

Talking Points Statement For The Feb.5th Special Meeting Regarding The Trash Ordinance

As I previously stated at the Dec. special meeting and our January commissioners public meeting, I continue to be concerned about the 80 plus percent of home owners that are part time residents not being able to comply with the revised Trash Ordinance, and as a result of not being able to comply potentially receiving a civil fine.

Trash containers being left at street side after trash collection days is not a new concern for the home owners of Holden Beach. A number of years ago this was apparently identified as a concern that was recognized as an issue on Ocean Boulevard, and the solution to resolve the visibility of containers from being left out for weeks at a time, along with other concerns to include safety was addressed. The town resolved this issue by organizing a container roll back service to home owners on Ocean Boulevard **only**, with the expense for this service provided by the town.

Over the years there have been many new homes built; along with new construction underway throughout the island.

If we were concerned a number of years ago regarding the negative appearance and potential safety concerns pertaining to trash cans being left out at street side **after** a trash collection day, I am recommending we focus on implementing the same rollback process rational that was implemented for home owners on Ocean Boulevard throughout the island. This will help to address the 80 plus percent of home owners that currently have a problem in complying with the revised Trash Ordinance.

Roll Back of Trash and Recycling Containers : Empty containers will be rolled back to the street side of the home, **under the home** or to a corral if available.

I also completely understand that this suggestion will not totally resolve all of the issues. There will still be times when an individual home does not roll their container to street side in time for trash collection. In that particular case I recommend the container remain at the street, and not rolled back to the home. After the next trash collection day, or rental agency involvement that container **will be rolled back to the street side of the home, under the home or to a corral if available.**

There will also be times that a part time home owner frequents their home and will need to roll their trash container street side for collection that might be a number of days before the actual collection day. To accommodate these individual needs, **eliminate** the 48 hour street side requirement before the designated collection day.

With the implementation of island wide roll back of containers after the collection day the majority of containers will be removed from street side and help to resolve the visibility, **environmental** and safety issues.

Roll Out of Trash and Recycling Containers : Based on numerous potential liability unknowns and other logistical issues, I recommend a Roll Back island wide program only.

50.99 Penalty

The issue of Penalties in the Ordinance should also be revised to be consistent with the wording currently outlined in 50.06 . (**The penalty / fine for early Roll Out is eliminated**) **Property owners who are found in violation of this ordinance may receive written notice from the town that they are in violation of the ordinance . Those so affected will be asked to correct the situation so they come into compliance with the code or receive a civil fine of \$50 per day per offense.**