

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE SHENG THAO AND
COUNCILMEMBER GALLO

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO POST A
LIST OF ALL JUNK REMOVAL COMPANIES WITH CURRENT
OAKLAND BUSINESS TAX CERTIFICATES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE
TO ASSIST OAKLAND RESIDENTS MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS
WHEN SEEKING TO RETAIN JUNK REMOVAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, trash, refuse, debris, junk and waste should be properly disposed of in appropriate waste receptacles or transfer facilities to maintain a clean, safe, and vibrant City; and

WHEREAS, trash, refuse, debris, junk and waste on City streets, sidewalks, alleys, and parks effects the health, safety, and quality of life of those in the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, illegal dumping is defined as the improper disposal of trash, refuse, debris, junk and waste for any reason; and

WHEREAS, illegal dumping contributes to the amount of trash, refuse, debris, junk and waste across the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Waste Management of Alameda County, Inc. has an exclusive franchise for the collection and disposal of mixed materials and organics in the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, California Waste Solutions, Inc. has an exclusive franchise for residential recycling in the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Oakland residents oftentimes have more items of junk and recyclables than can be disposed of through weekly pick-ups by Waste Management of Alameda County, Inc and California Waste Solutions, Inc. or via Waste Management's bulky pick-up service, and are in need of other options to safely and legally dispose of such items; and

WHEREAS, unlicensed individuals and illegitimate businesses that charge a fee to remove and dispose of junk from private property are a cause of illegal dumping which harms the health, safety, and prosperity of Oakland and Oakland residents; and

WHEREAS, junk removal companies that comply with Oakland’s local business tax laws demonstrate a willingness to comply with local laws and may be more likely to comply with waste disposal laws as well; and

WHEREAS, Oakland residents, to be responsible consumers of junk removal services, need ready access to information that will help them determine if a particular junk removal company is more or less likely to comply with waste disposal laws; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has a responsibility to Oakland residents to provide them with information on which junk removal companies are in compliance with Oakland local business tax laws; and

WHEREAS, junk removal from private property is not a service provided by Waste Management of Alameda County, Inc. or by California Waste Solutions, Inc., under their respective exclusive franchises; and

WHEREAS, the City’s official website is a highly visible, public medium for the City to communicate to its residents which companies offering junk removal services have tax certificates; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby directs the City Administrator to post a list of companies providing junk removal services that have a current Oakland business tax certificate on the City’s website to help Oakland residents make informed decisions when seeking to retain junk removal services.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California