



**City of Missoula, Montana  
City Council Committee Agenda Item**

**Committee:** Public Works and Mobility  
**Item:** Trash and Recycling Collection Hours Restricted  
**Date:** December 11, 2024  
**Sponsor(s):** Eric Melson

**Department or function:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Prepared by:** Eric Melson

**Ward(s) Affected:**

- Ward 1
- Ward 2
- Ward 3
- All Wards
- Ward 4
- Ward 5
- Ward 6
- N/A

**Action Required:**

Discuss health and wellness impacts to residents experiencing early morning trash hauling. Discuss impacts to Missoula’s bear population due to refuse being left in residential neighborhoods overnight. Consider bringing trash and recycling practices in alignment with existing ordinances that prohibits construction from the hours of 9pm – 7am.

**Recommended Motion(s):**

I move the City Council: Adopt an ordinance prohibiting trash and recycling collection by private haulers between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. in residential zones or within 300 feet of any of a residential zone.

**Timeline:**

Committee discussion:	December 11, 2024
Council action (or sets hearing):	December 16, 2024
Public Hearing (if required):	N/A
Deadline:	N/A

**Background and Alternatives Explored:**

Residents across the city are being impacted by early morning trash and recycling hauling. Accounts of hauling occurring as early as 4:30am have been recorded. Early morning hauling disrupt residents health and wellness and enables bears and wildlife to access trash and recycling receptacles left overnight. This change would bring sound impacts associated with the hours of trash and recycling into alignment with Chapter 9.30.

**Financial Implications:**

**Links to external websites:**