

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:  
AGENDA ITEM NO.:**

January 7, 2008  
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**TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**  
*Linda Norris*  
**THROUGH: LINDA NORRIS, INTERIM CITY MANAGER**

**FROM: TONY MOUNTS, DIRECTOR** *Tony Mounts*  
**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO CONTINUE PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE  
BILL No. 126-07 TO JANUARY 28, 2008**

**ISSUE:**

Shall the City Council continue the public hearing on Ordinance Bill No. 126-07 revising Chapter 47 of the Salem Revised Code pertaining to solid waste management to January 28, 2008 to permit time to prepare testimony from an affected business?

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council continue the public hearing on Ordinance Bill No. 126-07 revising Chapter 47 of the Salem Revised Code pertaining to solid waste management to January 28, 2008 to permit time to prepare testimony from an affected business.

**BACKGROUND**

On December 3, 2007 the City Council held a public hearing on Ordinance Bill No. 126-07 revising Chapter 47 of the Salem Revised Code (SRC) pertaining to solid waste management. At the hearing, testimony was received concerning the impact of the ordinance change on a local business. The City Council decided to hold the public hearing open until January 7, 2008 and requested that staff meet with Mr. Gotlib, owner of 1-800-GOT-JUNK to hear his concerns.

**FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

The City Attorney and Administrative Services Director met with Mr. and Mrs. Gotlib, owners of 1-800-GOT-JUNK, on December 14, 2008. At the meeting the owners described their business and their concerns about the potential impact of the ordinance on their ability to continue to provide services in Salem. They believe their business should be specifically exempted under SRC 47.081. They requested additional time to prepare their testimony to this end. Given Mr. Gotlib's poor health and the intervening holidays, staff recommends continuing the hearing to January 28, 2008.