

**Hills Ave Condominium Association
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City of Concord
City Clerk's Office
Solid Waste Advisory Committee
41 Green St
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Committee Members,

We write regarding the Downtown Sold Waste District. There are several issues we wish to raise with the committee for consideration about the fairness of current system.

First, the frequency of disposal seems to be excessive. We are not clear as to whether the city pays by the ton or by the frequency of removal. While we understand that different collection points generate different amounts of waste, our location behind Hermano's Restaurant does not require daily removal. We would suggest looking at this situation and access whether disposal costs paid to the provider be tied to tonnage rather than frequency.

Secondly, the current system of assessment from sold waste disposal seems unequitable to our Association. The current system treats residential and commercial properties equally when, in fact, the amount of sold waste generated between these two categories vary widely As residential occupancy increases in the downtown district this is an is an issue that should be addressed. It is our suggestion that there should be a tiered rate that corresponds to property usage.

It is our suggestion that the following tiers of usage be used with a corresponding rate to apply. The suggested tiers are listed from highest to lowest usage.

1. Commercial – Food Services
2. Commercial – Office / Retail / Other
3. Residential

Within our Association, the smallest residential unit (754 SF) pays a monthly rate of \$51.12 per month (or \$00.07 per SF). To offer some perspective, should this resident use the "purple bag" method of payment for sold waste collection this would translate to 20 bags per month. Clearly, unequitable as to other taxpayers in the city who use the bag system of collection.

We request that the Solid Waste Advisory Committee take up this issue and discuss a more equitable system for removing and paying for solid waste within the District.

Sincerely,

Fred B. Keach, President
Hills Court Condominium Association

cc: Thomas Aspell
Matt Walsh