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BACKGROUND

Each year, the Solid Waste Utility budgets funds for litter abatement in the City. The goal is to support the efforts of volunteers, the City, and other agencies to keep Redding clean, attractive, and healthy. Over the years, these funds have been used for the following:

- Roadside cleanup.
- Neighborhood cleanup.
- Cleanup of unhealthy debris in buildings.
- Annual Spring Clean-a-thon.
- Supporting volunteers' cleanup efforts.
- City property cleanup.

Funding covers the cost to furnish containers, collect litter, transport, and bury the litter at the landfill. Funding for litter abatement comes from service charges to all customers of the utility.

To accomplish as much as it can with the available funds, the Solid Waste Utility tries to limit use of the funds to activities involving volunteers, correction of health and safety problems that affect City residents, and activities that create neighborhood pride. The utility restricts funds from being used in lieu of property owners' obligations to provide routine maintenance, City departments use when budgeted funds are available for this purpose, or normal trash and rubbish collection functions for City departments or other agencies. In short, the Solid Waste Utility tries to avoid an indirect charge to its customers from other entities.

PURPOSE

Keeping Redding clean requires a continuous and sustained effort on the part of the community. To that end, the City Council has created a Litter Abatement Fund within the utility. The purpose of the fund is to support:

- Civic pride through neighborhood, roadside, riverside, and community cleanup.
- Removal of unhealthy materials affecting private property where intervention is required.

It is not the purpose of the Litter Abatement Fund to supplement the operation of other City departments, to pay for other than trash or litter cleanup, nor shall the fund be used to remove trash that cannot be buried in the landfill, that can be recycled, nor for community events or activities whose purpose is not litter abatement.

POLICY

The Litter Abatement Fund shall be used to cover the costs of labor, containers, litter bags, overtime, transport, and burial of litter or trash associated with the following within the City:

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- Volunteer cleanup efforts along City streets, on City property, in the City's neighborhoods, and along the Sacramento River or on public, open space.
- Debris removal from public property, which is the opinion of public safety or the Shasta County Health Department, represents a community health problem.
- Except for funds set aside for the annual Spring Clean-a-thon, the funds shall be used on a first come, first served basis. Once expended, any group, City department, or other agency must pay for disposal of collected litter.

PROCEDURE

Each year, the Solid Waste Utility shall include funds in its budget for litter abatement in the community.

Requests to support collection, provide containers, transport, and bury litter shall be submitted to the Solid Waste Manager or his/her designee.

If determined to be eligible, the Solid Waste Utility shall provide the service on a first come, first served basis. The cost of this service shall be charged to the Litter Abatement Fund.

Each year, the Solid Waste Utility shall reserve a portion of the Litter Abatement Fund necessary for the utility to conduct the annual Spring Clean-a-thon in Redding.

When the fund has been used to pay to clean up private property for public health and safety reasons, the City shall seek to recover the litter abatement costs through any abatement, property lien, or other billing process.

Where neighborhoods are targeted for special cleanup campaigns through grants, it shall be the responsibility of the lead department to budget funds to pay for litter disposal costs as part of its grant application if this is an essential component of the grant application. Any recovered costs shall be credited to the Solid Waste Utility.