

## CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



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### **Public Works to review Solid Waste Ordinance with Downtown Businesses and Residents**

*Meetings held in Council Chambers Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>*

PORTSMOUTH, NH – The Department of Public Works will be hosting two meetings on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> in the City Council Chambers to discuss potential amendments to the Portsmouth's Solid Waste Ordinance. A key focus will regard the Downtown Business District curbside collection hours, therefore downtown businesses and residents are encouraged to attend. Meetings will be offered at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on this day to give people options of attending according to what works best with their schedules.

The City's Solid Waste Ordinance was last revised in 2003. City staff intend to prepare an updated revision of the Ordinance this fall to better accommodate businesses and alleviate disturbances from solid waste and recycling collection within the downtown area. Due to complaints of trash remaining on sidewalks all day prior to its collection in the downtown, adjustment of collection times are being considered. Additional purposes of the ordinance revision are to update the maximum weight and volume of acceptable curbside containers, review commercial and residential volume limits, and modernize the definitions classifying waste and how they are handled.

In anticipation of these changes, staff from Public Works and the Health Department will be present to discuss the proposed Ordinance changes, receive input from attendees and offer alternative waste collection options for downtown businesses and residents.

For more information, visit <http://cityofportsmouth.com/publicworks/solidwaste-recycle-so.htm>,  
or contact Jacob Levenson, Solid Waste and Sustainability Coordinator, at 766-1412 or  
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