

City of Owosso Trash Service:

History, challenges, possibilities...

Current Solid Waste Collection Ordinance

- The city's current refuse collection ordinance was passed in 1997.
- While hiring a trash hauler is not mandated in the city ordinance, residents must not allow trash to accumulate and it must be stored in an appropriate receptacle to await transport.
- Trash collection is allowed to happen on Tuesdays south of M-21 and Thursdays north of M-21.
- There are at least 6 garbage haulers operating twice per week in the city year round.
 - Premier
 - Waste Management
 - Republic
 - Kelly's
 - Specialty Salvage
 - Granger

Owner's duty as to refuse (Sec. 34-43)

- to provide approved refuse receptacles
- to cause to be placed therein refuse or other waste material created or accumulated on the premises owned or controlled by them
- to provide for the collection or disposal of such refuse or waste material on such regular basis as is necessary to avoid the creation of a public nuisance.
- All rates and charges for the use of garbage or refuse service shall be determined by contractual agreement between the citizen using the garbage and rubbish collection service
- It shall be unlawful for any person to place containers for garbage in front of a residence or structure closer than thirty (30) feet back from the lot line at the street.

Accumulation and Storage of Refuse (Sec. 34-48)

- Any refuse stored outside of a building shall be stored in approved receptacles. Refuse shall be disposed of only to a refuse collector, except that any person may dispose of his or her own refuse as follows:
 - By an approved incinerator or approved garbage grinder located within a building.
 - By transporting the same to a solid waste transfer facility or state-licensed landfill
 - Where such refuse consists of putrescible solid waste, by composting in such a manner as to minimize the creation of objectionable odors and the attraction of animals.
- By outside incineration where such refuse consists wholly of material which will burn readily without objectionable odor.
- No person shall burn any rubbish, except leaves, within thirty (30) feet of any street line.
- On any premises where any building or structure exists, no rubbish, except leaves, shall be burned.

Residential Refuse Collection (Sec. 34-49)

- The type of service to be desired by the resident may be either back or side door pick-up or curb side pick-up.
- If curb side pick-up is selected by the resident, refuse is to be placed inside the curb
- shall be placed inside the curb for pick-up on the morning no earlier than 4:00 p.m. the day before the day of collection
- Any containers belonging to the resident that are left at the curb after collection of refuse are to be removed before 12:00 midnight of the day of collection
- Materials left at the curb for pick-up must be in city-approved containers.
- The responsibility of compliance with the provisions of this section shall be with the property owner or person placing refuse at the curb. Any violator of these provisions will be immediately ticketed by the City.
- Collection shall be conducted on the following prescribed routes and schedules and no collection shall be allowed on any dates other than those set forth as follows
 - Tuesday—South of M-21
 - Thursday—North of M-21
- Collection shall begin no earlier than 7:00 a.m. and finish no later than 6:00 p.m. on the day of collection.

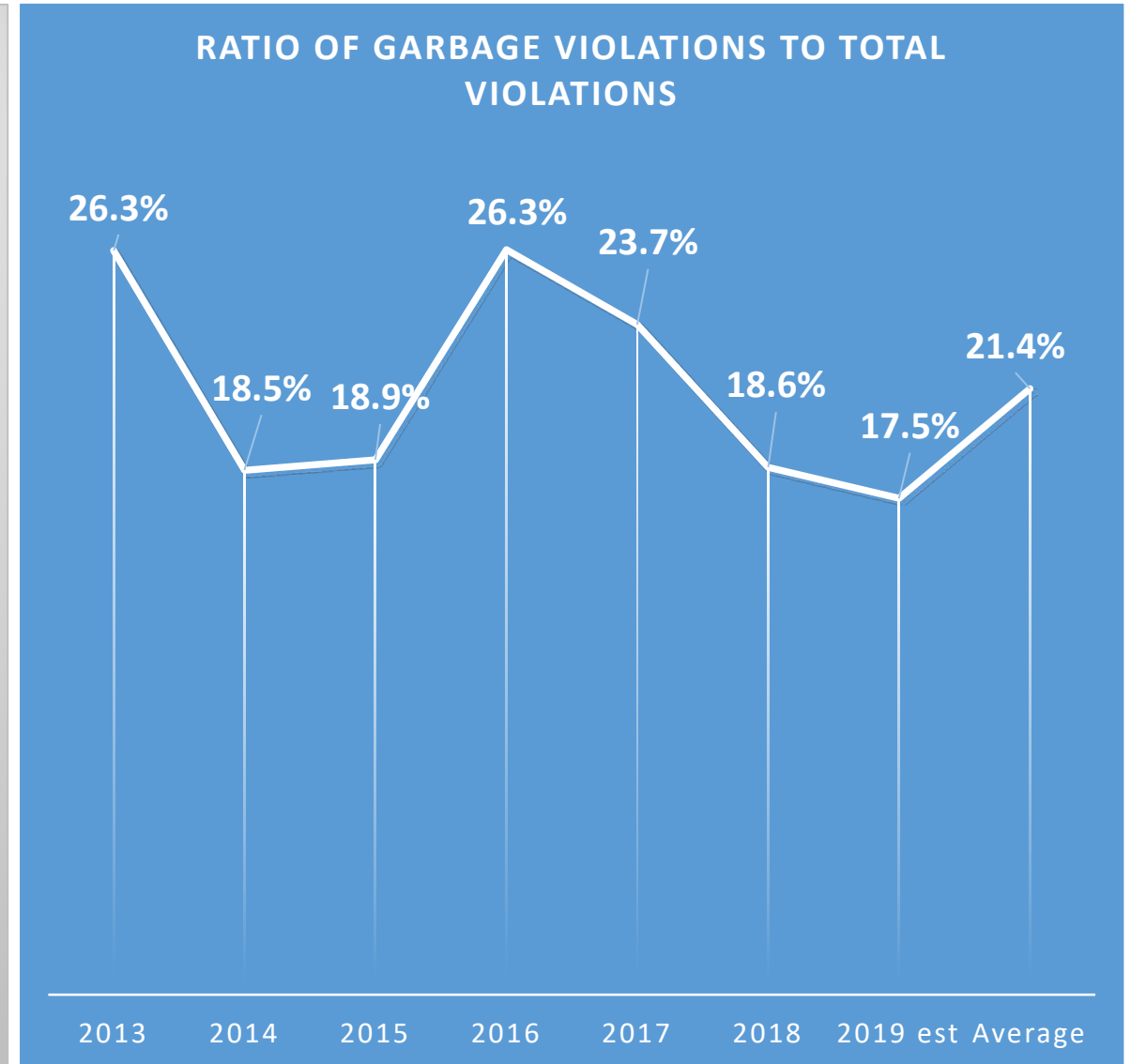
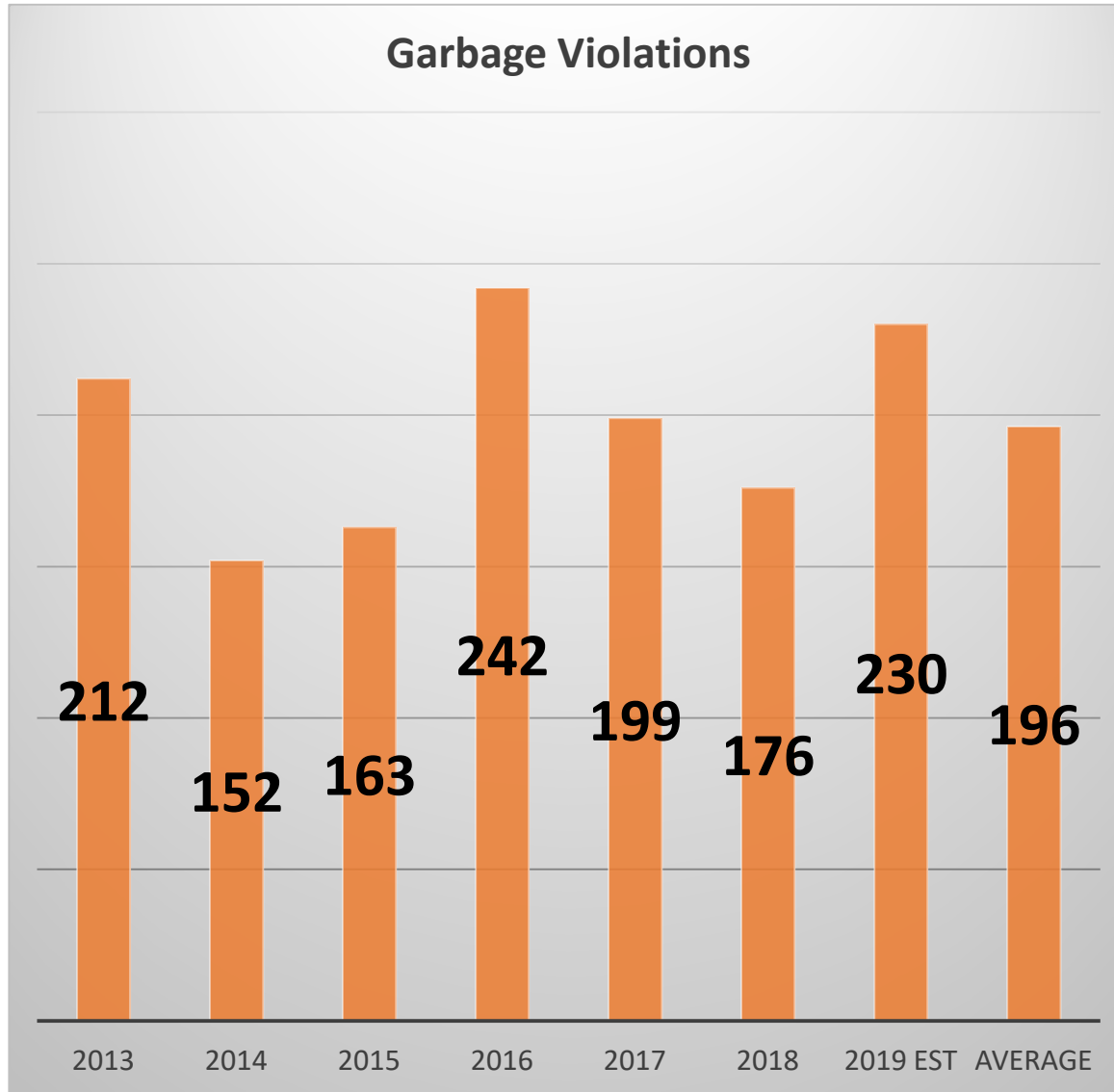
Commercial/multi-family refuse collection

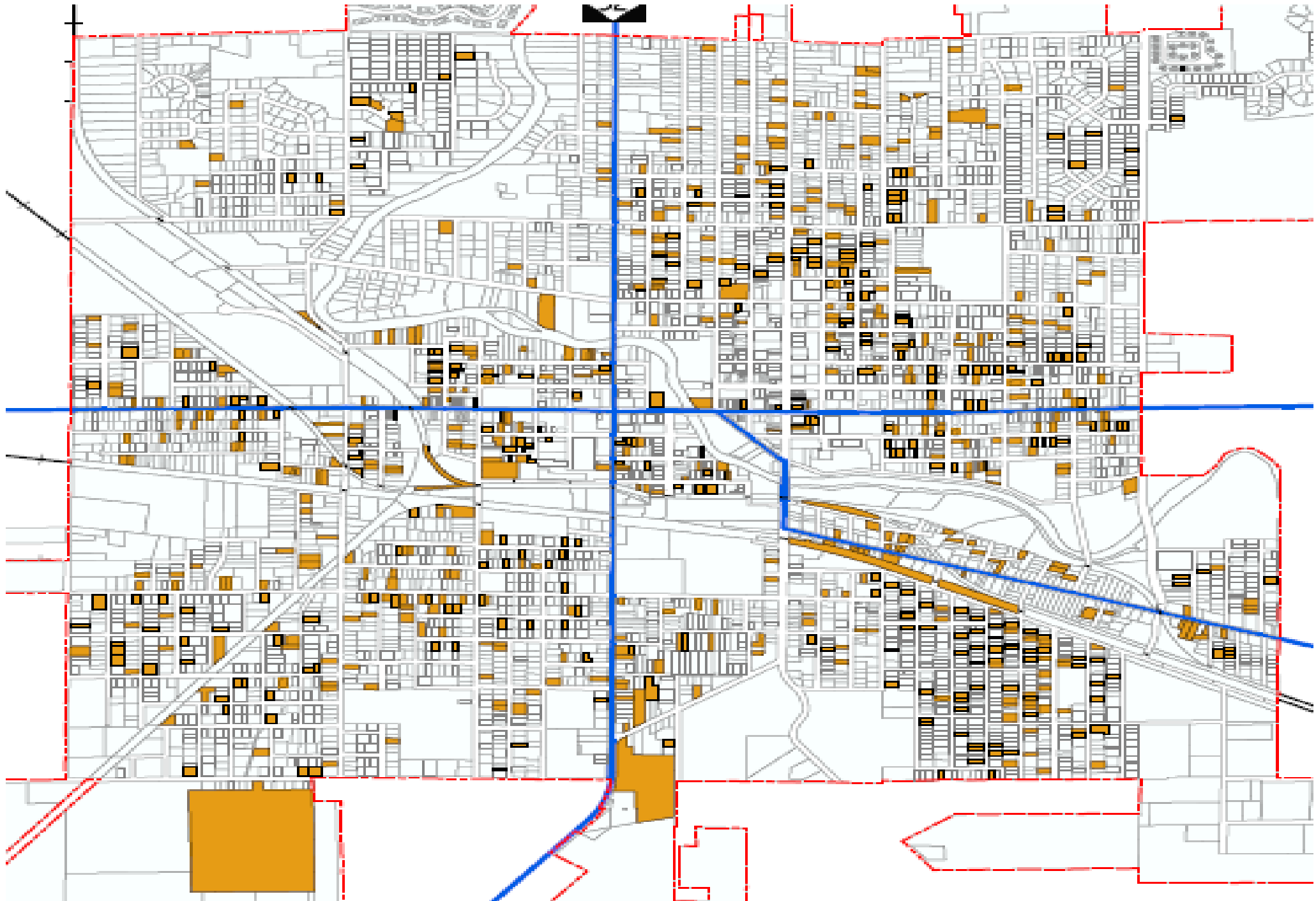
- Refuse collection from commercial or multiple residential or other establishments using collector-owned containers shall be the responsibility of the owner of the establishment. The following rules and regulations shall apply to this type of collection:
 - Containers shall remain covered at all times
 - Sufficient containers shall be required so that no overflowing shall occur
 - Containers shall be kept clean and odor free
 - All putrescible material shall be in tightly sealed plastic bags before being placed in containers.

Challenges with current ordinance

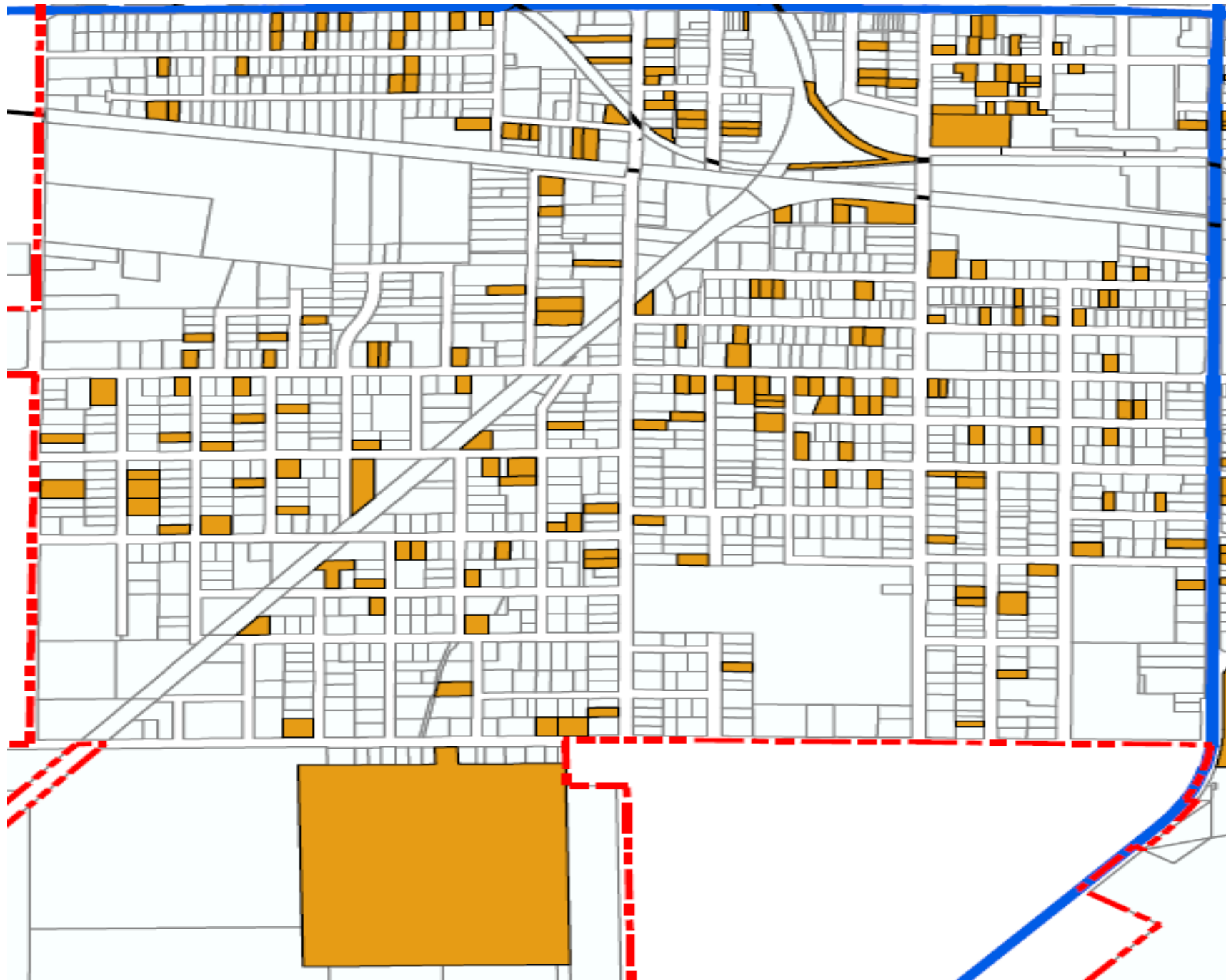
- Hiring a trash collection company is not required as long as trash is stored in an approved container and taken to an approved landfill
- Street conditions suffer from at least 6 different haulers running multiple trucks twice per week.
- Allowing for the composing of putrescible solid waste is troublesome because it includes non-plant based material
- It is still ok to burn trash in the city if you do it on a parcel that doesn't contain a structure
- Only remedy against someone who doesn't follow the ordinance is the code enforcement process
 - And that process is too slow to keep up with trash issues...

Code Enforcement – Trash Violations

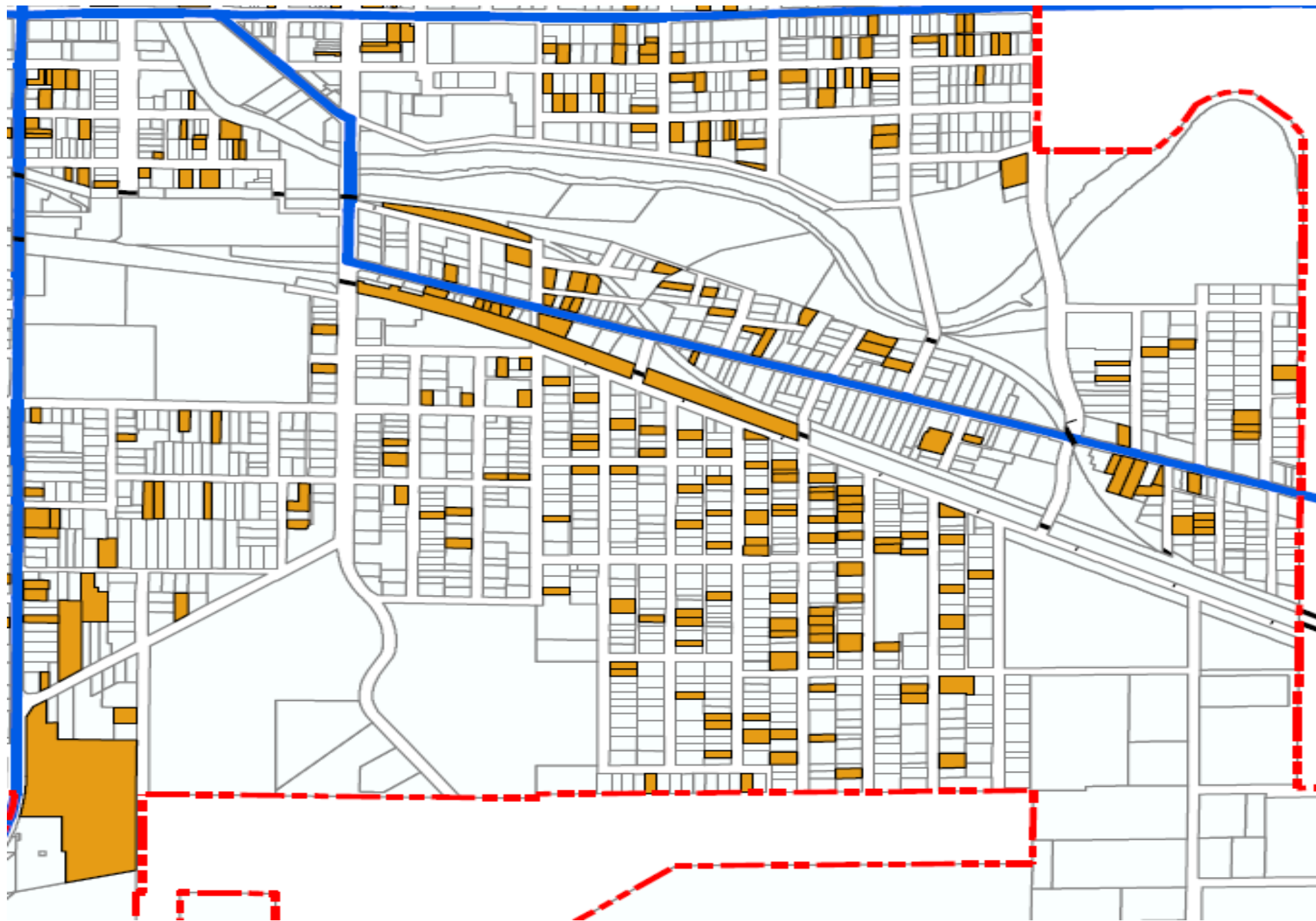




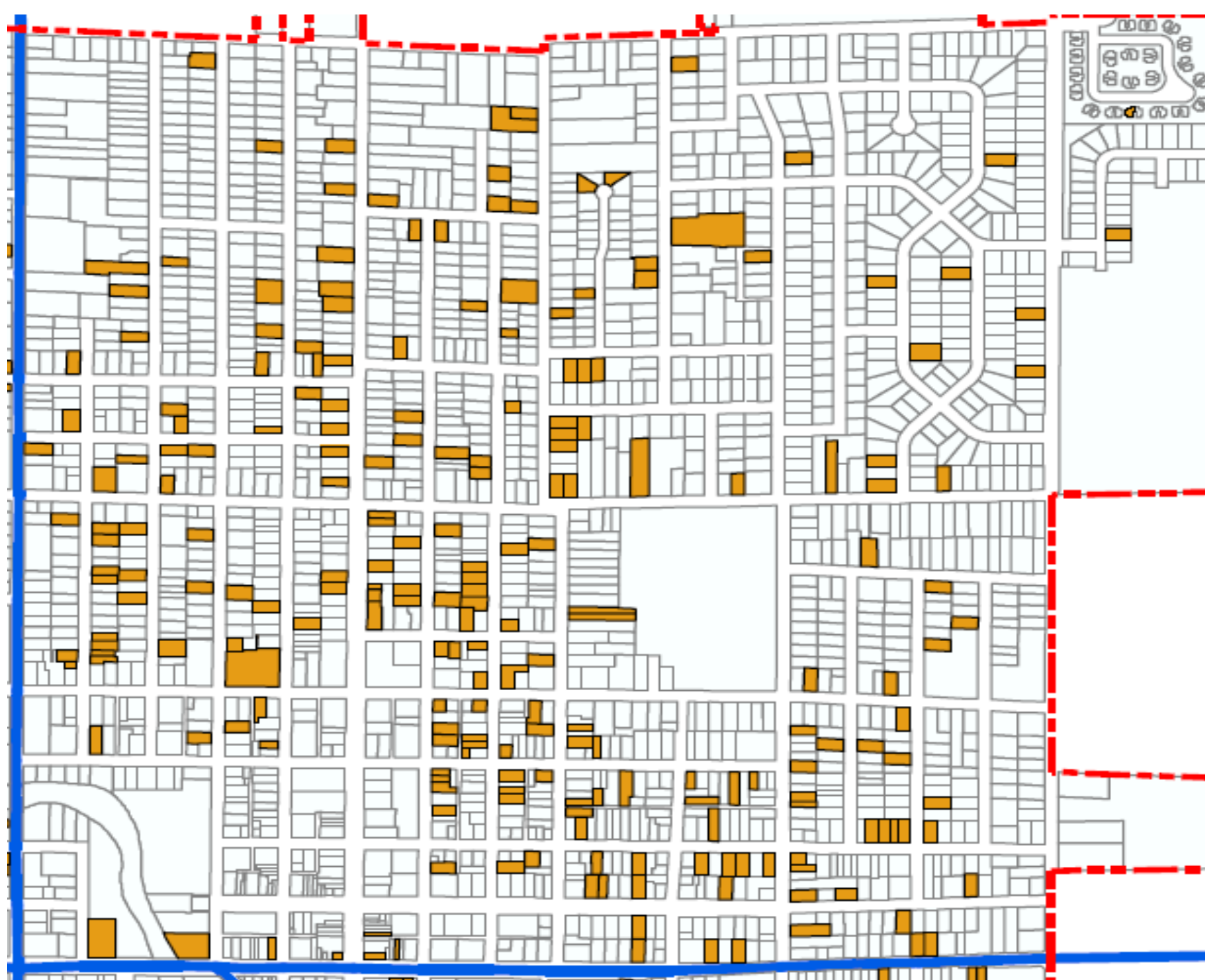
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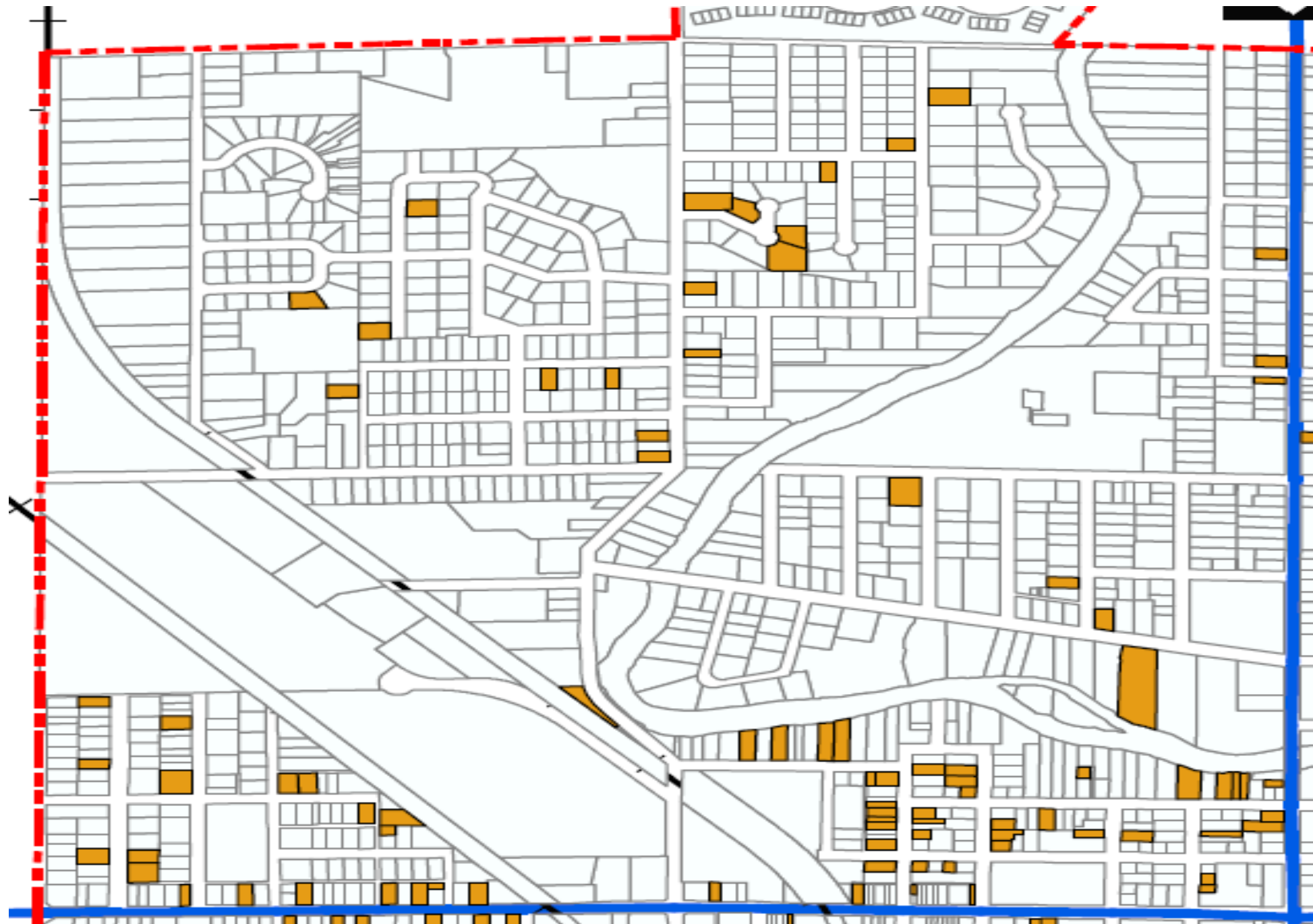
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What happens when there is no mandated garbage service...













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Plan of Action

- Move to single-hauler trash pickup service once per week with a curb-side recycling component
- Award 3-5 year bid to lowest responsible bidder
- Scope of service:
 - Once per week trash collection and curbside recycling pickup
 - First month oversize trash item collection at no extra charge
- How to pay for it:
 - Charge weekly trash collection/curbside recycling service via water/sewer bills as a pass-thru for trash collection/recycling bid awardee
 - Increase Refuse Collection Millage rate from 1 mill to max of 3 mills
 - Would generate an additional \$535,000/year to pay for trash collection and recycling service

Recommendation

- Analyze RFP submittals to estimate total cost of trash collection and curbside recycling.
- If total cost does not exceed an additional 2 mills for the existing refuse millage, decide between two options:
 - Charge each trash collection account through quarterly water/sewer bills
 - Increase trash collection millage from 1 to 3 mills