

Subj: **Re: Your August 1, 2011 order to provide garbage service at 612 East Cook Ave.**
Date: 8/3/2011 2:29:31 P.M. Central Daylight Time
From: Gcopeland911@aol.com
To: Ed.Smith@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Ed Smith:

Thank you for sending your fax number 266-1919.

I just faxed you a letter confirming that I have had in place an agreement to share garbage service with my neighbor which meets the city's requirement for weekly garbage removal service.

Eugene G. Copeland

Subj: **Re: Check out http://www.eurekarecycling.org/PDFS/Volume_Based_Garbage.pdf**
Date: 7/13/2011 5:41:55 P.M. Central Daylight Time
From: Anne.Hunt@ci.stpaul.mn.us
To: Gcopeland911@aol.com

Greg,

Thanks for the email reminder. I'm sorry that I didn't circle back earlier. I checked with the City's Environmental/Recycling Coordinator and the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI).

It is our understanding is that it is permissible by law to share garbage service that is collected by a licensed hauler on a weekly basis. Residents are required to dispose of mixed municipal solid waste (MSW) in an environmentally responsible way. Attached is the MN Statute 1153A.941 (b) that addresses that.

Below is also the language in the City Code. Sharing garbage hauling is also permissible if things are taken to a transfer station. DSI will address issues at a residence or business on a complaint basis.

115A.941 SOLID WASTE; REQUIRED COLLECTION.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), each city, and town described in section [368.01](#), with a population of 1,000 or more, and any other town with a population of 5,000 or more shall ensure that every residential household and business in the city or town has solid waste collection service. To comply with this section, a city or town may organize collection, provide collection, or require by ordinance that every household and business has a contract for collection services. An ordinance adopted under this section must provide for enforcement.

(b) A city or town described in paragraph (a) may exempt a residential household or business in the city or town from the requirement to have solid waste collection service if the household or business ensures that an environmentally sound alternative is used.

(c) To the extent practicable, the costs incurred by a city or town under this section must be incorporated into the collection system or the enforcement mechanisms adopted under this section by the city or town.

Here is the City's language. Chapter 34.

34.11 Basic Facilities. sections 7 & 8

(7) *Mixed municipal solid waste storage and removal.* Every residential building shall be supplied with approved containers which are of sufficient quantity and capacity to store all the mixed municipal solid waste from the unit and which are equipped with tight-fitting covers for storage of mixed municipal solid waste. Mixed municipal solid waste shall be collected at least weekly by a licensed refuse hauler. In all residence buildings, it shall be the responsibility of the owner to provide the containers and contract with a licensed hauler for collection of the mixed municipal solid waste, in accordance with [section 357.05\(g\)\(1\)](#).

(8) *Refuse and garbage storage.* The owner of every residential building shall supply sufficient approved containers with covers impervious to weather for storage of refuse and garbage.

Let me know if you have further questions. Thanks.

Anne



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http://www.eurekarecycling.org/PDFS/Volume_Based_Garbage.pdf

Hi Anne:

I wrote you in May seeking information as to city policy on solid waste volume pricing regarding sharing collection costs with a neighbor. You indicated then you would get back to me regarding the policy. I would appreciate a response from you.

Thanks.

Greg Copeland

Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia C. Moermond and Hearing Coordinator Mai Vang:


This matter, file # RHL TA 11-401, was before you on **August 2, 2011** and I have had correspondence with the Legislative Hearings Office on multiple occasions since the **initial special tax assessment on my home at 612 Cook Avenue East** was recommended to the City Council to be deleted; and has been deleted by the City Council on each subsequent City Council agenda.

I provided documentation at the August 2, 2011 Legislative Hearing of my agreement with my neighbor, the owner of 616 Cook Avenue East Deborah Dickson, for shared garbage service to properly dispose of my remaining solid waste after recycling. Multiple DSI Officers were at the hearing and I previously faxed this documentation to the DSI's Ed Smith, therefore the nuisance claim by DSI in the *Legislation Text* is again; not accurate. I will again fax this documentation; my neighbor's letter stating that we have had a "cooperative trash" agreement in place for years, to the Legislative Hearings Office.

I appreciate the cooperation of you both in helping to resolve this matter on multiple occasions. I am seeking **deletion of Real Estate Project No. J1201G, Assessment No. 128700** and will let the existing and considerable record on file with your office speak for itself.

If am hoping this matter can be resolved as it has been since August 2, 2011, without a personal appearance before you at next week's hearing; please let me know. I thank you both again for expediting a resolution in this case and I believe this will be the last increment of this on-going file.

Sincerely,


Eugene G. Copeland
owner
612 East Cook Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55130-3837

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651-776-7894

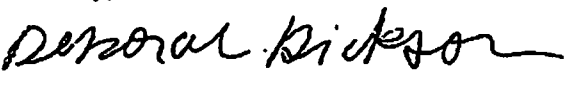
August 1, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

Greg Copeland, at 612 East Cook Ave., St. Paul, is my neighboring property owner at my property at 616 East Cook Ave. For a number of years Mr. Copeland has shared garbage disposal service using my container, which is picked up weekly, to dispose of his bag of garbage.

Please contact me on my cell phone 612-720-3698 if you have any questions or wish to verify this statement.

Sincerely,



Deborah Dickson
Owner
616 East Cook Ave.
St. Paul MN 55130

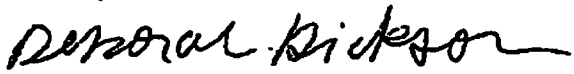
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From: Ed.Smith@ci.stpaul.mn.us
To: Gcopeland911@aol.com

Mr Copeland,

Our fax number is 651-266-1919.

Ed Smith

>>> <Gcopeland911@aol.com> 8/2/2011 1:43 PM >>>

Ed Smith:

I am in compliance with all legal requirements regarding garbage service at my home.

Please provide me today with a fax number at which I can send you documents in response to the above referenced notice which I received this afternoon.

Thank You.

Eugene G. Copeland