



Summary of City of Rancho Cordova Recycling Ordinance

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1. Requires every multifamily apartment community of five units or more on a single parcel to keep recyclable materials separate from all other solid waste and provide a basic level of recycling service.
2. Mandates that multifamily tenants are responsible for source-separating recyclable materials.
3. Provides immunity to apartment owners when tenants fail to source-separate recyclable materials.
4. Requires the apartment community to enter into a written service agreement with a franchised waste hauler or authorized recycler or self-haul the materials.
5. Requires either the owner or tenant to obtain recyclable materials containers for individual units.
6. Requires the owner to obtain a recyclable materials container for maintenance and work areas where recyclable materials may be collected.
7. Mandates that one or more signs must be posted where recyclable materials are collected indicating the collection procedure.
8. Notify and instruct employees and tenants in writing of source separation requirements including a list of recyclable materials that are required to be separated.
9. Maintain a recycling plan, service agreement and/or self-haul form for purposes of inspection by the city.
10. An apartment community may haul or transport designated recyclable materials at its property rather than hiring a waste hauler or authorized recycler if: 1) the owner, generator or employee completes the hauling by utilizing a vehicle owned by the employee or entity and 2) complete and retain an on-site self hauling form.
11. Apartment communities would be exempt from the program if: 1) the property generates less than four cubic yards of solid waste per week; 2) there is not adequate

storage space for lift containers, bins or roll-off bins or push carts on-site ; 3)
compliance with the ordinance would violate the Zoning Code, including regulations
for parking.

12. Makes it unlawful to combine designated recyclable materials with other solid waste and prevents franchise haulers or authorized recyclers from taking materials if there are visible signs that recyclable materials are mixed with solid waste.
13. Provides that violations of the ordinance could result in a \$1,000 per violation per day administrative penalty.
14. Requires that implementation of the ordinance would occur from the effective date of the law until June 30, 2009, giving the industry six to seven months to comply.