



SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SOLID WASTE ACTIVITIES

April 4, 2023 at 4:45 PM

Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall (3rd Floor)

Members: Aldermen Stewart, Cavanaugh, Fajardo, E. Sapienza

AGENDA

The Chairman calls the meeting to order.

The Clerk calls the roll.

1. Communication from Tim Clougherty, Public Works Director, and Jeff Belanger, Planning & Community Development Director, recommending that Manchester define who is eligible for municipal solid waste collection by establishing criteria via city ordinances, and that the "Downtown Collection Zone" be modified.

Ladies and Gentlemen, what is your pleasure?

If there is no further business, a motion is in order to adjourn.

Timothy J. Clougherty
Public Works Director



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Deputy Public Works Director

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Department of Public Works

March 24, 2023

Chairman Stewart
Special Committee on Solid Waste Activities
1 City Hall Plaza
Manchester, NH 03101

Dear Chairman Stewart,

As you are aware there has been much discussion about the cleanliness of the City: overflowing trash and the uncleanness of properties and alleyways, along with their contribution to issues such as rodent infestation.

In an effort to mitigate this, the Department of Public Works, in conjunction with the Department of Planning and Community Development, recommend that the Board of Mayor and Alderman consider revisions to current ordinances.

Currently, the City of Manchester collects trash and recycling from a diverse range of customers, including condominiums of up to 70 units, multi-family residential buildings with 5 or more units, and commercial enterprises throughout the city. These properties generate a significant amount of waste that is difficult to manage and oftentimes leads to the issues mentioned above.

We recommend the revisions include requiring the above mentioned commercial businesses to dispose of their waste via private entity, utilizing dumpsters wherever possible. Not included in this group would be businesses with minimal waste generation such as law offices, accounting firms, real estate offices, and others that are currently defined in zoning ordinances as H-1 Professional Services and H-6 Services found within chapter "5.10 Table of Principle Uses", and the building does not exceed 7,500 square feet in Gross Building Area.

It should be noted that the provision of municipal collection to commercial entities such as those noted above is unique to Manchester. We have surveyed and found that cities such as Concord, Rochester, and Portsmouth exclude large residential and commercial properties from municipal waste collection, unlike Manchester. This trend is also observed in similarly sized cities such as Nashua, Lowell, Springfield, and Worcester (MA).

Furthermore, we propose alterations to the Downtown Collection Zone be made to more accurately account for refuse collection needs, expanding some areas with 7-day collection in order to make sure the Downtown area is properly serviced. Attached please find a map highlighting the recommended changes.

If the Board finds the proposal acceptable we recommend taking the following steps:

- ✓ Develop ordinance language changes and submit for Board approval
- ✓ Undertake comprehensive public outreach campaign directed at affected properties
- ✓ Working with property owners to identify potential alternatives, where required
- ✓ Continued outreach and education on compliance

All of the changes noted above are directed at cleaning up the City, reducing the potential for rodent proliferation, and providing the appropriate level of service to all customers, including downtown businesses.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call.

Regards,

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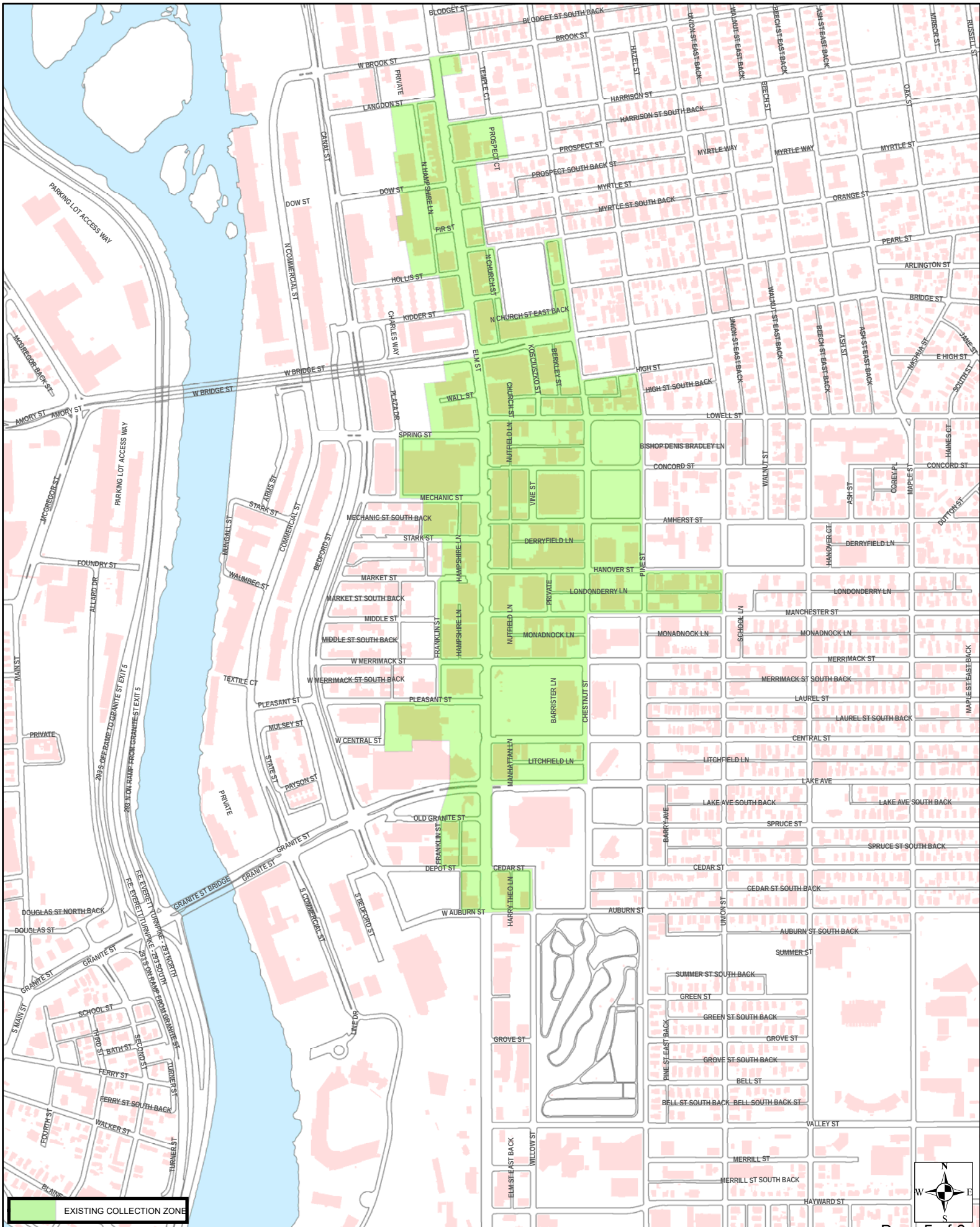
Department of Public Works

Why Defining Customers is Beneficial for the City of Manchester

1. Private waste collectors often offer multiple collections per week, while municipal waste collection only occurs once per week.
2. Reduce probability of vermin
 - a. Due to increased capacity, tenants will be less likely to place a bag on the ground, exposed
3. Manchester is one of the very few municipalities of its size to offer trash and recycling collection service to near anyone.

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EXISTING DOWNTOWN COLLECTION ZONE



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PROPOSED DOWNTOWN COLLECTION ZONE

