



Rollout Containers (Residential Trash Bins)

Study Session Meeting | August 18, 2026

Requested By: Mayor Terry Lynne

Background

A decorative graphic of a leafy branch is located in the bottom-left corner of the slide, extending upwards and to the right.

At the November 4, 2025, City Council Study Session, staff presented findings and observations.

Council discussed the program, provided feedback.

Rollout containers are regulated under Chapter 56, Article VI, Section 56-61 of the City Code.

Staff is seeking next steps for this item.

Request and Governing Ordinance

- Concerns were raised with respect to following:
 - Visibility of rollout containers when not set out for collection
 - Screening from the street, trash
- Chapter 56, Article VI. Outside Storage, Sec. 56–61. Declared a Public Nuisance and Prohibited:
 - the location of rollout containers as to not constitute a public nuisance, when:
 - (1) Containers stored with their lids completely closed at all times and not stored between any portion of a house and an adjacent public roadway; or
 - (2) Placed at the curb for collection no earlier than 6:00p.m. on the day prior to collection and removed from the curb no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day after collection, and
 - (3) Placed at the curb on for collection.

Complaints

- Since January 2026, staff has received approximately 40 complaints
- Complaints received
 - Bins being left out beyond allowed time frame
 - Positioned in visible locations

Next Steps

- **Visibility screening requirements**

Potential implication:

- May create a financial burden for some
- Could increase compliance challenges and enforcement needs
- Improved aesthetics

- **Adjusting bin placement/removal timeframes**

Potential implication:

- Could reduce complaints and violations
- May improve appearance

- **Allowing alternatives such as hedgerows or shrubs**

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- **Maintaining the current ordinance**

Potential implication:

- No Financial Impact on residents
- Complaints and violation to continue at current levels
- Maintain current enforcement standards.

Questions



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