NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE:

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT, Amend Article XVI of the Code of Ordinances regarding

commercial waste collections (Director of Public Works).

REPORT: **ADVICE:**

1438-23 Approval

BACKGROUND

The Board of Aldermen adopted an Ordinance in 2007 establishing licensing requirements for all commercial waste collectors (see Article XVI, Sec. 17-121 and seq.) hauling trash in the City. The Public Works Director currently proposes to amend this section of the City Code of Ordinances to clarify the addition of commercial recycling haulers as commercial waste collectors and to require licensing of each bin to help identity haulers, in order to enforce flow control and the noise ordinance. To the definitions section 17-122, definitions for waste receptacle and recycling receptacle are added, and a new section is added following 17-129 requiring permits for commercial waste and recycling receptacles.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

In the fall of 2009 the City entered into a contract with RecycleRewards to increase participation in the City's residential recycling program. Public Works is now taking this a step further in its focus on commercial waste haulers to ensure the City is in compliance with statutory requirements. A companion Amendment is proposed to require site cleanliness plans for commercial sites and licensing of commercial dumpsters (see CPC report 1438-24).

ADVICE

The Ordinance Amendment is in the best interest of the City, provides improved tools to assist the Department of Public Works in regulating commercial waste haulers, and promotes increased recycling of a substantial portion of the waste stream. The Commission recommends approval.

ADOPTED: March 17, 2010

Edward Mattison

Chair

ATTEST

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Executive Director