



# City of Hamilton Proposed Waste Design Guidelines

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# Introduction



- ▶ As proposed, the City's new Waste Collection Guidelines present significant challenges for infill sites on a City-wide basis.
- ▶ WE HBA believes the guidelines conflict with the objectives of the GRIDS 2 / MCR process and the objectives of both the Provincial Policy Statement and the Provincial Growth Plan.
- ▶ The proposed guidelines will increase the amount of land required in new developments that is solely dedicated to waste storage and collection which necessitates land-use compromises. These compromises include reductions ranging from:
  - ▶ Number of units (this could render some infill sites undevelopable)
  - ▶ Number of parking spaces
  - ▶ Amount of greenspace per development
  - ▶ Density per site







# Alternatives for Consideration

- ▶ Smaller turnaround size requirements will make it easier for infill developments to conform with the policy.
- ▶ Multi-week pick-up for large residential buildings is a key consideration for how to improve the City's standards.
- ▶ Allowing the reversal of trucks using flag persons or rear-view cameras.
- ▶ Private waste pick-up should have a clear process to follow for how a developer can qualify for it. Currently the standards proposed are ambiguous and appear discretionary.
- ▶ What other municipalities are doing:
  - ▶ Region of Waterloo provides a [garbage rebate program](#) for developments that do not receive municipal pick-up.
  - ▶ City of Ottawa registers a [warning on title](#): "Warning: Solid waste collection will not be provided by the City of Ottawa and in no case shall there be a reduction in property taxes or exemption of user fees for solid waste."
  - ▶ City of Toronto only requires [front end collection for developments above 31 units](#), as opposed to the 6 Hamilton is proposing.



# Key Take-Away

WE HBA wishes to have more time to work with staff on:

- ▶ Continuing to address the challenges imposed by the T-turnaround design and storage size requirements, as well as not permitting the reversal of trucks.
- ▶ Develop a policy framework for developers to apply for and receive private pickup that does not need to comply with City standards. This framework needs to include clear identification of who is responsible for decision making about how the waste policy is implemented. WE HBA would recommend that this responsibility rest with Planning Committee.
- ▶ Find ways to address the challenges of multi-residential buildings that require multiple pick-ups per week.