

# Memo

**To:** Downtown Development Authority Board  
**From:** Bryan Myrkle, Community Development Director  
**Date:** June 12, 2020  
**Re:** Dumpsters downtown

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DDA Chair Paul Wilson has asked that the topic of garbage dumpsters be discussed at the upcoming meeting, and that the existing regulations on dumpsters be provided for background.

The regulations are contained in the Charlotte City Code, and are as follows:

**50-8 RESPONSIBILITY OF PROPERTY OWNER OR OCCUPANT.**

- (A) *Refuse storage.* It shall be the duty of owners, proprietors or persons in charge of every dwelling or other building in the city to place or cause to be placed all waste accumulating on the premises in waste receptacles or waste dumpsters provided by such owner or other person or waste hauler.
- (B) *Waste receptacles and waste dumpsters.*
- (1) Waste receptacles or waste dumpsters shall be kept and maintained at all residences, apartments, hotels, business places and other places where waste may be accumulated. Waste shall be placed and stored in the receptacle or dumpster in order to be collected.
  - (2) All waste receptacles or waste dumpsters shall be covered with a watertight cover at all times. The waste receptacle or dumpster shall be kept in a place easily accessible, but never upon any street, city parking lot, alley or sidewalk. Such waste receptacle or waste dumpster shall be thoroughly cleaned by the owner after it has been emptied.
  - (3) Each apartment complex, modular house park, mobile home park or any multifamily dwelling containing 5 units or more shall have at least 1 waste dumpster for every 10 residential units.

While it does not often happen downtown, when a development occurs requiring a site plan review by the City of Charlotte Planning Commission, the following rule also applies:

(7) *Solid waste dumpsters.* Solid waste dumpsters and recycling storage containers may be located on commercial, industrial, or multiple family properties, provided that they are screened on all sides by a continuous opaque fence at least 6 feet high.

Access to the dumpster shall be via a latching opaque gate that shall remain closed when the dumpster is not being serviced. Acceptable gate enclosure materials include wood and chain link fencing with privacy slats. Acceptable screening materials include wood, brick, and masonry.