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# CITY OF SACRAMENTO

**DIVISION OF WASTE REMOVAL**  
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November 6, 1981  
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BY THE CITY COUNCIL

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City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Modification of the Waste Collection Disabled Exemption

SUMMARY

This report requests the City Council's authorization to change the current waste collection Disabled Exemption such that persons who apply for the exemption would be required to have a physician verify the disability. This report also shows that for a 15 month period, from August, 1980 to November, 1981, the total waste collection accounts have increased by 5% while the requests for disabled exemptions for the same period have increased 15%.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On July 1, 1980, with the introduction of the curbside service refuse collection option, the City Council approved a Waste Removal code change which allows an exemption from moving refuse containers to the curb for the households where no resident is physically able to move a full garbage can to the curb.

At the onset of the program a large number of citizens requested the exemption although the exemption requests were signed under penalty of perjury. The number of requests for this exemption continues to increase at a rate greater than that of our new accounts and we continue to have a larger percentage of these exemptions than do other waste collectors (see attached Exhibit I).

Therefore the Waste Removal Division requests City Council authorization to forward new applications for disabled exemptions to all of the presently exempted households. The new applications would be forwarded in time to give the occupants of the households 60 days to obtain a physician's verification and re-apply for a disabled exemption that provided the physician's verification of the disability. The new applications would be mailed in time to be received by January 11, 1982 and the new requirement would go into affect on April 5, 1982.

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The new application forwarded to each disable household would be as shown on Exhibit II.

FINANCIAL DATA

The Waste Removal Division's budget will require a \$3,000 modification to provide funds for printing and mailing the postage prepaid new disabled application.

The source of the \$3,000 will be the current Waste Removal budget.

RECOMMENDATION


It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the attached ordinance amending Section 19.0 of the City Code to be effective April 5, 1982.
2. Approve the procedure of forwarding new applications for disability exemptions to all current disabled households while providing a minimum of 60 days for the residents to re-apply for the exemption.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Reginald Young  
Waste Removal Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:

  
Walter J. Slipe  
City Manager

All Districts  
November 17, 1981

- Exhibit I Disabled Exemption Data
- II Application for Exemption from Requirement  
to Move Garbage Can For Curbside Collection Rate
- III Ordinance Amending Section 19 for the City Code

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DISABLED EXEMPTION DATA

November 6, 1981

A. DISABLED EXEMPTION SURVEY

City/County	Population	No. of Exemptions		Remarks
		Aug. 1980	Nov. 1981	
Davis	37,800	65	65	Handicapped
Fresno	170,000	2,040	1,450	70 yrs. or over if live alone. Under 70 verified by physician
Los Angeles	3,000,000	-0-	-0-	No exemption allowed
San Diego	890,800	-0-	-0-	No exemption allowed
San Jose	620,000	85	108	\$10,000/yr maximum income & Physician verified handicapped. Both required.
Sacramento County	480,000	2,130	2,130	2 cans backyard
Sacramento City	281,104	5,304	6,117	

B. DISABLED EXEMPTION REQUEST GROWTH

	<u>August, 1980</u>	<u>November, 1981</u>
C/S	38,855 (49.2)	47,743 (57.8)
B/Y	34,846 (44.1)	28,756 (34.8)
DIS	5,304 (6.7)	6,117 (7.4)*
	<u>79,005</u>	<u>82,616</u> **

\* Increase in disable accounts, 813 or 15%

\*\* Increase in new accounts, 3,611 or 5%

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The City Council has provided for lower garbage collection rates for persons who place their garbage cans at the curb for collection. An exemption is provided for properties where no person living there is physically able to move a full garbage can to the curb for collection. If there is no person living at the property who is physically able to move a full garbage can to the curb for collection, that person may obtain an exemption by filing the application on the reverse side verified by a physician.

If you desire to apply for the exemption, fill out the application form on the reverse side, obtain a physician verification for all of the persons living at your property, and return it to:

Reginald Young  
Waste Removal Superintendent  
927 Tenth Street, Suite 200  
Sacramento, California 95814

The City may verify the information given on this form by investigation.

APPLICATION FOR DISABILITY EXEMPTION  
FROM REQUIREMENT TO MOVE GARBAGE CAN  
FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION RATE

Each of the undersigned persons declares under penalty of perjury that the person or persons identified below are all of the persons residing at the address below and that neither the undersigned nor any other person identified below is physically capable of moving a full garbage can to the curb for collection.

\_\_\_\_\_  
signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
name (print or type)

\_\_\_\_\_  
signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
name (print or type)

\_\_\_\_\_  
signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
name (print or type)

\_\_\_\_\_  
signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
name (print or type)

\_\_\_\_\_  
signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
name (print or type)

\_\_\_\_\_  
signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
name (print or type)

PHYSICIAN VERIFICATION\*

I declare under penalty of perjury that the following persons are not physically capable of moving a full garbage can to the curb for collection:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (print or type names of persons for whom verification is made)

\_\_\_\_\_  
signature

Dr. \_\_\_\_\_  
(print or type)

\_\_\_\_\_  
address

\_\_\_\_\_  
telephone number

\*Verification is required for all persons living at address.

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# ORDINANCE NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL ON DATE OF

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 19.109(a)(iiii)  
OF THE SACRAMENTO CITY CODE RELATING TO  
CERTIFICATION OF PHYSICALLY DISABLED PERSONS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

Section 19.109(a)(iiii) of the Code of the City of Sacramento is amended to read as follows:

(iiii) Physically disabled persons. Upon filing a certification signed under penalty of perjury on a form furnished by the division of waste removal by each occupant of the property and by a physician, if the superintendent of waste removal determines that no occupant of the property is physically capable of moving a full garbage can to a position which would qualify for the applicable rates set forth in subsection (a)(ii), even though the cans are not placed at curbside as specified in subsection (a)(ii), the rate specified in subsection (a)(ii) shall apply. The aforementioned certification shall be filed annually according to a schedule established by the superintendent of waste removal. The reduced rate for any such property shall be in effect only so long as there is no occupant of the property physically capable of moving a full garbage can to a position which would qualify for the rates set forth in subsection (a)(ii).

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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