

RESIDENTIAL REFUSE COLLECTION ZONES

TOWN OF WEBSTER



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WHAT IS A RESIDENTIAL REFUSE COLLECTION ZONE?

- ❖ **The Town of Webster is NOT proposing to get into the garbage collection business.**
- ❖ A zone or defined area within the town, created and enforced jointly by the Highway Superintendent and Code Enforcement.
- ❖ Zones are assigned specific days of the week that refuse haulers may collect refuse (residential only).
- ❖ All zones would be displayed on a master “Refuse Collection Zones” map.
- ❖ This map would be made available to both the residents of the town and refuse haulers.
- ❖ Haulers are made aware of all zones and which days they are permitted to collect from each.
- ❖ Information is also provided to haulers upon application of refuse hauler permit from the Town Clerk.

BENEFITS OF REFUSE COLLECTION ZONES



VISUAL BLIGHT

Limiting the number of days refuse haulers can pick up on any given street means refuse containers will only be stored at the curb on these specified days as opposed to containers littering the curb all week long.



BLOWING REFUSE

Because refuse containers will only be stored at the curb a few days per week the chances of loose refuse being blown throughout a neighborhood are greatly decreased.



RESIDENTIAL NOISE

Garbage trucks are large, loud vehicles. These vehicles will now only travel down any given street or neighborhood one to two times per week.



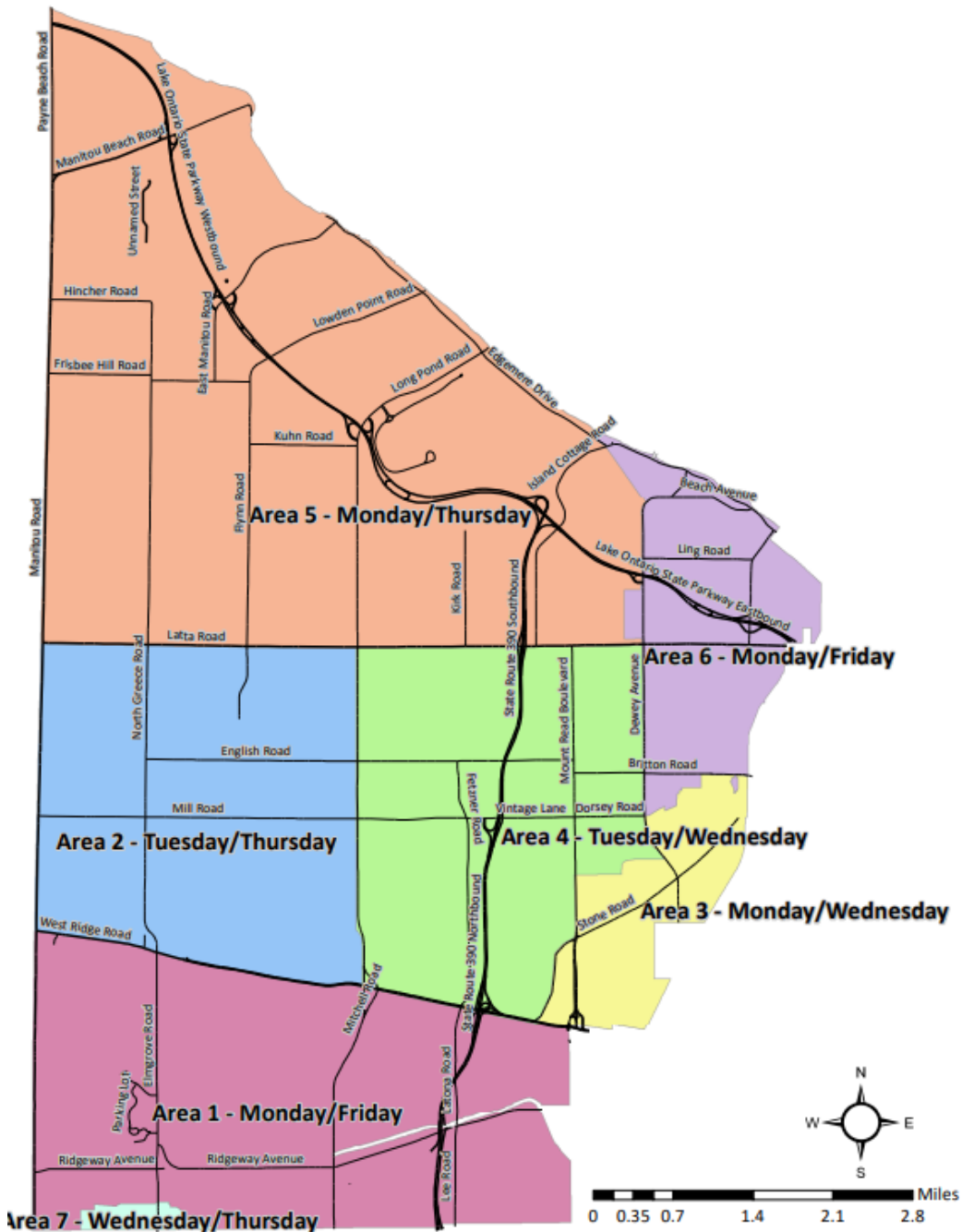
RESIDENTIAL TRAFFIC

Due to their large size garbage trucks traveling in neighborhoods and on major roadways can congest traffic while performing their work. This will now be limited throughout the town.

MUNICIPAL EXAMPLE

TOWN OF GREECE

- The Town of Greece currently administers, and has written into their town code, what they call “Residential Solid Waste Collection Areas”.
- There are a total of seven zones or “areas” each having specified days that refuse haulers are allowed to collect (see map).
- The enforcement of this is done proactively by the Commissioner of Public Works (most equivalent to our Highway Superintendent) who provides this information to the haulers when their yearly permit is issued.
- Enforced by both the DPW & Code Enforcement by observing violations of these applicable town codes and reacting accordingly.



MUNICIPAL EXAMPLE (CONT.)

Town of Greece Code Section

173-3. Residential solid waste and recycling areas of collection map.

“A. Town Board authorization. Upon recommendation from the Commissioner of Public Works, the Town Board is authorized, from time to time, by resolution, to determine and establish residential solid waste and recycling collection areas and the days of the week within which the residential solid waste and recycling collection businesses may operate within those residential solid waste and recycling collection areas. Each such area will have collection occur at a minimum of two days per week. Such resolution shall approve a map, setting forth the residential solid waste and recycling collection areas and the days of the week within which the residential solid waste and recycling collection businesses may operate within those residential solid waste and recycling collection areas”.

D. Duration of residential solid waste and recycling collection area designations. All residential solid waste and recycling areas of collection and the allowed days of the week for the collection shall remain in full force and effect unless subsequently modified by a resolution of the Town Board”.

INITIAL STEPS

- Draft applicable code ordinance(s)
- Configure proposed zone boundaries
- Present to Town Board/hold public hearing
- Revise refuse hauler permit application
- Notify refuse haulers of changes



FUTURE BENEFITS



POLLUTION REDUCTION

A switch to a refuse collection zone model with an annual equipment inspection requirement would:

- Reduce carbon emissions from truck exhaust.
- Prevent leaking of harmful fluids onto town roads which runs into town storm drains and pollutes town soil and water.

INCREASED STANDARDS

Increased regulation of refuse haulers within the Town of Webster will:

- Raise the standards for refuse collection companies.
- Provide residents with a higher level of service and reliability that they deserve from these private companies.

A photograph showing two workers in blue uniforms and safety gear loading a yellow bin onto a yellow truck. In the foreground, there are several green recycling bins, one of which has its lid open. The scene is outdoors on a paved area, possibly a recycling center or a street. The background shows trees and a bright sky.

QUESTIONS?