

## ATTACHMENT A FINDINGS

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The Code requires that prior to the approval of a Zoning Code Amendment, the following findings must be made:

1. *The proposed amendment is in conformance with the goals, policies, and objectives of the General Plan* in that well regulated small and large collection recycling facilities are consistent with Land Use Element Objective 18 (Improved Environment) which states that the City will improve the quality of the environment for Pasadena and the region as a matter of public policy. The proposed zoning code amendment would empower the City to better regulate the establishment and operation of recycling facilities. Furthermore, the proposed zoning code amendment would promote environmental stewardship and urban sustainability in accordance with the City Council's endorsement of the "2005 United Nations Green Cities Declaration and Urban Environmental Accords," the City's adopted environmental charter, and such other related environmental policies as adopted by the city council by permitting recycling facilities to operate in a cleaner, more neighborhood friendly manner.
  
2. *The proposed amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or general welfare of the City* in that the proposed zoning code amendment brings uniformity to the entitlement process for small and large collection recycling facilities. The proposed amendment requires a public hearing during the review process to establish such facilities in the City. Furthermore, the mailing radius is expanded to include additional stake holders in the entitlement process for such facilities. The proposed zoning code amendment is consistent with Land Use Element Objective 26 (Information) by ensuring that clear, understandable information to encourage more citizen involvement in the recycling center entitlement process is presented to the Pasadena community.

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**PMC 17.50.220 (RECYCLING CENTERS)**

**A. Small collection facilities.**

1. **Applicable facilities.** The facility shall only be established in conjunction with a commercial, community, or public facility.
2. **Permit requirements.** The location and type of the facility on the site shall be subject to the approval of a Minor Conditional Use Permit issued in compliance with Section 17.61.050.
3. **Location.** The facility shall be located on a site that is a minimum of two acres.
  - a. As close as possible to the main structure they are intended to serve; and
  - b. At least 150 feet from the nearest residential use.
4. **Limitation on number.** There shall be no more than one facility for each site.
5. **Size of facility.** The maximum height of the bins, boxes, and/or containers shall be reviewed through the Minor Conditional Use Permit process.
6. **Materials of construction.** The facility shall be constructed and maintained with durable waterproof and rustproof material, and the bins, boxes, or containers shall be covered and contained in such a manner that they do not present a danger to the public health, safety or welfare.
7. **Site maintenance.** The site shall be kept clean and maintained in a litter-free condition at all times.
8. **Identification of allowed materials.** The facility shall be clearly marked to identify the type of materials to be deposited.
9. **Signs.** Signs shall be reviewed during the Minor Conditional Use Permit process and shall comply with Chapter 17.48 (signs).

**B. Large collection facilities.**

1. **Permit requirements.** The location and type of the facility on the site shall be subject to the approval of a Conditional Use Permit issued in compliance with Section 17.61.050.
2. **Location.** The facility shall be located:
  - a. Within an enclosed structure; and
  - b. At least 100 feet from the nearest residential use.
3. **Storage requirements.**
  - a. All storage of material shall be in sturdy containers or enclosures with tightfitting covers, which are secured and maintained in good condition, or shall be baled or pelletized.
  - b. The depositing of materials on the ground is prohibited.
  - c. Storage containers for flammable material shall be constructed of nonflammable material.

d. Oil storage shall be in containers approved by the Fire and Health Departments.

4. **Performance standards.** The facility shall comply with the environmental performance standards of Section 17.40.090.
5. **Identification and signs.** The facility shall be clearly marked with the name and phone number of the facility operator and the hours of operation. Identification and information signs shall meet the sign standards for the zoning district in which the facility is located.
6. **Allowable materials.** Recyclable materials shall be presorted and shall include no hazardous materials.
7. **Hours of operation.** The hours of operation shall be limited to 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
8. **Maintenance.** The site shall be maintained free of litter and any other unsanitary materials and shall be cleaned of debris on a daily basis. The facility shall be maintained free from rodents at all times.