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PRE-START-UP

A resident proudly displays his "Trash Bumper Stickers." He also has one on his car. You can buy your own personal set by clicking on the "BUY A STICKER" tab ...



Here's a list of Inland's responsibilities and fines.

Contractor's Responsibilities

The Contractor must do the following.

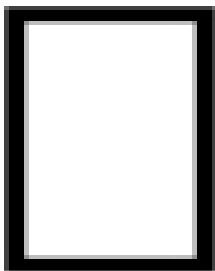
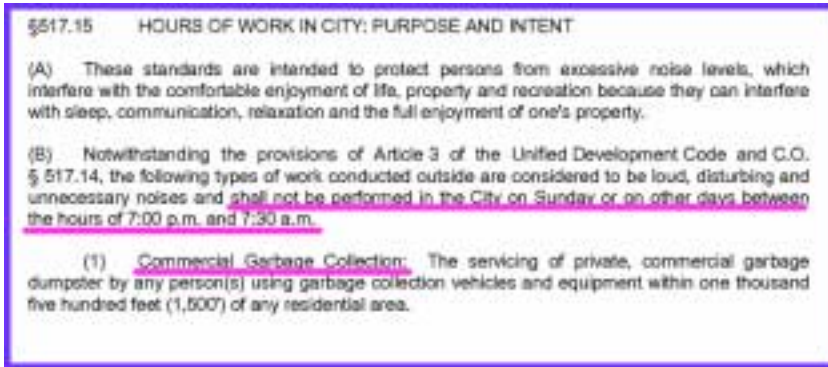
1. Be out no earlier than 7:30 AM and no later than 5:00 PM.
2. Return to get a missed collection if it is reported before 5:00 PM. Return to get a missed collection within 24 hours if reported after 5:00 PM.
3. Collect a missed area or street the same day, regardless of when it is reported.
4. Return within 24 hours to get a missed collection IF it was because a resident forgot to put on his/her sticker or leave out his/her trash, and if it has been notified by the city that the resident has corrected the problem. If there are more than 1500 of these a year, then Inland may charge the City \$9.78 per event.
5. Must leave a written explanation of why it did not pick up a load of trash (i.e. it was overweight or contained material that should not have been collected).
6. Respond to all complaints.

Liquidated Damages

Here is the fine schedule for the Contractor.

1. \$25 per incident for willfully throwing or scattering on-route containers.
2. \$100 per incident for starting/stopping collections outside of the 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM timeframe.
3. \$100 per incident per day for failure to collect spillage.
4. \$10.00 per incident for failure to collect any items, with a \$500 per truck per day maximum. There is a three-month grace period on this.
5. \$5000 per day for failure to start on the Agreed date.
6. \$5000 per event for mixing "Agreement waste" with "Non-agreement waste."
7. \$100 per incident per day for intentionally putting yard waste and/or recyclables in a solid waste collecting vehicle.

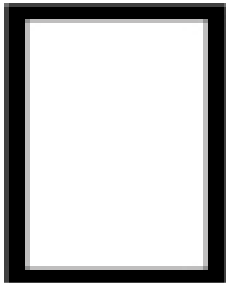
REMEMBER ... UA Codified Ordinance 517.15 states that
**Commercial Garbage Trucks must be
OFF THE STREETS by 7 PM ...**



The City Manager indicates on the UA website that we were to get two letters from the Contractor introducing themselves.

Here's my first letter.

(It's blank ... I never got one.)



Here's my second letter.

(It, too, is blank. Again, I never got one)

What does yours look like?



"Flydumping," as shown in this picture, has become commonplace in UA, as residents who can't afford -- or who don't want -- to purchase stickers dispose of their trash in open dumpsters throughout the city or in surrounding communities. Since 2004, gross tonnage of garbage has actually decreased by 13%, while recyclables tonnage has stayed even. I don't think that this mattress came from the Lane Road Park Shelter House reconstruction project. Trash removal is a basic government service. If it were included in residents' property taxes, this practice would stop.



While UA is able to sell its newsprint and make \$225,000 per year (\$20 per household) from this effort, it still must pay to dispose of the glass bottles and cans. SWACO charges a lower rate for these items than for regular refuse.

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