

5/25/18

ORDINANCE NO. 30879

An ordinance amending Chapter 18, "Municipal Solid Wastes," of the Dallas City Code, by amending Sections 18-2 and 18-12.1; adding Section 18-5.1; adding Article IV-a; clarifying and adding definitions; providing regulations for owners of multifamily sites regarding collection and removal of recyclable materials from multifamily sites; adding a new article regarding multifamily site recycling collection and removal services; providing permit and reporting requirements for multifamily site recycling collection service businesses; provide guidelines regarding inspections of vehicles of multifamily site recycling collection service businesses and provisions regarding suspensions and revocations of recycling permits; providing a penalty not to exceed \$500; providing a saving clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the city seeks to increase residents' access to recycling services because recycling reduces solid waste accumulations that are harmful to human health and the environment;

WHEREAS, recyclable materials are taking up valuable space at the city's landfill when they could more beneficially be processed at recycling facilities;

WHEREAS, the city has passed a zero-waste plan and the regulations in this ordinance are consistent with the plan and will further the goals of the plan; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That Section 18-2, "Definitions," of Article I, "Collection and Disposal," of Chapter 18, "Municipal Solid Wastes," of the Dallas City Code, is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 18-2 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following words and phrases have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

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(1) ALLEY. Any public way, generally of less width than a street, used for public utility purposes and right-of-way and as an alternate secondary or emergency route for vehicular and pedestrian traffic, generally situated at the rear of or alongside a tier of lots.

(2) ~~[APARTMENT. Apartment as defined by the building code.~~

~~(3)]~~ APARTMENT HOUSE. Apartment house as defined by the building code.

~~(3[4])~~ BRUSH. Cuttings or trimmings, individual pieces not exceeding six inches in diameter, from trees, shrubs, or lawns and similar materials, further categorized as:

(A) OVERSIZE BRUSH. Brush of lengths exceeding five feet.

(B) SIZED BRUSH. Brush of lengths not exceeding five feet.

(C) BUNDLED BRUSH. Sized brush tied in bundles, not exceeding 50 pounds in weight.

(D) CONTAINERIZED BRUSH. Sized brush in containers not exceeding a combined weight of 50 pounds.

~~(4[5])~~ BUILDING. A structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy.

~~(5[6])~~ BUILDING CODE. The Dallas Building Code, as amended.

~~(6[7])~~ CITY. The city of Dallas, Texas.

~~(7[8])~~ CODE. The Dallas City Code, as amended.

~~(8[9])~~ COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT. Any structure intended or used for the purpose of conducting a commercial business enterprise.

~~(9[10])~~ CONTAINER. A receptacle for the deposit of solid waste, including garbage and recyclable materials (meeting the requirements of Section 18-3 for containers).

~~(10[11])~~ DESIGNATED ALLEY. An alley that is not paved to city standard with concrete or asphalt, that has a right-of-way less than 12 feet in width, that deadends, that serves a dual use as a lined drainage channel, or that involves other unusual conditions and which has been designated by the director of sanitation.

~~[(12) Reserved.]~~

~~(11[13])~~ DIRECTOR OF SANITATION. The head of the department of sanitation services of the city or any authorized representative.

(12[14]) DOWNTOWN AREA. The area within the Dallas city limits bounded by the west line of Houston Street, the south line of all properties on the south side of Young Street, the east line of Pearl Street, and the south line of Gaston-Pacific extension.

(13[15]) DRIVE-IN SERVICE. Service involving city sanitation service employees driving in on private property to collect garbage or recyclable materials.

(14[16]) DRY SOLID WASTE. Trash (or rubbish), as defined in this section.

(15[17]) DUPLEX. A structure intended for the use and occupancy as two family dwelling units.

(16[18]) DWELLING UNIT. Dwelling unit has the meaning assigned in Section 51A-2.102 of the Dallas Development Code, as amended [~~as defined by the building code~~].

(17[19]) FOOD ESTABLISHMENT. Cafe, restaurant, or other similar establishment serving food or food products, including quick service drive-ins where food is prepared or served.

(18[20]) GARBAGE. Solid waste consisting of putrescible animal and vegetable waste materials resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking, and consumption of food, including waste materials from markets, storage facilities, handling and sale of produce, and other food products.

(19[21]) ILLEGALLY DUMPED SOLID WASTE. Any solid waste placed on property with or without the consent of the owner or person in control.

(20[22]) INDUSTRIAL SOLID WASTE. Solid waste resulting from or incidental to any process of industry or manufacturing, or mining or agricultural operations.

(21[23]) INSTITUTION OR INSTITUTIONAL. Any church, church building, or structure housing any charitable or philanthropic [~~or eleemosynary~~] undertaking, or any school.

(22[24]) MANAGER. The person in charge of real estate used for apartment, institutional, or commercial purposes.

(23[25]) MANUAL COLLECTION. The service rendered in collecting municipal solid waste, including recyclable materials, in bags or from containers where sanitation workers pick up the bags and containers manually instead of by mechanical means.

(24[26]) MOBILE HOME PARK. Six or more mobile home type dwelling units or mobile home parking spaces that are:

- (A) all located on one lot under single ownership; and
- (B) only accessible by a private road.

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(25[27]) MULCH. Cutting grass, weeds, and similar vegetation into fine particles.

(26) MULTIFAMILY SITE RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE. The business of removing recyclable material, for processing, from a multifamily site for compliance with Section 18-5.1 of this code.

(27) MULTIFAMILY SITE. Multifamily site means eight or more dwelling units on a lot.

(28) MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE. Solid waste resulting from or incidental to municipal, community, commercial, and recreational activities, including garbage, trash (or rubbish), ashes, street cleanings, dead animals, and all other solid waste other than industrial solid waste.

(29) OCCUPANT. A person living on premises or in control of premises.

(30) OWNER. A person or the person's agent, including a condominium or homeowner's association, jointly or severally, with an ownership interest in a commercial establishment, multifamily site, residence, or duplex[The record title holder of real property].

(31) PACKOUT SERVICE. Service involving city sanitation service employees walking in on private property or walking in to a point that is not immediately adjacent to a location reasonably accessible to the standard city garbage or recycling truck by route of a public right-of-way to collect garbage or recyclable materials.

(32) PARKWAY. The area ordinarily intervening between the curb line of a street and the adjacent property line, or the sidewalk if a sidewalk exists.

(33) PERMITTEE. Any person licensed by the city of Dallas to contract to collect, remove, or dispose of solid waste.

(34) PERSON. Any individual, corporation, organization, partnership, association, or any other legal entity.

(35) PROPERTY LINE. The peripheral boundary of real estate.

(36) PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT. A right- of-way used or dedicated to be used by any public utility, including but not limited to services such as electricity, telephone, gas, solid waste collection, water, sewer, and drainage.

(37) PUBLIC WAY. Any street, alley, easement, or other right-of-way.

(38) RECYCLING. The process of collecting, sorting, cleansing, treating, and reconstituting recyclable materials for the purpose of using the altered form in the manufacture of a new product.

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(39) RECYCLABLE MATERIAL. Any material or product designated in writing by the director of sanitation as being suitable for re-use and/or recycling.

(40) RESIDENCE. A structure intended for use and occupancy as a one family dwelling unit, including a mobile type dwelling unit that is not part of a mobile home park.

(41) ROLL CART. A plastic receptacle, which is furnished by the city for the collection of residential refuse and recyclable materials, that:

- (A) has two wheels and a lid;
- (B) is designed to be lifted and emptied mechanically;
- (C) is too large for handling by manual means; and
- (D) is from 48 to 96 gallons.

(42) ROLL CART SERVICE. The service rendered in collecting municipal solid waste, including recyclable materials, by mechanical means from rollcart containers furnished by the city.

(43) SANITARY LANDFILL. A method of disposing of municipal solid waste on land without creating a nuisance or hazard to public health or safety by utilizing the principles of engineering to confine the solid waste to the smallest practical area, to reduce it to the smallest practical volume, and to cover it with a layer of earth at appropriate periodic intervals.

(44) SANITATION SERVICES. The department of the city that is responsible for the operation of the city's solid waste collection and disposal utility, including, but not limited to, the collection, removal, disposal, and processing of municipal solid waste (including recyclable materials).

(45) STREET. Any public roadway for the passage of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

(46) TRASH (OR RUBBISH). Municipal solid wastes other than garbage and further categorized as:

(A) BULKY TRASH. Furniture, appliances, tree trunks, and other similar objects too large for routine placement in normal compaction-type collection vehicles.

(B) YARD TRASH. Leaves, grass, twigs, and other similar objects.

(C) HOUSEHOLD TRASH. Paper, wood, glass, metal, cans, rags, cartons, rubber, plastic, and other similar materials.

(D) CONTAINERIZED TRASH. Household or yard trash in containers not exceeding a combined weight of 50 pounds.

(47) UNPAVED ALLEY. Any alley not paved with concrete or asphalt.

(48) VEGETATION. Any plant growth.

(49) VEHICLES. Every wheeled conveyance or any other device in, or by which any property may be transported or drawn upon a public street or highway, including devices used exclusively on stationary rails or tracks.

(50) WALKWAY. Any area, paved or unpaved, normally used as a pedestrian right-of-way.

(51) WET SOLID WASTE. Any putrescible animal or vegetable waste materials, other than waterborne waste material, resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking, or consumption of food, including waste material from markets, storage facilities, or the handling or sale of produce or other food products.”

SECTION 2. That Article I, “Collection and Disposal,” of Chapter 18, “Municipal Solid Wastes,” of the Dallas City Code, is amended by adding a new Section 18-5.1, “Collection and Removal of Recyclable Materials from Multifamily Sites,” to read as follows:

“SEC. 18-5.1 COLLECTION AND REMOVAL OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS FROM MULTIFAMILY SITES.

(a) General regulations. The owner of a multifamily site shall:

(1) provide single stream, dual stream, or valet recycling through persons holding a multifamily site recycling collection service permit pursuant to Article IV-a of this chapter.

(2) provide recycling container(s) through persons holding a multifamily site recycling collection service permit pursuant to Article IV-a of this chapter.

(3) provide and place recycling containers in locations within visibility of waste containers. If valet trash service is provided, the recycling service should be of a similar nature. If trash chute rooms or trash rooms are utilized, then the recycling service should be of a similar nature or should be as convenient for the tenant, such as placing a recycling container adjacent to the trash chute, if there is adequate space.

(4) provide information (e.g. posters, signs) in suitable common areas, such as mail rooms and laundry facilities, that discusses how to recycle at the property, including information on the types of recyclable materials that are acceptable using photos or images, the chasing arrows recycling symbol, locations of recycling containers, and onsite contact information to report overflowing recycling containers and contamination. If the property utilizes valet

recycling collection services, then only information regarding how to recycle and materials accepted is required.

(5) educate each tenant on recycling program implementation upon lease commencement and biannually thereafter of the following:

(A) the multifamily site provides access to recycling in accordance with Chapter 18 of the Dallas City Code;

(B) location of recycling containers;

(C) types of recycling materials accepted;

(D) information related to proper recycling practices, including that cardboard boxes should be broken down before placed in recycling containers;

(E) onsite contact information to report overflowing recycling containers and contamination; and

(F) information on how to report waste or recycling problems to the City of Dallas, utilizing 3-1-1, the 311 app or submitting an online service request.

(6) inform each tenant within 30 days of any significant change in recycling services to the multifamily site.

(7) for multifamily sites offering back-of-house and valet recycling, provide biannual training (or within 30 days of new employee start date) to those collecting recyclable materials of the following:

(A) types of clean and empty materials accepted in recycling containers;

(B) instruction to break down cardboard boxes before depositing into recycling containers serviced by a permitted multifamily site recycling collection service business;

(C) for multifamily sites providing valet recycling, instruction to empty plastic bags before depositing contents into recycling containers serviced by permitted multifamily site recycling collection service businesses and instruction to place plastic bags into waste or garbage containers to be landfilled;

(E) location of recycling containers; and

(F) onsite contact information for reporting overflowing recycling containers and contamination.

(8) submit an annual recycling plan to the director of sanitation as set forth in Subsection (g) of this section, along with an affidavit of compliance as part of the owner's annual multi-tenant registration or on a form approved by the director of sanitation.

(b) Recyclable materials for collection. The owner of a multifamily site must provide collection for recyclable materials that are consistent with those materials accepted by the city's residential recycling program, unless otherwise exempted by the director of sanitation.

(c) Recycling collection and capacity. The owner of a multifamily site must provide recycling container collection capacity equal to or greater than 11 gallons per unit, per week.

(d) Recycling containers. A recycling container must:

(1) be a roll cart, bin, wheelie bin, dumpster, or compactor. Wheelie bins, dumpsters, and compactors larger than two yards may have restricted access to prevent gross contamination; and

(2) comply with screening and other applicable regulations in the Dallas Development Code, as amended.

(e) Parking reduction. Minimum parking required for a multifamily site may be reduced in order to provide adequate space for recycling containers.

(f) Implementation.

(1) An owner of a multifamily site shall implement a multifamily site recycling program by January 1, 2020.

(2) An owner of a multifamily site applying for a certificate of occupancy after January 1, 2020, shall immediately comply with this section upon issuance of the property's certificate of occupancy and submit a recycling plan with their initial multi-tenant registration application.

(g) Recycling plans.

(1) The owner of a multifamily site shall submit a recycling plan each year, as part of their annual multi-tenant registration application, to the city. Initial recycling plans must be submitted upon the first annual multi-tenant registration after January 1, 2020. Electronic or hard copy of the recycling plan information should be available for inspection on site after January 1, 2020. The recycling plan must include the following information:

(A) name of permitted multifamily site recycling collection service business utilized;

(B) types of materials recycled;

(C) type, size, location(s), and frequency of recycling container(s) collection;

(D) a site map of the property showing current garbage and recycling locations, unless valet recycling service is provided and no community recycling containers are available;

(E) notation of any changes to the multifamily site recycling program in the previous calendar year, including but not limited to changes of the following: multifamily site recycling collection service business utilized or method of collection, if applicable; and

(F) any other information that the director of sanitation deems necessary, and is reasonable, to verify compliance with this ordinance or to enhance program reporting capabilities and other information.

(2) The owner of a multifamily site shall maintain records and examples of materials relevant to meeting the requirements of Section 18-5.1(a)(5) and make records available if requested by the city manager's designee, or that designee's authorized representative during an on-site inspection.

(3) The director of sanitation may reject a recycling plan if it does not contain the information specified in this section or meet the minimum requirements as defined in this section. The owner of a multifamily site shall submit a revised plan no later than 30 days from notification of the director of sanitation's determination to reject the plan.

(h) Inspection. For any multifamily site, the city manager's designee, or that designee's authorized representative, may conduct an inspection for compliance with this section and verify the site's provision of access to recycling services at any time or when an inspection under Section 27-42, of Chapter 27 of the Dallas City Code, as amended, is conducted, even if the multifamily site is not a rental property, as defined in Chapter 27 of the Dallas City Code, as amended.

(i) Exemptions and Implementation Extension.

(1) Section 18-5.1(a)(8) does not apply to multifamily sites that have a current contract with the City of Dallas to receive recycling collection services from the city.

(2) The owner of a multifamily site may submit to the director of sanitation, within 90 days of required recycling program implementation, a written request for an implementation extension and/or exemption from all or specifics provisions of the regulations of this section because of the owner's inability to comply. The director of sanitation will conduct a thorough evaluation on whether the owner demonstrated an inability to comply with the ordinance. The owner will receive a determination by the director of sanitation in writing within 60 days. The director of sanitation's decision will be final."

SECTION 3. That Subsection (c) of Section 18-12.1, "Penalties for Violation," of Article IV, "Collection and Disposal," of Chapter 18, "Municipal Solid Wastes," of the Dallas City Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(c) An offense under section 18-4(c)(1) is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 or less than \$50. An offense under Section 18-4(e)(2) is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 or less than \$150. An offense under Section 18-5.1(a)(1) is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 or less than \$150. Each day's violation shall constitute a separate offense and will be subject to the fines established in this section."

SECTION 4. That Chapter 18, "Municipal Solid Wastes," of the Dallas City Code, is amended by adding a new Article IV-a, "Private Recycling Collection and Removal Services," to read as follows:

"ARTICLE IV-a.

MULTIFAMILY SITE RECYCLING COLLECTION AND REMOVAL SERVICES.

SEC. 18-52. DIRECTOR OF SANITATION'S AUTHORITY.

(a) The director of sanitation shall implement and enforce this article and may, by written order, promulgate rules or regulations consistent with this article and other applicable laws, as the director of sanitation determines are necessary to discharge any duty under this article or to achieve a purpose outlined in the scope of this chapter.

(b) The city manager's designee, or that designee's authorized representative may impound any vehicle or container used for the collection and removal of recyclable materials if its contents become foul, offensive, or otherwise hazardous to the public health or safety or if it is being used in violation of this chapter. A vehicle or container impounded under this subsection may not be moved without the consent of the city manager's designee, or that designee's authorized representative and may not be returned to service until the contents are properly disposed of and the vehicle or container is cleaned and brought into compliance with this chapter.

SEC. 18-53. MULTIFAMILY SITE RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE.

(a) Multifamily site recycling collection service permit.

(1) Recycling collection service permit required. A person who is in the business of collecting or removing recyclable materials from a multifamily site shall obtain a multifamily site recycling collection service permit from the city. A permit is not required for a business such as a building contracting, home repair, landscaping, roofing, or other similar business that incidentally collects or removes recyclable materials in performance of their service.

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(2) Permit application requirements. To obtain a multifamily site recycling collection service permit, a person shall submit an application, on a form or in a manner approved by the director of sanitation, and shall include the following information:

- (A) the person's name, address, and notarized signature;
- (B) the person's form of business, and if, applicable, the documents establishing the form of business, including a list of directors and officers and their contact information;
- (C) a description of any past business experience in providing recycling collection and removal services as well as information related to revocation or suspension by the city, or by any other governmental entity, of a recycling permit, solid waste collection license, franchise, or similar authorization held by the applicant;
- (D) the number and description of vehicles to be used for recycling collection and removal services, including year, make, model, vehicle identification number, and state license registration number for each vehicle;
- (E) documentary evidence from an insurance company that the person or company has liability insurance and a commercial fleet policy;
- (F) documentation that applicant is registered and authorized to do business in the state of Texas;
- (G) documentary evidence, if requested, of payment of ad valorem taxes owed on the real and personal property to be used in connection with the operation of the proposed recycling collection service if the business establishment is located in the City of Dallas; and
- (H) any other information that the director of sanitation deems necessary and is reasonable in determining if the person is qualified to provide recycling collection and removal services at a multifamily site in compliance with this code.

(3) Fees and annual renewal. The fee for an initial multifamily site recycling collection service permit is \$275 and is non-refundable. The recycling permit must be renewed every twelve months for a fee of \$100 and is non-refundable.

(b) Recycling containers. A multifamily site recycling collection service business shall provide color coded recycling containers to its customers. The recycling containers must display the following affixed signage:

- (1) photo or images of recyclable materials accepted, minimum size of 18" x 12", must be on the front of the container, along with information or a graphic indicating that cardboard boxes should be broken down and "No Plastic Bags";

(2) the word "RECYCLING ONLY", with minimum letter size of 12 inches, and chasing arrows symbol in prominent lettering and clearly labeled on the front recycling container; and

(3) contact information to report overflowing recycling containers and contamination.

(c) Recycling facilities. A multifamily site recycling collection service business shall transport collected recyclable materials to a recycling facility authorized to operate in the State of Texas.

(d) Reporting. A multifamily site recycling collection service business shall submit an annual report to the director of sanitation by February 1 of each year, beginning on February 1, 2021, on a form provided by the director of sanitation, and shall include the following information:

(A) multifamily site recycling collection service business's contact information;

(B) tonnage of recyclable materials collected from multifamily sites in the city of Dallas in the prior calendar year. If collection routes require comingling of material collected outside the city, tonnage should be reported on a total basis and an appropriately prorated percentage to estimate Dallas tons;

(C) for the prior fiscal year, on average, the total number of units served and total weekly recycling capacity for multifamily sites in Dallas;

(D) name and location of materials recovery facilities or other recycling processing facility utilized in the prior calendar year;

(E) load reject rate used in the prior calendar year, as reported by materials recovery or recycling processing facilities;

(F) residue percentage rate used in the prior calendar year, as reported by materials recovery facilities or recycling processing facilities;

(G) documentary evidence, if requested, of payment of ad valorem taxes owed on the real and personal property to be used in connection with the operation of the proposed multifamily site recycling collection service if the business establishment is located within the city; and

(H) any other information that may be reasonably requested by the director of sanitation regarding the recycling collection services.

(e) Customer education. A multifamily site recycling collection service business shall educate and inform each customer upon contracting and annually thereafter of the following:

- (1) that the multifamily site recycling collection service business provides recycling collection services in accordance with Chapter 18 of the Dallas City Code;
- (2) types and capacity of recycling containers that may be utilized;
- (3) types of recyclable materials accepted to transport to a materials recovery facility;
- (4) disclosure of additional fees assessed to multifamily sites that exceed the multifamily site recycling collection service business's allowable contamination rate;
- (5) instruction on reducing contamination of recyclable materials; and
- (6) the multifamily site recycling collection service business's information to request an audit of recyclables collected from a multifamily site.

SEC. 18-54. INSPECTIONS, SUSPENSIONS, REVOCATIONS, AND PENALTIES.

(a) Inspections, suspensions, and revocations. A multifamily site recycling collection service business's vehicles are subject to inspections in a manner approved by the director of sanitation. If a multifamily site recycling collection service business has three violations of this chapter, then the director of sanitation may suspend or revoke the recycling permit until such time that the director of sanitation determines the business is in compliance with this chapter.

(b) Penalties. A person who violates a provision of this article, or who fails to perform a duty required of him under this article, commits an offense. A person is guilty of a separate offense for each day or part of a day during which a violation is committed, continued, or permitted. An offense under this article is punishable by a fine not more than \$500 or less than \$150.

~~[SECS. 18-52 THRU 18-54. ——— RESERVED]~~"

SECTION 5. That, unless specifically provided otherwise by this ordinance or by state law, a person violating a provision of this ordinance is, upon conviction, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

SECTION 6. That Chapter 18 of the Dallas City Code shall remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this ordinance.

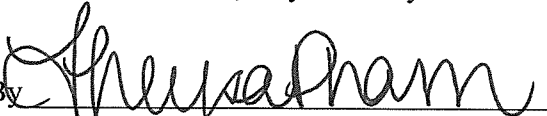
SECTION 7. That any act done or right vested or accrued, or any proceeding, suit, or prosecution had or commenced in any action before the amendment or repeal of any ordinance, or part thereof, shall not be affected or impaired by amendment or repeal of any ordinance, or part thereof, and shall be treated as still remaining in full force and effect for all intents and purposes as if the amended or repealed ordinance, or part thereof, had remained in force.

SECTION 8. That the terms and provisions of this ordinance are severable and are governed by Section 1-4 of Chapter 1 of the Dallas City Code, as amended.

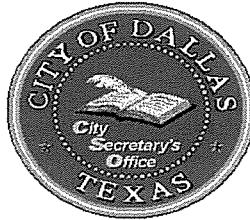
SECTION 9. That this ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2019, and it is accordingly so ordained.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LARRY E. CASTO, City Attorney

By 
Assistant City Attorney

Passed JUN 13 2018



PROOF OF PUBLICATION – LEGAL ADVERTISING

The legal advertisement required for the noted ordinance was published in the Dallas Morning News, the official newspaper of the city, as required by law, and the Dallas City Charter, Chapter XVIII, Section 7.

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ATTESTED BY: