

City Laneway Cleanup

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WHEREAS City Council recently passed a motion requesting City staff to address actions required to ensure compliance of properties in the Jamestown area, with the Minimum Standards and the Dirty Yard By-laws; and

WHEREAS the intent would be to initiate the findings of said request in the Jamestown area, and subsequently address all other areas of the City as required; and

WHEREAS the Minimum Standards and Dirty Yard By-Laws do not address the problem of property owners discarding unwanted items, garbage and debris into City-owned laneways; and

WHEREAS the City By-Law Enforcement Officer cannot issue a violation notice to a property owner without proof that the items were actually placed into the City laneway by that property owner; and

WHEREAS Public Works and Engineering Services does not generally pick up discarded items, debris, and garbage from an unmaintained laneway, and that each situation may require its own investigation; and

WHEREAS it is not in the City's best interest to leave this debris and garbage to accumulate in City laneways;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Public Works and Engineering Services, the Legal Department, and the Building Division investigate the problem of discarded items, debris, and garbage being placed in City laneways by property owners, and report back to Council with a solution on how to keep the City laneways clean, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the said report include the cost estimate of keeping laneways clean from debris and garbage, and ways of recovering costs from property owners who are found to be in violation of the practice of placing debris and garbage in City laneways.