



**Universal Recycling Ordinance
Phase 2**

***Associations and Organizations
Stakeholder Meeting
July 17, 2013***





Today's presentation:

- 1) What is the Universal Recycling Ordinance?
- 2) What are ARR's Administrative Rules?
- 3) What is the relationship between the URO and the Rules?
- 4) Why amend the Rules?

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DEFINING ZERO WASTE



ARR Master Plan City's Zero Waste goals

- 75% diversion by 2020
- 90%+ diversion by 2040

Universal Recycling Ordinance (URO) a tool to get us there...

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Affected properties include:



50
units+

Multifamily residential properties
with 50 units or more



75,000
sq. ft.+

Commercial office buildings
75,000 square feet or larger



Is your
property
ready for
recycling?



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www.austintexas.gov/commercialrecycling



Universal Recycling Ordinance

- What is the intent?
- Who does it apply to? and when?
- What are the specific requirements?

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What is the Universal Recycling Ordinance?

An ordinance designed to encourage waste reduction within Austin city limits by increasing access to recycling and composting

- Adopted by City Council (2010)
- Recently amended (2013)



Who is effected?

Owners of:

- Multi-family properties
- Commercial (non-residential) properties

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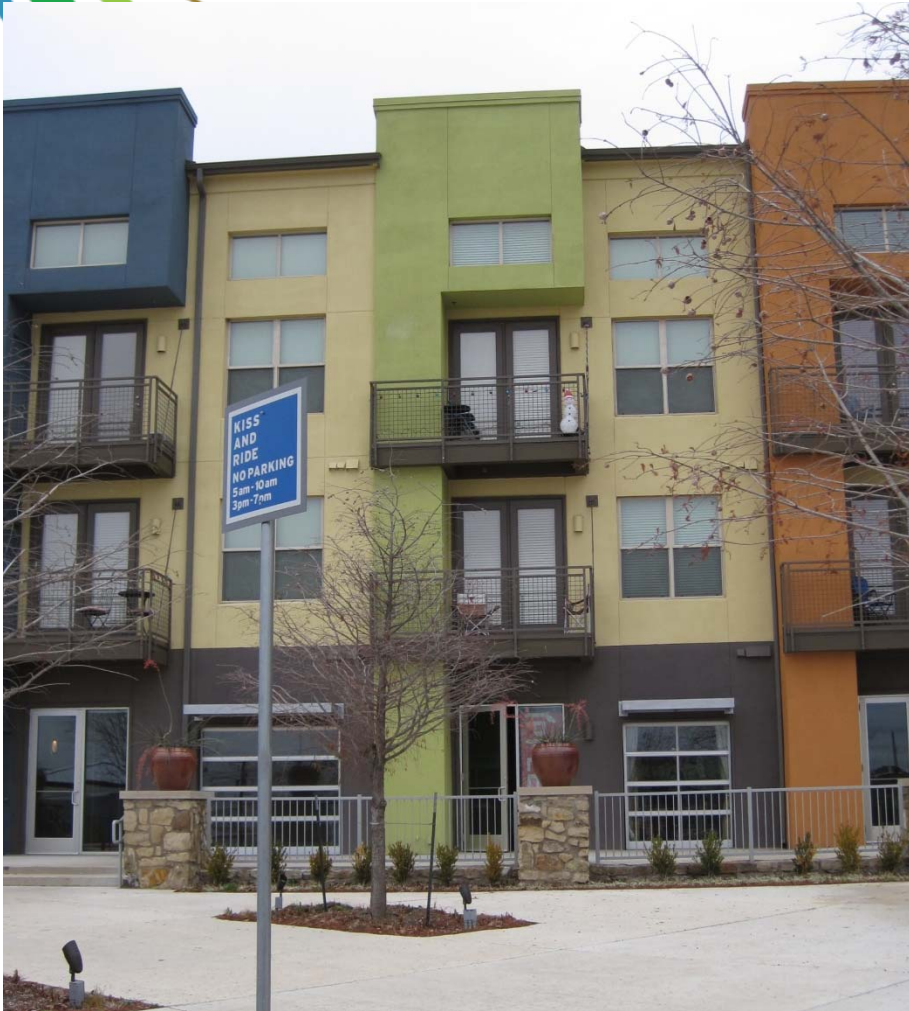


Multi-family properties

- Apartments
- Condominiums
- Mobile home parks
- Private funded dorms



Multi-family properties: effective dates



October 1st

- 2012: > 75 dwelling units
(effective immediately)
- 2013: > 50
- 2014: > 25
- 2015: > 10
- 2016: All

Commercial (non-residential) properties

- Offices
- Medical offices
- Medical facilities
- Religious assemblies
- Private educational facilities
- Industrial and Manufacturing facilities
- Hotels/Motels
- Food service businesses (restaurants, bars, catering)
- Retail stores and grocers

Commercial (non-residential) properties: effective dates



October 1st

- 2012: > 100,000 sq. ft.
- 2013: > 75,000 sq. ft.
- 2014: > 50,000 sq. ft.
- 2015: > 25,000 sq. ft.
- 2016: > 5,000 sq. ft.
- 2017: All

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Commercial (non-residential) properties: effective dates



Food Service Businesses:

A food enterprise requiring a food permit shall ensure employees have access to on-site recycling of compostable materials

- 2016: > 5,000 sq. ft.
- 2017: All



Implementation time frame

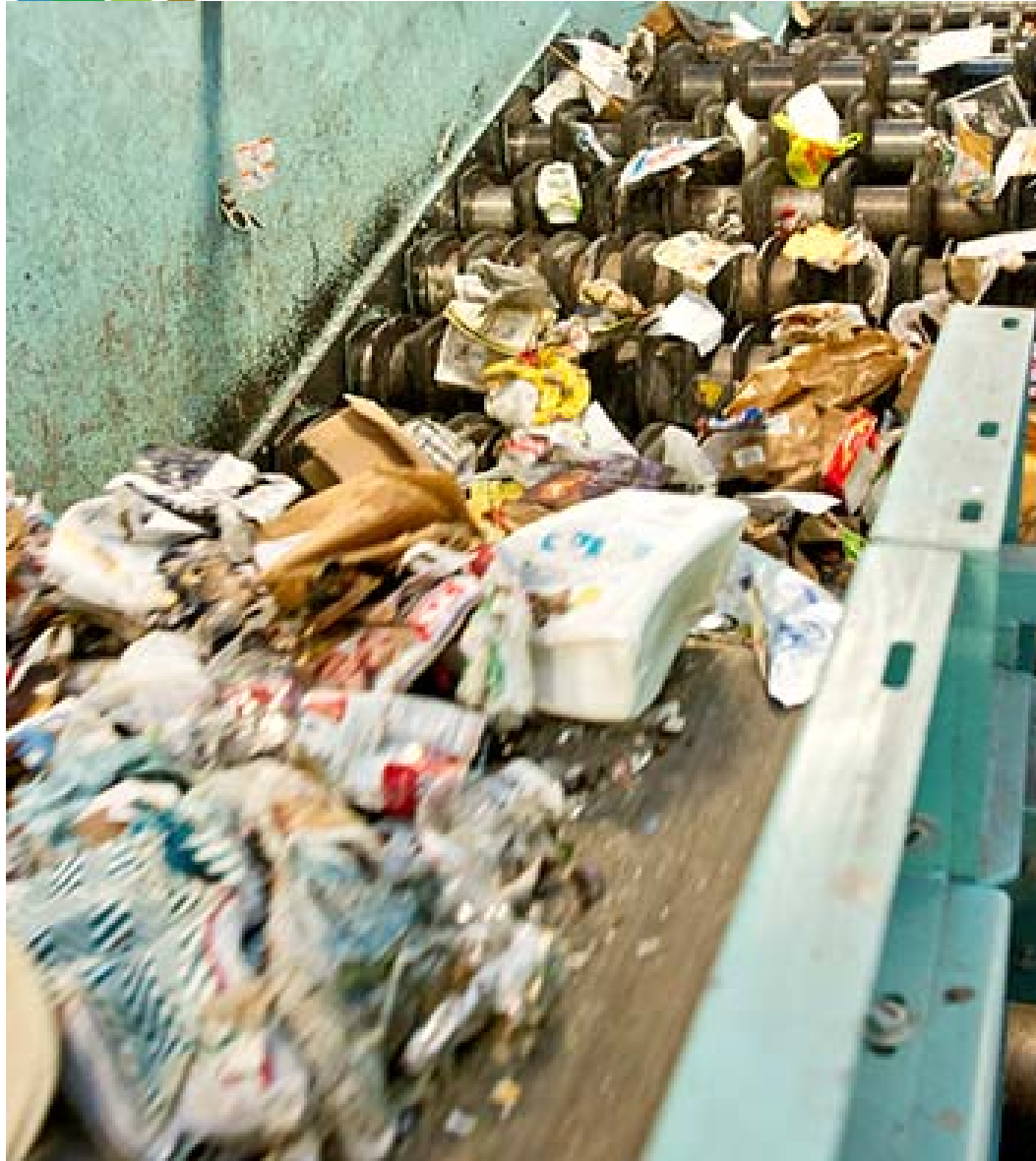
Effective Date: October 1 of	Multi-Family Properties (dwelling units)	Commercial Properties (square feet of floor space)		
		Offices, Institutions	Other including Food Service, Retail, Manufacturing, or Industrial	Compostable Materials from Food Service Businesses
2012	>75	>100,000		
2013	>50	>75,000		
2014	>25	>50,000	>50,000	
2015	>10	>25,000	>25,000	
2016	All	>5,000	>5,000	>5,000
2017		All	All	All

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What does the ordinance require?

Property owners to ensure that tenants, customers and employees have access to on-site recycling services

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Ordinance requirements

These properties must provide recycling of all 5 materials:



OFFICE PAPER



PLASTICS #1 & #2



CARDBOARD



ALUMINUM



GLASS

Ordinance requirements – food service businesses





Ordinance requirements



- Sufficient recycling service capacity
- Informational signage in English and Spanish
- Regular tenant and employee education
- Annual recycling plan forms

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- URO is policy framework
 - *tells you what is required*
- Director's Administrative Rules are the details
 - *specifics on how to meet the requirements*

...a few examples

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Brick Oven Fired Pizza

New York Style

Gourmet PIZZA

	<i>Med 12"</i>	<i>Lg 14"</i>
Cheese Pizza	\$8.95	\$10.95

Additional Topping	\$1.45	\$1.65
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Margarita	\$10.95	\$13.95
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Garlic, olive oil, fresh tomato,
fresh basil & mozzarella cheese

Traditional White	\$10.95	\$13.95
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Garlic, olives oil, oregano,
parmesan & mozzarella cheese

Zaater Pizza	\$10.95	\$13.95
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Thyme, sesame, olive oil,
fresh tomato, onion, feta & mozzarella cheese

White Supreme	\$12.95	\$15.95
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Garlic, olive oil, oregano, chicken, spinach,
fresh tomato, parmesan & mozzarella cheese

Spinach Pizza	\$12.95	\$15.95
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Spinach, garlic, olive oil, oregano, parmesan,
ricotta & mozzarella cheese

Chicken Artichoke	\$12.95	\$15.95
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Chicken, artichoke, garlic, fresh tomato, olive oil,
oregano, parmesan & mozzarella cheese

Philly Steak	\$12.95	\$15.95
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Steak, mushrooms, green peppers,
onion, cheddar & mozzarella cheese

Italian Supreme	\$12.95	\$15.95
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	<i>Med 12"</i>	<i>Lg 14"</i>
Greek Pizza	\$12.95	\$15.95

Gyro meat, fresh tomato,
black olives, feta & mozzarella cheese

Meat Lover's	\$12.95	\$15.95
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Ham, Italian sausage, pepperoni,
bacon & mozzarella cheese

Veggie Pizza	\$12.95	\$15.95
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Mushrooms, green peppers, onion, fresh tomato,
black olives & mozzarella cheese

Chicken Fajita	\$12.95	\$15.95
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Grilled chicken breast, green pepper,
onion, cheddar & mozzarella cheese

TOPPINGS

MUSHROOMS	ITALIAN SAUSAGE
TOMATO	PEPPERONI
ONION	MEATBALL
SPINACH	GRILLED CHICKEN
GREEN PEPPERS	ROASTED PEPPERS
ARTICHOKE	FRESH GARLIC

- Menu is the framework *tells you what to expect*
- Recipe is the details *tells you how to meet the expectations*



URO (excerpt)

CHAPTER 15-6. SOLID WASTE SERVICES.

Austin City Code

ARTICLE 5. UNIVERSAL RECYCLING.

Division 2. Service.

§ 15-6-92 RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS FOR AFFECTED PREMISES.

(A) On-site recycling services required under this article must:

(1) collect at least the following materials: paper (including mixed paper and office paper), plastics PETE (#1) and HDPE (#2) bottles and containers, aluminum cans, corrugated cardboard, and glass bottles and jars;

(2) collect compostable materials, if a premises with a food enterprise is subject to Subsection (E) of Section 15-6-91 (*Affected Premises*);

(3) provide receptacles, collection, capacity, and storage areas that comply with applicable administrative rules; and



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8.8 Exterior Collection Areas and Containers

8.8.1 Provision of Containers - Dumpsters, carts, or other containers needed for the initiation and maintenance of a recycling program will be provided by the

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service provider, business owner, multi-family property owner, or owner's representative.

8.8.2 Convenient Access - Recycling dumpsters, carts, chutes, or other collection points shall be located within 25 feet of landfill trash collection points to provide convenient access by tenants and facility maintenance personnel.

8.8.3 If a property chooses to limit access to recycling or landfill trash containers, with locks or other methods of restriction, the Director reserves the right to review, approve or disapprove, a revised Recycling Plan which addresses reasonable access concerns of tenants, employees, and customers.

8.8.4 Placement of trash, recyclables or organics shall never be placed directly on the ground, unpaved or paved surface. All materials must be placed in secured containers.

8.8.5 Containers located outdoors shall be covered or otherwise secured to prevent material from blowing, leaking or falling out, being stolen, and to protect the materials from vector populations and the elements.

8.8.6 Periodic provision and use of open-top roll-off containers, or similar services that do not provide daily access for tenants or employees to a recycling container, does not constitute a recycling program and will not be considered compliant with the URO.

8.8.7 Covered containers of all types are acceptable upon agreement with service provider provided that they comply with these rules. This includes barrels, plastic box containers, and any other container that has been agreed upon with the service provider. Any container used must meet minimum volume requirements as stipulated in the Administrative Rules.

8.8.8 Exterior recyclables storage areas shall be established in accordance with City of Austin requirements for solid waste enclosures. Property owners shall maintain all recycling areas, including containers, in a clean, sanitary and litter-free

8.8.9 A property owner may request a waiver on a form approved by the Director (typically as part of the Recycling Plan form) for providing exterior containers because the placement or servicing of the container meets one of the following conditions:

8.8.9.1 Site plan limitations, obstructions, physical layout, or topography

8.8.9.2 Violation of one or more other City Codes

8.8.9.3 Vehicle parking space or impermeable cover restrictions

8.8.9.4 Vehicle access limitations

8.8.10 If a waiver is requested through the proper process as determined by the Director, and is not responded to within 60 days (referred to as the "Waiver Review Period"), the waiver request will be deemed accepted by the Director.

8.8.11 A property shall not be cited for non-compliance with the Universal Recycling Ordinance during the Waiver Review Period.

8.9 Exterior Collection and Containers in Common Areas

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8.9.1 Affected property owners shall establish indoor common-area collection or storage areas in accordance with appropriate City of Austin ordinances, permits, and building codes including all applicable fire, health, and safety requirements.

8.9.2 Whenever practical, affected property owners shall pair common-area recycling containers, or chutes, with landfill trash containers, or landfill collection points, for equal convenience to users. Practicality shall be determined through deliberative process amongst City staff and affected property owners.

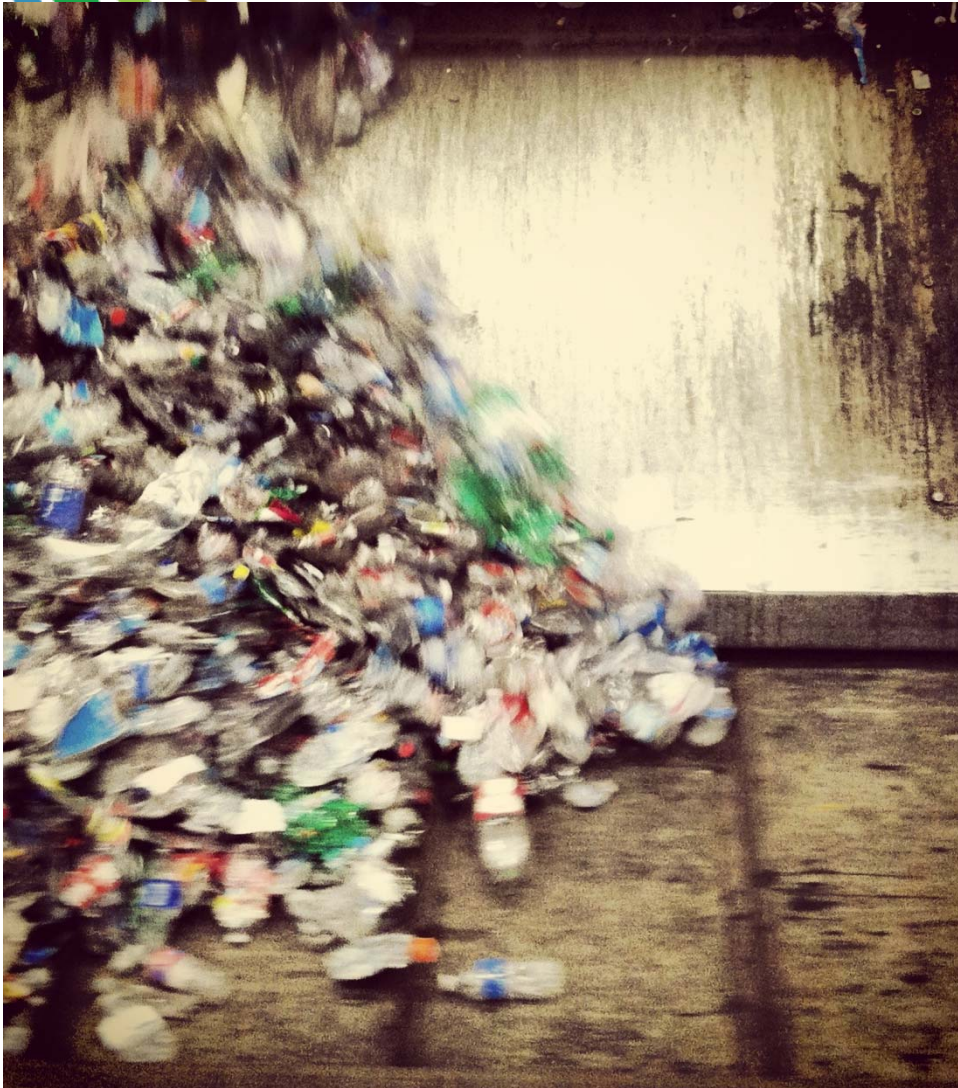
8.9.3 All containers shall be labeled or otherwise clearly identified to indicate the materials intended for each container.

8.9.4 The City recommends using blue containers for recycling, black containers for landfill trash, and green containers for compostable materials.

8.10 Signs, Labels, and Container Identification

8.10.1 Affected property owners shall ensure the provision, posting, and maintenance of signs and labels indicating container location, and materials accepted, in their recycling programs.

Ordinance requirements



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§ 15-6-93 EDUCATION.

(A) An owner of an affected premises must provide recycling information and

instructions in accordance with rules adopted by the director to:

- (1) all tenants and employees of the premises annually;
- (2) a new employee or tenant no later than the thirtieth day after the tenant occupies or the employee begins work at the premises; and
- (3) all employees or tenants not later than the 30th day after a substantive change in the recycling service offered at the premises.

(B) An owner or other person required to provide recycling service to a premises must provide recycling information and instructions in accordance with rules adopted by the director to:

- (1) each business, tenant, or organization located at the premises annually;
- (2) a business, tenant, or organization newly located to the premises not later than the 30th day after any change in occupancy; and
- (3) all occupancies at the premises not later than the 30th day after a change in the recycling service offered.

(C) All information and documentation, including signage, required to be provided to persons or posted as public information under this article must be written in English and Spanish and include universal symbols as adopted by the director.

(D) Each container designated or used for collection and disposal of materials to a state-recognized landfill must be prominently marked



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- 8.10.2 All signs, whether interior or exterior, shall be labeled in both English and Spanish and may include other languages as deemed appropriate by service provider or property owner.
- 8.10.3 Exterior containers larger than one (1) cubic yard shall include two types of signs or stickers affixed to the container:
 - 8.10.3.1 18-inch round sticker or placard indicating “Landfill Trash”, “Compostable” or “Recyclable” materials accepted.
 - 8.10.3.2 24-inch by 18-inch sticker or placard, provided by the Service Provider, that indicates the common types of materials accepted in each exterior collection container.
 - 8.10.3.3 Container decals, stickers or placards that meet or exceed information and container surface area requirements shall be allowable alternatives.
- 8.10.4 Signs relating to a facility’s waste diversion program that are on or near containers shall be at minimum 24-inches by 18-inches in size and shall have high-contrast colors and background.
- 8.10.5 Signs that are designed as to adhere to surfaces, such as stickers, should adhere to metal or plastic surfaces and be difficult to remove.



The Administrative Rules:

- Support the intent of the URO
- Designed to implement the ordinance
- Provide specifics and details

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Why amend the Administrative Rules?



- Universal Recycling Ordinance Amendments (Phase 2)
- Existing Rules do not reflect amendments
- Need implementation details

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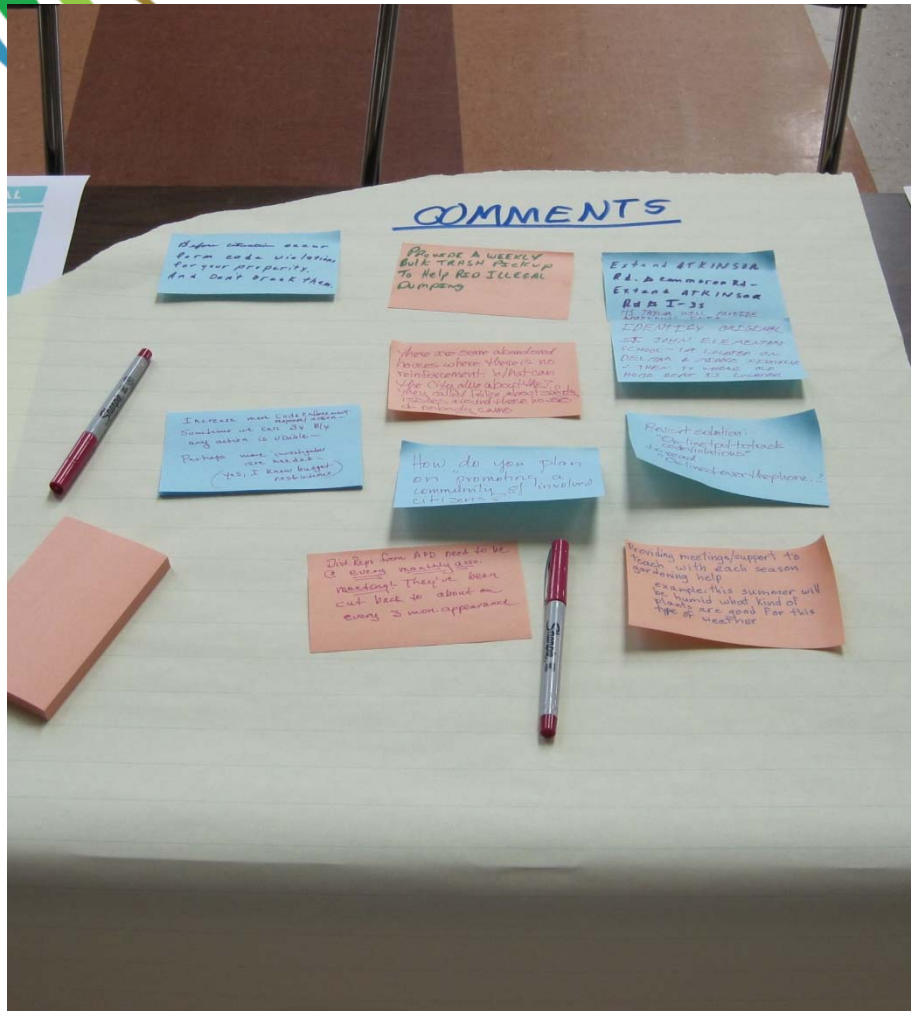
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Cooperative stakeholder process



Provide input, knowledge & expertise:

- Stakeholder meetings
- Public comment periods

What happens to stakeholder input?

- Staff captures comments
- Input shapes the recommended amendments to Administrative Rules

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Schedule

Meetings		Scheduled Date*
Quarter 1	URO Phase 2 Committee - Kickoff	June 13, 2013
	Licensed Haulers	June 24, 2013
	Associations / Organizations	July 17, 2013
	Industrial / Manufacturing	July 31, 2013
	URO Phase 2 Committee - Update	August 13, 2013
Q2	Retail / Property management	August 28, 2013
	Grocery	September 9, 2013
	Healthcare	September 25, 2013
	Hotel / Motel	October 7, 2013
	Restaurants / Bars	October 22, 2013
	URO Phase 2 Committee - Update	November 14, 2013
Q3	Restaurants / Bars	November 19, 2013
	Other	December 4, 2013
	URO Phase 2 Committee - Final Update	December 17, 2013
Q4	Rules (final drafting and approvals); Public Hearings (ZWAC); City Council Adoption	January - June 2014

* Dates provided are subject to change.

A halftone-style photograph of a city skyline with a park in the foreground. The text "How can ARR staff engage your members in the Rules amendment process?" is overlaid in blue.

How can ARR staff engage your members in the Rules amendment process?



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