

12-2036. Organized collection service establishment; procedure; delayed implementation. (a) A municipality may establish an organized collection service as a municipal service by ordinance, in the case of a city, or by resolution, in the case of other municipalities. The ordinance or resolution shall incorporate any franchise, license, or negotiated contract or contract let by bid using one or more collectors or an organization of collectors.

(b) At least 180 days before adopting such an ordinance or resolution, the governing body of the municipality shall announce its intent to consider adoption of an organized collection service, stating specific goals to be achieved, detailed justification for any franchise fees and all other reasons for considering such a service by passage of a resolution of intent. The resolution of intent shall be published once in the official newspaper of the municipality. The resolution of intent shall give notice of a public hearing to be held at least 30 days prior to consideration of the adoption of the resolution of intent on the issue and shall invite the participation of interested persons in the planning and establishing of the organized collection service, including all licensees or other persons operating solid waste or recyclables collection services in the municipality as of the date of announcement of its intent to organize collection in the municipality.

(c) During a 90-day period following the adoption of the resolution of intent, the municipality shall develop a plan for organized collection service. During this period, the municipality shall invite and employ the assistance of all licensees or other persons operating solid waste or recyclables collection services in the municipality. All licensees or other persons operating solid waste or recyclables collection services in the municipality shall be allowed to participate in all planning meetings.

(d) The municipality shall provide 30 days notice prior to the hearing on the proposed plan to all licensees or other persons operating solid waste collection or recyclables services in the municipality.

(e) The plan shall:

(1) Describe in detail the procedures used for development of the plan for organized collection service and compliance with all required notice provisions;

(2) evaluate the proposed organized collection plan in regard to the following:

(A) Achieving the stated goals;

(B) minimizing displacement and economic impact to current solid waste collectors;

(C) ensuring participation in the decision-making process of all interested parties, including all licensees or other persons operating solid waste or recyclables collection services in the municipality as of the date of the resolution of intent to organize collection in the municipality; and

(D) maximizing efficiency in solid waste collection; and

(3) provide detailed justification for any tax, franchise or similar fee.

(f) (1) A municipality may not commence organized collection service pursuant to this act for a period of at least 18 months from the adoption of an ordinance or resolution establishing such service. During the 18-month period the municipality shall not displace any person licensed to operate solid waste collection services in the municipality.

(2) If for any reason a municipality does not implement an organized collection service by passage of an ordinance or resolution within one year of the passage of a resolution of intent, the process shall be started over as provided in this section.

(g) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a municipality already providing solid waste collection services may add recycling collection services, under the following circumstances: (1) The municipality conducts a public hearing on the proposed plan to provide recycling services; (2) the municipality provides 21 days prior notice to the hearing by publication in the official newspaper of the municipality, as designated according to K.S.A. 64-101, and amendments thereto, and the Kansas register; and (3) no existing recycling collector formally opposes the new recycling collection system within 21 days of the hearing. If all three criteria are met, the municipality may immediately begin such services. If an objection is made, the municipality shall comply with the provisions of this section, including the 18-month waiting period, or may start the service once the objection is removed, whichever occurs first.

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