provision of law.
- (g) Rates charged by the franchised waste hauler in Isla Vista may be calculated to include the cost of any extra service as required by franchise agreements, as well as due to temporary increases in population or in the amount of Solid Waste generated in the area resulting from special events or other causes.
- (h) The failure of the owner or property manager to comply with this section shall constitute a public nuisance. The County may proceed against the owner or property manager to abate such a public nuisance pursuant to Article V or Article VI of this chapter at the discretion of the Director.
- (i) The requirement in Section 17-8 (a) that waste containers must be maintained out of public view shall be temporarily waived for Isla Vista Multiple-Unit Dwellings, Large Single-Unit Dwellings, and Small Single-Unit Dwellings, until July 1, 2028, to allow property owners and managers time to adapt to the new requirements phasing out the smaller 32-gallon cans and replacing them with 35-, 65-, and 95-gallon carts or dumpsters as outlined above.

SECTION 3. Except as amended by this Ordinance the Santa Barbara County Code shall remain unchanged and shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days from the date of its adoption by the Board of Supervisors and shall become operative on July 1, 2026. Before the expiration of 15 days after its passage a summary of it shall be published once together with the names of the members of the Board of Supervisors voting for and against the same in the *Santa Barbara Independent*, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Santa Barbara.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this _____ day of _____, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:


ABSENT:

BOB NELSON, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

ATTEST:
MONA MIYASATO, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By _____
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
RACHEL VAN MULLEM
COUNTY COUNSEL

Signed by:

By _____
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Deputy County Counsel