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RECYCLING TOTERS - IMPLEMENTATION

In the year Two Thousand Thirteen.....  
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

That WHEREAS, one of our goals as a City is to maintain clean neighborhoods, free from litter  
whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, there are neighborhoods in the City with the visible nuisance of windblown litter  
from poorly organized recyclable materials; and

WHEREAS, the common theme in these neighborhoods is multiple rental units needing greater  
capacity for recycling than the standard 15-gallon uncovered recycle bins; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works is charged with the collection and organization of  
the recycling program; and

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Office is responsible for enforcement of the Minimum  
Housing requirements in Chapter 18 of the Burlington Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, both the Department of Public Works and the Code Enforcement Office believe that  
requiring owners of rental properties (other than single family or duplexes) in the City to provide  
wheeled, covered recycling toters of a minimum of 60 gallons (hereinafter "toters") for every three units,  
or portion thereof, would greatly reduce the level of windblown litter associated with these properties  
(properties already containing a dumpster with lid would be exempt); and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works and the Code Enforcement Office also believe that a  
phased-in approach of this policy would be the most prudent course of action given the complexity of its  
implementation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council requests that the Department of  
Public Works and the Code Enforcement Office work with appropriate City staff and, as appropriate, the  
Chittenden Solid Waste District, to implement a first phase of this new toters policy that would require  
owners of rental properties (other than single family or duplexes) in the City to provide wheeled, covered

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recycling toters of a minimum of 60 gallons (hereinafter “toters”) for every three units, or portion thereof (properties already containing a dumpster with lid would be exempt); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council requests that the Department of Public Works and the Code Enforcement Office work with appropriate City staff and, as appropriate, the Chittenden Solid Waste District, to implement second and third phases of this covered, wheeled recycling toters policy to include properties with six or more units and three or more units, respectively; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City staff shall use the initial implementation period for an evaluation of further improvements and report back to the City Council on or before November 1, 2013 with additional timelines and plans for implementation of a mandatory recycling toters initiative for the second and third phases.