

## **Petition to reduce disturbance from garbage-, trash-, and recycling-collection noise**

We petition the Town of Chapel Hill Council to direct the town manager to prohibit the pickup of garbage or recycled materials ("sanitation services") between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, and between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday when such activity disturbs people living in nearby residences. This would apply to property zoned one of the residential zoning classifications under the town's Land Use Management Ordinance (R-6, R-5, R-4, R-3, R-2, R-2A, R-1, R-1A, R-LD-1, and R-LD-5) and on parts of any property not so zoned but contiguous to property carrying such designation within 100 feet of the residentially zoned property).

Sanitation services activity, particularly the emptying of trash dumpsters, during the currently allowed hours (5:30 AM - 11:00 PM) unnecessarily disrupts sleep for hundreds of people. The town's new noise ordinance allows the running of lawn equipment only during the more restricted hours that we request, and out of fairness to those who live near trash dumpsters and recycling centers, these same restricted hours should also apply to sanitation services when such activity disturbs nearby residents. We believe strongly that the town should strive to obey the same laws that it imposes on its citizens unless there are compelling reasons to do otherwise. We believe that these exceptions should be heard and decided upon by our town council.

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