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Council Approves Noise Restrictions For Private Waste Haulers

Ordinance Restricts Trash Collection Activities Within 200 Feet of Residences

Private trash collection firms can no longer empty and/or compact garbage containers near residential properties between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. in the City of Milwaukee.

The ordinance, sponsored by Ald. Robert J. Bauman, was approved today by the full Common Council during a regular meeting at City Hall. Ald. Bauman said the measure is meant to allow residents the opportunity “to enjoy the peaceful use of their homes without the late-night or early morning intrusion of noisy trash collection activities.”

The ordinance exempts all city trash and recycling operations but bars private firms from trash collection activities within 200 feet of the nearest residence between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.

“I’m pleased that my colleagues agreed that even in our urban environment people shouldn’t have to put up with the ear-numbing clangs of dumpster lids and the drone of hydraulic trash compacting devices at 5:30 in the morning,” Ald. Bauman said.

The ordinance was introduced in December and approved by the Public Safety Committee on February 13.

The measure is awaiting the signature of Mayor Tom Barrett and should go into effect in about two to three weeks, Ald. Bauman said.

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