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## **Frequently Asked Questions on the KANE COUNTY MANDATORY COMMERCIAL RECYCLING ORDINANCE**

COUNTY CODE: CHAPTER 11: ARTICLE IV. RECYCLING & HAULER LICENSING ORDINANCE (95-157)

### **What Does This Law Require?**

1. The law states that every occupant of a single-family, two-family, or multi-family dwelling unit in Kane County must separate recyclable material from the trash and store recyclables separately in containers designated for recycling [11-111, (a)].
2. Collection of recyclables from all dwelling units shall be by a hauler licensed to operate in Kane County. The hauler may be selected by the owner or manager of such premises or by an association governing such premises, or by any municipal franchise [11-112, (b) 1].
3. It is the duty of every owner of a two-family or multi-family dwelling unit to arrange for the collection of recyclables from such units by duly licensed haulers. [11-111, (b) 1].
4. Haulers may not collect waste from any establishment that is not recycling [11-112, (b) 3].

### **What Are The Penalties For Non-Compliance With This Ordinance?**

Any owner of a multi-family dwelling unit who violates any provision of the Ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$100 per day in violation. Waste haulers are also subject to fines for non-compliance [11-114].

### **My Building Is In a Municipality. Does This Law Cover Me?**

Yes. The ordinance covers all residential dwelling units in Kane County, whether in incorporated or unincorporated areas.

### **What is a "dwelling unit"?**

Any residential building, including single-family homes, duplexes, apartments, condominiums, and living facilities.

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## **How Do I Know Which Materials To Recycle?**

Check with your waste hauler or recycling contractor. For multi-family dwellings, the list of acceptable recyclables shall include all of those materials accepted by the single-family recycling program in the municipality in which the multi-family building is located. Typical recyclable materials include containers and paper such as aluminum and steel cans, glass bottles, plastic bottles, office paper, cardboard, etc.

## **Will Recycling Service Cost More?**

It doesn't have to. The cost of recycling service can be offset by reduced trash service costs, by diverting materials from your trash into recycling. Work with your waste hauler or recycling contractor, to assess types and percentages of recyclable materials currently in your waste stream, and customize your dumpster and cart sizes, in combination with monitoring and adjusting the frequency of your service, in order to minimize cost and improve efficiency.

## **What if Someone Other Than the Property Owner Provides Garbage Service?**

Whoever provides garbage service is the primary responsible party under the Ordinance. If the property owner does not provide recycling service, the owner is in violation of the Ordinance. However, tenants are also responsible for separating their recyclables and may be subject to a fine if they do not participate in the recycling program established by the property owner.

## **For More Information, Please Contact:**

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