



# MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor and Members of the City Council

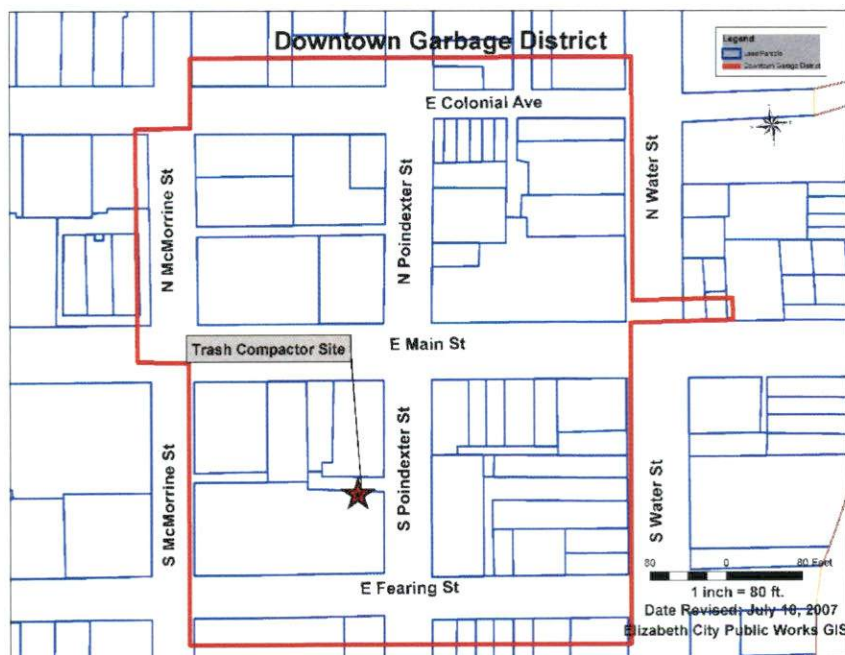
**From:** Dwan Bell, Director, Public Works  
Deborah Malenfant, Elizabeth City Downtown, Inc.

**Date:** March 24, 2023

**Re:** Discussion – Increasing Downtown Garbage District Boundaries and Add Third Site (with Recycling)

## **BACKGROUND:**

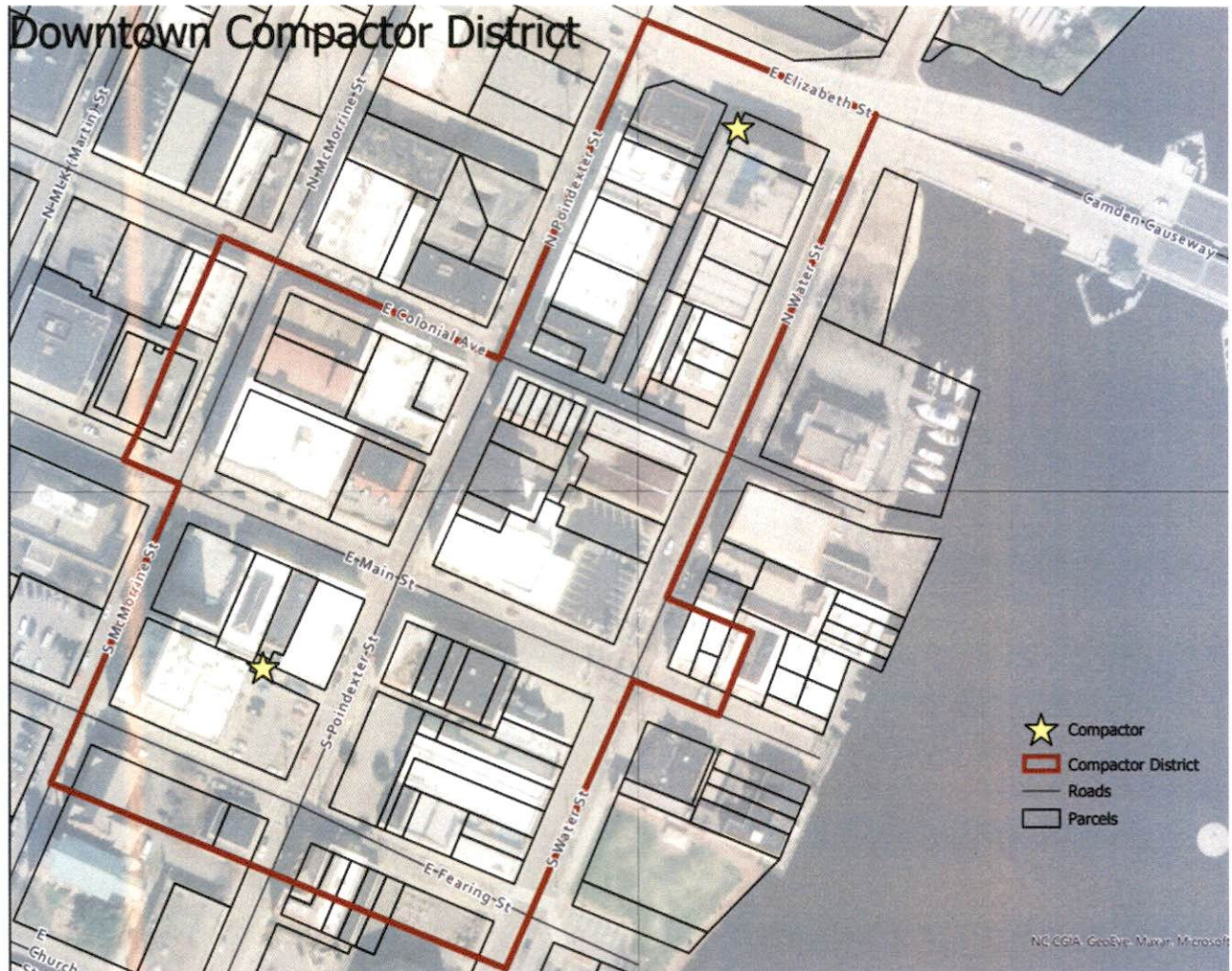
In January of 2007, the Elizabeth City Council approved a "Downtown Garbage District" per Ordinance #07-01-01, which amended Chapter 42 "Health and Sanitation" of the City's Code of Ordinance by adding Section 42-14 "Downtown Garbage District." This ordinance was developed due to the many overloaded trash containers, dumpsters, parking/sidewalk congestion, and trash scattered throughout downtown due to the many 90-gallon trash containers used by downtown business owners, property owners, and residents. The ordinance provided for one centralized garbage compactor (a 40-yard compactor) to be placed at 101 S. Poindexter Street for use by those in the garbage district.) Rates were established for those in the Downtown Garbage District. The original garbage district boundaries are shown in the visual below.





The ordinance provided that the Downtown Garbage District may be amended from time to time.

In 2020, the Downtown Garbage District was expanded to include all restaurants on North Poindexter Street and the new apartments on North Water Street. A smaller, 6-yard VIP compactor was added on the northern end of Pailin's Alley on the Weatherly Park property owned by the City.



### **ANALYSIS:**

There has been much growth in the Downtown Central Business District, to include many additional restaurants (with more coming soon), businesses, and living units that necessitates placement of an additional 40-yard compactor to service the garbage needs of downtown.

In addition, Pasquotank County, which has been providing commercial recycling pickup to businesses throughout the City, to include downtown, as a courtesy program (at no cost) is proposing to cease recycling pickup. This is due to increased costs, labor issues, and the



need to purchase a new recycling pickup vehicle. These additional costs do not make it feasible for the County to continue this service. They would, however, like to continue to serve the downtown businesses by providing a central recycling location where downtown business owners and residents can dispose of their recycling.

Staff is proposing the expansion of the downtown Garbage District southward to Church Street, Westward to Martin Luther King Drive, and Northward to Elizabeth Street with the placement of a third garbage compactor, along with a Pasquotank County recycling container on the parcel of property owned by the City at reference address 215 N. McMorrine to be effective July 1, 2023, with preparation of the site to occur this fiscal year.







Site work on the parcel involves some levelling and grading, the pouring of an approximately 13 cubic yard concrete pad, installation of an electrical line and lighting, installation of a 4" drain line, and construction of a commercial aesthetic enclosure.

Site work preparation is estimated to cost approximately \$19,000.00. Since a recycling container is also proposed to share the site, we are requesting that the County split the cost of the site preparation. The cost share would be approximately \$9,500 each to the City and the County (pending approvals). The City and the County would bear the installation and ongoing service costs of their respective containers.

***STAFF RECOMMENDATION:***

For discussion and consideration. If the Council desires, this item may be moved to Regular Session to approve, by motion, the expansion of the Downtown Garbage District to include the area from Elizabeth Street to Martin Luther King Drive, to Church Street, to Water Street, back to Elizabeth Street to be effective July 1, 2023, and to allow for the site work to begin at the location designated at 215 N. McMorrine for the placement of both a garbage compactor and a recycling container for use.



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## CITY OF ELIZABETH CITY

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**ORDINANCE #07-01-01  
AMENDING CHAPTER 42 "HEALTH AND SANITATION  
OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCE  
BY ADDING SECTION 42-14 "DOWNTOWN GARBAGE DISTRICT"**

**WHEREAS**, City councilors and City Staff often receive complaints regarding overloaded trash containers and trash strewn about in the downtown area; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to create a Downtown Garbage District in order to alleviate this issue and the parking and sidewalk congestion issues created by the use of commercial dumpsters and 90-gallon garbage containers;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City that the following addition to Chapter 42 of the City's Code is adopted creating a Downtown Garbage District and establishing the rate schedule for the district.

SECTION 42-14. Downtown Garbage District.

- a} There shall be established a Downtown Garbage District, which may be amended from time to time, whereby residents and commercial property owners within the district shall use a trash compactor provided by the City for garbage collection.
- b} The rate schedule for the affected consumers shall be based on the following four tiers: (1) Residential, \$11.00 per month; (2) Small Commercial, \$13.00 per month; (3) Medium Commercial, \$80.00 per month; and (4) Heavy Commercial, \$280.00 per month.

**ADOPTED**, this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 2007.

Charles L. Foster  
Mayor

Dianne S. Pierce-Tamplen, MMC  
City Clerk