Garbage Containers

All containers must be placed within an approved garbage enclosure.

Container size must be adequate for present and future needs so as to comply with Chapter 5 of the Modesto Municipal Code.

Containers shall be kept continuously closed, free from leakage, and in compliance with Chapter 5 of the Modesto Municipal Code.

Garbage Collection Access

Containers must be reasonably accessible to collection vehicle.

Roadway width (greater than 20 foot minimum) shall be such that collection vehicle passage is assured along roadway and at corners.

Height clearances (greater than 14 foot full road width) must be adequate.

Access route must be free of obstructions (wires, structures, signs, etc.).

No obstructions shall be above container where servicing is required by a front loader.

Vertical clearance of 19 feet required to pick up any empty container.

Truck turning areas must be provided in cases where through exit is not provided so as not to have truck back out on the street.

Adequate road area shall be provided near container for efficient container servicing.

Adequate access shall be provided so that the truck is always moving in a forward position, except that there may be a short 10-foot back up area near garbage enclosure to provide room to pick up the bin in a forward position and back up to maneuver around the enclosure.

Sidewalks are not allowed to be used to move the garbage containers from the garbage enclosure to the truck for servicing.
Garbage enclosures must be of an adequate size for present and future needs so as to comply with Chapter 5 of the Modesto Municipal Code.

Garbage enclosure design must conform to the attached schematic, with the slope in front of the enclosure not to exceed 3%.

Garbage enclosures shall be located a minimum of 10 (ten) feet from other structures.

Garbage enclosures must allocate recycling space in compliance with PRC 42911 (AB2176). The recycling space allocated must be at a 1:1 ratio for each disposal need.

Garbage enclosures shall be placed in such a location to allow for the direct servicing by the collection vehicle.

Garbage enclosures must provide adequate area and surfaces to allow for container movement for effective servicing.

Garbage enclosures cannot be located within a building setback area.

Garbage enclosures shall be constructed of reinforced masonry.

Garbage enclosures shall not have wooden gates. A cyclone fence with slats is okay.

Garbage enclosure gates shall have hinges located on a separate post away from the inside face of the wall so as not to be exposed to being hit.

Garbage enclosures must provide and mark pavement indicating where holes for J-bolts are to hold gate in an open position to allow for servicing of containers.

Garbage enclosure gates cannot swing out over the public right-of-way.

Garbage enclosure roofs, if used, shall be constructed of non-combustible materials. Once a roof enclosure is utilized, full compliance with ALL Fire and Building codes will be enforced. Compliance may include fire sprinklers.

Garbage enclosure floors shall be paved with impervious materials.

Garbage enclosure floors shall be bermed to prevent the run on of storm water.

Uncovered garbage enclosures shall be graded to drain to adjacent landscape areas.

Garbage enclosures servicing restaurants or hospitals shall have hot and cold running water and be provided with an approved backflow preventer per Stanislaus County Health Department. The spigot shall be protected and therefore located at the rear of the enclosure. The floor drain must be connected to the sanitary sewer. Obtain approval from the Environmental Compliance Section at 577-6220 before connecting garbage enclosure to the sanitary sewer system.

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