

Date: March 26, 2024
To: Design Review Board and Joseph Hurley, SDCI Planner
From: Seattle Public Utilities Solid Waste
Re: # 3041427-EG; 2729 2nd Ave

Thank you for the opportunity for Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) Solid Waste to share Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) Solid Waste and Land Use requirements and best practices for this application. SPU has reviewed the Design Review Board EDG proposal posted on Accela, but it lacks important solid waste details. SPU has not received a solid waste review application for this development. **The project must submit the Solid Waste Storage and Access Checklist for Designers and site plans that detail solid waste storage and access to SPU_SolidWastePlanReview@seattle.gov.**

Required solid waste capacity for **147 apartments** is:

- Recycle: 22 cubic yards/week
- Garbage: 15 cubic yards/week
- Food+yard: 3 — 96-gallon carts/week

Required solid waste capacity for **5,279 ft² retail** is:

- Recycle: 5-6 cubic yards/week
- Garbage: 5-6 cubic yards/week
- Food+yard: varies depending on building programming

SPU supports solid waste collection off the alley.

SPU supports the project using 3 or 4 cubic yard dumpsters for combined garbage and residential recycle. SPU also supports 2-3 cubic yard detached compacted dumpsters for combined garbage and residential recycle. Detached compacted dumpsters require minimum 18' wide alley. All these dumpsters must be staged along the alley for direct truck access per *SMC Land Use 23.54.040.F.2.a.* on a flat (i.e., <2% grade), paved surface. 3-4 cubic yards and detached compacted dumpsters require a minimum 24' overhead clearance. SPU drivers do not touch or move containers containing compacted materials. SPU drivers do not meet containers brought out by building staff as it causes unnecessary delay. **SPU requires truck turning studies for detached compacted containers.**

- SPU plans for weekly collection to maintain efficient solid waste collections and limit greenhouse gas emissions.
- Additional details as required by *SMC Land Use 23.54.040* and the Contracted waste hauler must be submitted for review.

SPU supports uncompacted 2 cubic yard dumpsters for commercial recycle.

As an SPU Best Management Practice, we highly encourage the project to plan on-floor access to all three solid waste streams – garbage, food waste, and recycle. On-floor solid waste rooms improves access to solid waste services for residents and increases waste diversion.

The project must submit the [Solid Waste Storage and Access Checklist for Designers](#) and site plans that detail solid waste storage and access. If there are questions, we can be reached at SPU_SolidWastePlanReview@seattle.gov.

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