

Taxpayers of Cape May Oppose Unfair Recycling Ordinance

The Taxpayers Association of Cape May believes that businesses and residents should be treated equally when it comes to city services. The new ordinance set for a vote on **Tuesday, April 15 (5pm City Hall)** would allow the city to collect up to **four (4) 96-gallon recycling containers** from businesses but only **one (1) 96-gallon container** from residents.

Currently, the city Ordinance does **not** permit recycling pickup for businesses. The proposed ordinance would approve this practice granting businesses up to **four times the service** residents receive.

We firmly believe **residents should not bear the cost of business operations**. We strongly oppose this change and urge support for a **uniform policy of one (1) 96-gallon container per taxpaying address per week**, whether residential or commercial.

Why is This Ordinance Unfair:

- **Both businesses and residents pay taxes**—businesses should not receive additional services at the expense of residents.
- **Trash and recycling collection are business expenses** that should be covered by business, not subsidized by taxpayers.
- **Increased pickup volume will require additional recycling trucks**, trucks cost taxpayers approximately **\$1 million per vehicle**.
- **Expanding services will increase the Public Works budget**- more trucks, more workers, higher payroll costs, further burdening taxpayers.
- **Trash collection is the #1 cause of workers' compensation claims**- expanding services, increases injury risks and insurance costs.
- **City services should be equal for all taxpayers**, regardless of the amount they pay in taxes.

We urge all taxpayers to attend the meeting and oppose this ordinance. Let us ensure fair and equal services for everyone!

Tuesday April 15, 5pm

City Hall