

Recycling Drop-Off Bins

[aka Donation Boxes/Stations]

BCC Public Hearing
June 5, 2012



Background

- In a letter dated February 15, 2012, and as discussed at the March 6, 2012 BCC Public Hearing and April 26, 2012 BCC Zoning Hearing, Gulfstream Goodwill has requested that the BCC consider adopting regulations that would prohibit “unattended” donation boxes/stations.
- A News Release advising the public of this Public Hearing has been posted on the PZ&B and Zoning Division web-pages.
- PZ&B identified several interested parties and notified them of this Public Hearing via mail (see letter dated May 7, 2012).
- As staff discussed with the Board on April 26, 2012, there has been proliferation of illegally placed donation boxes throughout the County.



Background: ULDC Regulations

Most Donation Boxes would be classified under ULDC Art. 4.B.1.A.104, **Recycling Drop Off Bin**. Typical requirements include but are not limited to:

- ✓ “A totally enclosed mobile structure containing no more than 4 cubic yards...”
- ✓ Zoning approval required.
- ✓ Location.
- ✓ Maintenance.
- ✓ Processing.
- ✓ Type of Materials.
- ✓ Signage.
- ✓ Number.



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Typical Examples of Recycling Drop Off Bins (aka Donation Boxes):



Typical Dimensions of a Recycling Drop-Off Bin



	H	W	D	Feet ³	Yard ³
A	6.91'	4.00'	4.08'	112.77	4.16
B	6.08'	4.81'	4.66'	136.28	5.00
C	5.66'	3.95'	4.41'	98.59	3.64

1 yd³ = 27 ft³



Background: ULDC Regulations

Larger Donation Boxes would be classified under ULDC Art. 4.B.1.A.106, Recycling Collection Station. Typical requirements include but are not limited to:

- ✓ A totally enclosed structure or mobile container, containing more than 4 cubic yards...”
- ✓ Zoning approval required.
- ✓ Type of Materials.
- ✓ Parking.



Background: ULDC Regulations

Typical Examples of Recycling Collection Stations:



Request for BCC Direction:

- 1) Enforce Code as currently adopted with minor amendments to provide clarification.
- 2) Limit Donation Boxes or stations to manned versus unmanned.
- 3) Require labeling of boxes to reflect the name of the organization, to include if for profit or not for profit.
- 4) Eliminate the use of Donation Boxes or Recycling Stations.



Request for BCC Direction:

- 1) **Enforce Code as currently adopted with minor amendments to provide clarification.**
 - PZ&B staff have identified numerous developments with illegally established Donation Boxes.
 - Several larger developments have multiple Donation Boxes.
 - Enforcement would require Zoning approval, compliance with ULDC regulations, and would limit each development to one Donation Box each.
 - Minor amendments recommended to clarify types of materials permitted to be accepted.



Request for BCC Direction:

- 2) **Limit Donation Boxes or Stations to manned versus unmanned.**
 - Requested by Gulfstream Goodwill – reasons include threat to charitable donations by for-profit businesses, cleanliness and safety, dangers during windstorm events, among others.



Request for BCC Direction:

- 3) **Require labeling of Donation Boxes to reflect the name of the organization, to include if for profit or not for profit.**
 - The ULDC currently requires signage that clearly posts the name and phone number of a responsible party.
 - Most identified Donation Boxes include the required information, as well as not-for profit status* in addition to additional information regarding purpose such as reduce impacts to landfills, environmental benefits, or charitable giving.
- * Note that it would not be feasible for PZ&B to ascertain the validity of not-for profit status or whether or not profits went to organizational salaries or to actual charitable causes.



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- Go Green for the Cause, a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity donates 95% of its net proceeds to other 501(c)(3) non-profit charities dedicated to helping those affected by cancer.
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Thank you for your support!

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this needs to change. By placing textile recycling bins in convenient locations together we can work towards our goal of diverting reusable materials from our landfills. Join us in recycling your old items, giving them a second life, and sustaining the environment. It simply makes good sense. We are a commercial recycling company dedicated to making a difference. We are not agents or partners with any other organization.

**Together we can
make a difference!**

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY
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Request for BCC Direction:

4) Eliminate the use of Donation Boxes or Recycling Stations.

- Would limit collections to facilities that provide for managed drop off – staffing.
- Note – According to the SWA, typical materials collected are defined by F.S. as “source separated” and “recovered materials” and are exempt from regulation as solid waste.
- May need to consider benefits to society due to convenience of opportunities to recycle certain goods.

