

From: Mary Jo Rossetti
To: Peter Forcellese
Subject: Rossetti agenda item
Date: Friday, May 08, 2015 3:18:16 PM

To be attached to my 4th agenda item please.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: David Crosbie <david@crosbie.com>
Date: May 7, 2015 at 10:19:56 AM EDT
To: Mary Jo Rossetti <aldermanrossetti@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Recycling Furniture

Thank you Mark Jo.

I think the current ad-hoc system works well, especially around the summer when there is a large turnover of young professionals, and I am not aware of anyone getting upset when it is clearly usable furniture in good condition.

If the city has changed its policy then can we discuss a new policy please?

For example, Cambridge has this on its DPW website:

<http://www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks/OurServices/RecyclingandTrash/CurbSideCollections/GetRidofitRight/FurnitureandHouseholdGoods/FurnitureandHouseholdItems.aspx>

As Cambridge DPW says:

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- The city trash crews will pick up ONE piece of furniture per week. Remember, it's heading to the landfill or incinerator if you choose this route, so, if it's usable and is in good condition, please see what you can do to arrange a rescue! If it's a ripped, torn, stained, about-to-fall-apart mess...unfortunately it probably is trash!

Cheers

David

On Thu, May 7, 2015 at 10:04 AM, Mary Jo Rossetti <aldermanrossetti@gmail.com> wrote:
Still investigating this policy. Haven't forgotten.
Thanks for your patience
Mary Jo

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On May 5, 2015, at 11:46 AM, David Crosbie <david@crosbie.com> wrote:

Dear Mary Jo

Now if you leave furniture out with a free sign - even if it is only for a very short period of time you get fined.

When i spoke to the ticket issuer he said that his instructions are to ticket EVERYTHING.

I left out a solid wood chest of draws for a day (that was almost new) and got a ticket.

You can see from the attached photo there is a very obvious free label.

The irony is that I took it in to my garage (where it is still sitting - waiting for big brother, big sister) the night before trash collection because I did not want it to get damaged.

So now I know not to try and recycle. If this is the new approach in Somerville I want to go and and tell everyone that the old recycle days are gone in as public a manner as I can.

Cheers

David

On Tue, May 5, 2015 at 11:07 AM, Mary Jo Rossetti <aldermanrossetti@gmail.com> wrote:

Mr Crosbie,
I'm not aware of any specific or unusual activities that would discourage the practice.
With that said, we want to make sure that we avoid creating access (ADA), litter and blight issues. What may happen is if items linger on the sidewalk for an extended period of time, 311 may get a complaint about abandoned furniture that the city would have to act on. Otherwise, the city's trash and recycling hauler will pick up those items on their assigned pick up days.

Please let me know if you have observed otherwise.

Thank you for the communication.

Mary Jo
Mary Jo Rossetti
Alderman-At-Large

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> On May 4, 2015, at 9:27 AM, David Crosbie <david@crosbie.com> wrote:

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> Dear Alderman Rossetti

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> It has always been my understanding that Somerville wants to be a Green City, so I am dismayed to see that the city is now activity discouraging the traditional practice of leaving out unneeded furniture with a "Free" sign.

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> In the 20 years I have lived in Somerville this has been the standard way of handing on furniture, and reducing the amount of Landfill that Somerville produces.

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> As you know the city picks up old furniture for free and pays to dispose of it.

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> What is your position on this matter?

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> Sincerely

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> David Crosbie
> 110 Highland Road
> Somerville

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