

#### **7-28-250 Refuse collection cost – Reimbursement.**

Any alderman may introduce into the city council, on behalf of the governing associations or boards of condominiums, cooperative residential buildings and those townhouses which do not qualify to receive the services provided by the city for refuse collection located in his or her ward, an ordinance providing for the rebate of the cost incurred by owner-occupied units of the residential building for refuse collection. Beginning January 1, 1995, the implementation of a recycling program by governing associations or boards, pursuant to Section 11-5-021 of the Municipal Code, shall be a condition for receiving such a rebate. Attached to this ordinance shall be a notarized statement listing the amount of the annual cost incurred for refuse collection for the residential units in the building, the number of residential units in the building, and a letter confirming the executed agreement with the private scavenger service providing refuse collection for the residential building. The original ordinance and notarized statement shall be referred to the committee on finance, and such referral must occur on or before January 31 of the calendar year immediately following the billing period for refuse collection. If such referral does not take place in a timely fashion for any given year, the affected units shall no longer be eligible for any further refuse rebates pursuant to this section. A copy of the ordinance and attached notarized statement shall be transmitted to the city comptroller.

After review, the committee on finance may recommend that the city council approve the reimbursement to the governing association or board in an amount equal to the annual cost incurred for the refuse collection for the owner-occupied residential units in the building; provided, however, that the aggregate annual amount of the reimbursement paid to a governing association or board shall not exceed an amount equal to the number of owner-occupied residential units in the building multiplied by \$75.00 \$50.00 for rebates applicable to 2012, and \$25.00 for rebates applicable to 2013, 2014 and 2015. The rebate authorized by this section shall cease for 2016 and thereafter, and this section shall be repealed of its own accord, without further action by the city council, on February 1, 2016. Such repeal shall not impair the processing of rebate requests that have been properly submitted and referred to the committee on finance pursuant to this section prior to February 1, 2016. During the first year in which the cost of refuse collection is reimbursed, the governing association or board shall submit the bill for the prior year's refuse collection services. For each year thereafter the governing association or board shall submit their notarized statement within one year of the proposed reimbursement period to be eligible for the program. The city council may not reimburse a governing association or board for the cost of refuse collection services which is unreasonable or which has not been referred in ordinance form as specified in the first paragraph of this section to the committee on finance on or before January 31 of the calendar year immediately following submitted more than one year after the billing period for refuse collection.

In no event shall the governing association or board be reimbursed for that portion of the cost of refuse collection attributed to any commercial or other nonresidential unit located in the residential building. After city council's approval of the reimbursement, the city comptroller promptly shall pay the governing association or board the approved reimbursement.

For the purposes of this section, refuse shall include recyclable materials and the rebate authorized herein shall apply to collections made by business entities engaged in resource recovery. Provided, however, that nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to increase the total amount of rebate authorized in this section. Eligibility for the rebate authorized by this section shall be limited to owner-occupied units that also applied for and were granted one or more rebates pursuant to this section between January 1, 2009 and November 9, 2011.