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## Bulk Trash Collection

*Passed by five to zero vote at the legally noticed, public meeting of July 10, 2006, with a quorum present.*

**Resolved, that ANC1D advises the Department of Public Works to reconsider its new policy of bulk trash collection from in front of residences, instead of from alleys behind residences.**

**Why:** As of this past March, DPW instructs residents requesting bulk trash collection “to place the items in front of their property only”. This new policy has led to a number of complaints from Mount Pleasant residents, who object to unsightly bulk trash being deposited in front of homes on our residential streets. Besides being unsightly, the bulk trash clutters sidewalks and damages cultivated treeboxes. Where parking is permitted on the street, the parked cars will interfere with collection of the bulk trash. Where parking is not allowed, because the curb lane is a traffic lane, bulk trash collection will block traffic.

The new policy is based on the thesis that “the large trucks used to pick up bulk items are too big or too ungainly to fit through narrow alleys”. But the regular trash collection trucks, which are quite large, manage to maneuver through our alleys. ANC1D advises DPW to identify alleys which are especially problematical, and to limit the new policy to residents along those alleys, while restoring the previous policy of bulk trash pickup from alleys where the alleys are not especially narrow.