

11-5-021 Establishment of an effective recycling program in high density, condominium and cooperative residential buildings.

(a) On or before January 1, 1995, the owner of each high density residential building shall provide to the residents of each building an effective recycling program.

(b) On or before January 1, 1995, the governing association or board of each condominium and cooperative residential building shall provide to the residents an effective recycling program. Beginning January 1, 1995, the issuance of a condominium refuse rebate pursuant to Section 7-28-250 of the Chicago Municipal Code shall be contingent upon the governing association or board of the condominium or cooperative residential building meeting the obligations set forth in Section 11-5-021 of this chapter.

(c) The recycling program in subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall meet the requirements of an effective recycling program. An effective recycling program for high density, condominium or cooperative residential buildings shall be defined as meeting the following minimum criteria:

(1) The program will provide for collection of, at a minimum, two items from the list of recyclable materials designated in subsection (d) of this section; and

(2) On or before January 1, 1996, the program will provide for collection of an additional item from the list of recyclable materials designated in subsection (d) or will include the addition of at least two source reduction measures from the list of source reduction measures promulgated by rule by the commissioner pursuant to this chapter. This list shall include, but not be limited to the following: composting of yard waste; use of a mulching lawn mower; installing long lasting, energy efficient light bulbs or fixtures; installing reusable furnace and air conditioning filters; providing residents with reusable cloth or string bags; and providing residents with educational materials on non-toxic or less wasteful products, such as rechargeable batteries or citrus cleaning products.

(3) In the event that an owner, governing board or association receives written notice under Section 11-5-024(d), the owner shall, within 30 days of receipt of the notice, provide for collection of another item from the list of recyclable materials designated in subsection (d) of this section.

(d) The list of acceptable recyclable materials includes:

Corrugated cardboard;

Mixed residential paper;

Magazines and catalogs;

Newspaper;

Metal containers, such as aluminum, steel and bi-metal;

Glass containers;

Plastic containers;

Fluorescent bulbs;

High intensity discharge lamps.

(e) Source separated recycling is the method of recycling preferred by the city for high density, condominium or cooperative residential buildings addressed in this section. Nothing in this section, however, shall preclude a building from including post-collection separation in its effective recycling program. A building may use post-collection separation as the sole method of recycling if the building can demonstrate an undue economic, safety or space hardship. The form and content of such demonstration shall be determined by rule by the commissioner pursuant to this chapter. At a minimum it shall require a source separation feasibility analysis which includes the following:

(1) Identification of the types and relative amounts of municipal waste produced;

(2) A description of building layout and operations;

(3) Assessment of existing space and equipment which can be used for storage and collection of municipal waste;

(4) Consideration of impact of source separated recycling on disposal costs.

The source separation analysis and other documentation used to demonstrate undue hardship shall be kept on the premises as part of the building's recycling plan, required in subsection (f) of this section.

(f) A written plan describing the effective recycling program shall be kept on the premises for inspection by the residents and the commissioner, during normal business hours. This plan shall, at a minimum, identify: the recyclable materials included in the building's recycling program; the type of collection method(s) utilized; a post-collection feasibility analysis, if applicable; the written quality reports, received under Section 11-5-024(a)(2) of this chapter; the source reduction methods utilized, if applicable; and, a summary of the building's education program.

(g) Building owners and the governing association or board of each condominium and cooperative shall develop an ongoing resident education program, that includes, but is not limited to the following:

(1) Flyers provided to new residents and additional information provided to the residents, at least annually, summarizing the building's recycling plan and outlining why it's important to recycle; and

(2) Notices displayed in a common area of the building or provided to the residents, identifying source separation collection points and materials to be recycled, if applicable.

(h) Building owners and the governing association or board of each condominium and cooperative are encouraged to assist in the formation of an advisory committee, made up of residents, to promote joint development and maintenance of an effective recycling and source reduction program.

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