CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

HEARING NOTICE: The following Ordinance No. **O-072606** was introduced at a Regular Meeting of the New Brunswick City Council on **July 15, 2026** and was read for the first time. This ordinance will be further considered for final passage by the New Brunswick City Council at the New Brunswick City Hall Council Chambers located at City Hall- 78 Bayard Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey at a meeting beginning at **5:00 P.M. on August 19, 2026** or at any time and place to which such meeting may be adjourned. All persons interested will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, TITLE 8, HEALTH AND SAFETY, CHAPTER 8.40 – SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

RE: PRIVATE COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend and supplement the Revised General Ordinances of the City of New Brunswick, Title 8, Health and Safety.

Leslie R. Zeledon, Municipal Clerk

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, TITLE 8, HEALTH AND SAFETY

BE IT ORDAINED by the New Brunswick City Council, as follows:

SECTION I

Title 8, Chapter 8.40, **"Solid Waste Collection and Disposal",** is amended to **ADD** the following new section:

8.40.180 – Private Collection of Solid Waste

A. For purposes of determining whether a property User shall be required to have the waste collected privately, the City adopts the Equivalent Waste Unit or EWU. The EWU is an approximation of the waste generated per residential occupant. 1 EWU is set at 0.9 tons of waste per year. Utilizing an EWU allows for the setting of thresholds for other types of uses to require private trash collection. The maximum limit to allow for public collection shall be 20 EWUs.

B. Effective October 1, 2026, land use applications for the following Uses/Use Types shall be required to have the trash, waste, bulk, brush, recycling, etc. collection undertaken by a private waste hauling company if the approved application exceeds 20 EWUs:

Uses/Use Type	EWU Threshold Requiring Private Collection	EWU Calculation
Residential	More than 20 persons of maximum legal occupancy	1 per person
Retail	Greater than 9,852 square feet	2.03 per 1,000 square feet
Offices	Greater than 8,230 square feet	2.43 per 1,000 square feet
Grocery Stores	Greater than 3,809 square feet	5.25 per 1,000 square feet
Restaurants (including cafes and delis)	Greater than 3,809 square feet	5.25 per 1,000 square feet
Warehousing/Distribution	Greater than 9,852 square feet	2.03 per 1,000 square feet
Light Manufacturing	Greater than 3,472 square feet	5.76 per 1,000 square feet

C. Any of the above Uses/Use Types that combine to greater than 20 EWUs shall require private collection.

D. Any property user that, as of October 1, 2026, is provided collection by the City or a City Contractor may continue with public collection. The user will not be forced to move to private collection. However, should any property owner or user change the waste collection from public to private, the user will not be eligible to return to collection by the City or City Contractor.

E. Any property or property user that is currently having the waste collected by a private contractor shall not be permitted to change the waste collection by the City or a City Contractor.

F. Review of the above will occur as part of applicable land use application submissions. Any administrative submission that triggers a conversion from public collection to private

collection will be required to submit a trash and recycling plan. The plan must include how and where the waste will be stored, how the waste will be brought out for collection, and what days the private collection will occur. The Administrative Officer must find that the proposal is sufficient for the purposes of adequate trash and recycling collection. Failure to do so will result in the denial of the application.

G. Relief from the above can be granted if determined by the Director of Public Works, Division Head of Engineering, and Director of Policy and Development that it would be in the interests of the City to do so.

SECTION II

SEVERABILITY:

If any section, paragraph or provision of this Ordinance is declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such finding shall not affect the remaining provisions hereof which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION III

REPEALER:

All ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION IV

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall become effective Twenty (20) days following final adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED ON FIRST READING:
DATED: JULY 15, 2026
COUNCIL PRESIDENT MANUEL J. CASTAÑEDA

POSTED: JULY 20, 2026