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**Comments:**

The City of Charlotte does not provide individual rollout carts for garbage and recycling to multifamily properties with over 29 units. The City does provide garbage and recycling service on the City's multifamily collection contract; however, the property must provide a dumpster(s)/compactor. The multifamily collection vendor provides the recycle carts, placed at the dumpster(s)/compactor area, for properties utilizing the contract for service.

Space requirements for dumpster(s)/compactor and recycling is required to be set aside even if property owner and/or developer elects to use a private hauler for individual rollout cart service,.

**Below are the ordinances:**

- **Sec. 10-99. - Rollout container collection service.**

(a) Rollout container collection service shall be provided to single residential units and special residential units, provided such special residential units are not part of a multifamily complex containing 30 or more units. The approval of development configurations, lot lines, phase lines, or variations in forms or timing of ownership that may be approved under any provisions of the city subdivision ordinance and/or the city zoning ordinance after initial approval of development configurations, lot lines, phase lines, or variations in forms or timing of ownership, will not exempt the development or any portions of the development from the applicable provisions of this section.

- **Section 12.403. - Solid waste containers, compactors, recycling containers, solid waste and recycling handling areas, and service entrances.**

The following requirements shall apply to all solid waste containers (including dumpsters), compactors, recycling containers, solid waste and recycling handling areas and service entrances accessory to any multi-family or nonresidential use and shall be shown on submitted plans:

  
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All non-residential uses that are permitted after October 17, 2001, shall be required to set aside space for recycling and solid waste containers. Equal space shall be allocated for both recycling and solid waste containers. Space for each of these containers shall be indicated on the submitted plans even if containers are not proposed as the primary method of solid waste or recycling collection.

All multi-family complexes, which are permitted after October 17, 2001, shall be required to set aside space for recycling containers and solid waste containers used for the collection of solid waste as follows:

Space for solid waste containers—At a minimum, space for an eight (8) cubic yard container per each thirty (30) units or eight (8) cubic yard compactor per each ninety (90) units. If there are less than thirty (30) units, no space allocation is required unless solid waste container service is the primary method of collection.

Space for recycling containers shall be allocated as follows:

Required space allocation for recycling containers in multi-family units.		
Number of Units	Allocate space for:	Approximate Sq. footage required
0—29	No space required	No space required
30—80	One recycling station	144 sq. ft.
81—160	Two recycling stations	2 × 144 sq. ft. (288 sq. ft. total)
161—240	Three recycling stations	3 × 144 sq. ft. (432 sq. ft. total)
241—320	Four recycling stations	4 × 144 sq. ft. (576 sq. ft. total)
321—400	Five recycling stations	5 × 144 sq. ft. (720 sq. ft. total)
401—480	Six recycling stations	6 × 144 sq. ft. (864 sq. ft. total)
For each subsequent group of 80 units, space for one recycling station must be added.		
Each recycling station represents space for five 96-gallon carts and is approximately 144 sq. ft. Space for recycling stations may be distributed throughout the complex, however, space for each individual station must equal 144 sq. ft. with a minimum width of 34 inches and accommodate five 96-gallon carts.		

All locations for recycling containers, solid waste and recycling handling areas, solid waste containers and/or compactors and their service entrances as required under [section 12.403](#) shall be shown on site plans for their review and approval.