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## City Council Document Tracking Sheet

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<b>Title:</b>	Amendment of Section 7-28-785 of Municipal Code to further regulate collection bins
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	Committee on License and Consumer Protection

ORDINANCE

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:**

**SECTION 1.** Section 7-28-785 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by adding the language underscored and by deleting the language struck through, as follows:

**7-28-785 Collection bins.**

(a) For purposes of this section only, the following definitions shall apply, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(1) "Collection bin" means any bin, box, truck, or other container placed outdoors for the collection of clothes or other items as donations; provided that a "collection bin" shall not include any bin, box or other small container used solely for the purpose of collecting money.

(2) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of streets and sanitation.

(3) ~~[Reserved.]~~ "Local contact person" means a person authorized as an agent of the operator who: (i) is designated for service of process; (ii) is authorized by the operator to take remedial action and respond to any violation of this code; and (iii) maintains a residence or office located in the city.

(4) "Operator" means any person who installs or maintains a collection bin.

(4 5) "Owner" has the same meaning ascribed to that term in Section 13-4-010.

(6) "Designated agent" means an individual designated by the owner to manage the property or the occupant or occupant's agent who has leased the property on which a collection bin is to be placed.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to install or maintain any collection bin outdoors on private property in the city without first obtaining a permit.

(c) An application for a permit shall be made by an operator to the commissioner of business affairs and consumer protection and shall include the following:

(1) ~~the applicant's operator's name and address, and the name and address of the property owner lot on which the proposed collection bin will be located, and the name and address of the property owner of the lot, if different from the operator's applicant's;~~

(2) a detailed drawing (site map) indicating: (i) the position of all permanent structures, including but not limited to, buildings and driveways located within the lot; (ii) the location of all streets, alleys, fire hydrants, light poles and traffic control signs adjacent to the lot; (iii) the lot lines; and (iv) the location of the proposed collection bin. The site map shall be legible and include a key to any symbols;

(3) a statement indicating the scheduled times for removal of the contents of the collection bin;

(4) ~~the name and telephone number of an emergency contact person a letter signed by the owner of a lot or the owner's designated agent setting forth permission to locate the collection bin on the owner's lot, if such collection bin will not be installed or maintained by the owner;~~

(5) pictures of the proposed site ~~and collection bin;~~

(6) the name, address and 24-hour telephone number of a local contact person ~~of the organization that will be using the collection bin for donations; and~~

(7) a letter of approval from the Alderman of the ward in which the collection bin is to be placed as required by Section 4-264-060; and

(8) the website address of the website required in subsection (g); and

(7 9) any other information reasonably required by the commissioner of business affairs and consumer protection.

(d) The commissioner of business affairs and consumer protection shall forward the completed application to the ~~city council~~ alderman of the ward in which the proposed collection bin will be located, along with a request for any information on the factors set forth in subsection (f).

(e) The following restrictions apply to the issuance of any permit under this section. No permit shall be issued for a collection bin on any lot:

~~(1 i) on which is located a vacant building, as that term is defined in section 13-12-125 a permit shall be issued only to the property owner on which the collection will be located; and or~~

~~(2 ii) a permit shall not be issued for any property containing a dwelling unit, as that term is defined in Section 13-4-010~~

(f) A permit under this section shall be denied or revoked if: (i) the granting of the permit would create a nuisance in the surrounding area; (ii) the location of the collection bin interferes with or impedes the flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic, or ingress or egress from any surrounding building or lot; (iii) impedes or interferes with the use of any pole, traffic signs or signals, hydrants, mailboxes or other objects located near the site of the proposed collection bin; (iv) the operator makes any false statements, submits any false information or misrepresents any information required under this section; or (v) for any reason set forth in subsection (e).

~~Upon passage of an ordinance approving the issuance of the permit, the commissioner of business affairs and consumer protection shall issue the permit.~~

(g) As a condition of the permit, it shall be the duty of the permit holder to:

(1) maintain the collection bin in good condition and repair;

(2) use a collection bin of sufficient size to prevent any overflow or accumulation of clothes or other donated items outside of the collection bin;

(3) cause to be removed at his own cost and expense all contents of the collection bin. The removal shall be of such frequency to prevent the overflow and

accumulation of clothes or other donated items outside of the collection bin and shall be in accordance with the provisions of this code. The schedule of removal of the items shall be posted on the collection bin;

(4) ensure that the collection bin is only being used by the organization operator listed on the permit. The name of the organization using the bin for donations operator and permit number shall be posted on the collection bin; ~~and~~

(5) post on the collection bin the name and telephone number of ~~a responsible the~~ local contact person to contact in case of any emergency; and

(6) maintain a website which lists the address and ward of each collection bin installed or maintained by the operator, and a map indicating the locations of such collection bins within the city, The website shall be updated weekly.

Failure to adhere to any conditions imposed in the permit may result in revocation of the permit.

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

(j) A permit issued pursuant to this section shall be for a term of two years, and the biennial fee shall be ~~\$200.00~~ 100.00 per ~~lot~~ collection bin. The permit shall expire on the date indicated in Section 4-4-021 of this Code.

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

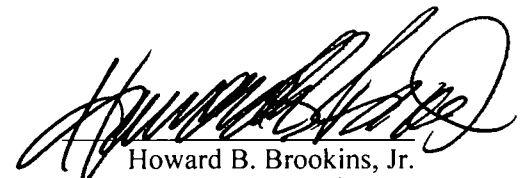
(m) The provisions of this section shall be enforced by the department of business affairs and consumer protection and by the department of streets and sanitation.

(n) No ~~person~~ operator whose permit under this section is revoked for any cause shall be granted another permit under this section, under the same or different name, for a period of one year ~~two years~~ from the date of revocation. When a permit issued under this section is revoked, no permit issued under this section shall be approved for the same location for a period of two years from the date of revocation.

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

(q) It shall be the duty of every owner, or the owner's designated agent, of any lot on which is located a collection bin to ensure that such collection bin has a valid permit and is in compliance with the provisions of this section. Any collection bin installed or maintained in violation of this section shall be removed by the operator or the owner of the lot on which the collection bin is located. The owner and operator shall be jointly and severally liable for any violation of this section.

**SECTION 2.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect 6044 days after its passage and publication.



Howard B. Brookins, Jr.  
Alderman - 21<sup>st</sup> Ward

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