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From: Michael Parker, City Clerk
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BILL NO. 4 -2026

RESOLUTION NO. -2026

THE ABOVE LISTED ITEM WAS WRITTEN AND PREPARED FOR FINAL INTRODUCTION AT THE HARRISBURG CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE ON:

Neil A. Grover
City Solicitor

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Date

Requested by Department/Bureau:

City Council

Department/Bureau Contact Person:

Councilman Ralph Rodriguez

For Action on or before:

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Received by: Cedric Hernandez

Date: 02/24/26

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Moved by: Councilman Rodriguez

An Ordinance amending Chapter 9-301 of Title 9 of the Harrisburg City Code, regarding the Municipal Waste, Recycling and Composting Code, to authorize the identification and designation of business establishments to place City-designated litter receptacles (“Hot Spot Cans”) outside public exits, consistent with the findings of the Pennsylvania Litter Action Plan (2021).

WHEREAS, the City of Harrisburg is committed to maintaining clean, safe, and healthy neighborhoods by addressing litter and refuse that negatively impacts residents’ quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Pennsylvania Litter Action Plan, issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, documented that over 500 million pieces of litter are present on Pennsylvania’s roadways and public spaces at any given time, with cigarette butts, food packaging, and beverage containers among the most common items; and

WHEREAS, the Litter Action Plan specifically identifies corner stores, convenience stores, and other high-traffic commercial areas as litter “hot spots” requiring targeted strategies, and recommends municipalities increase access to waste and recycling infrastructure in such areas; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Harrisburg finds that requiring the placement of standardized litter receptacles outside of these establishments will reduce on-the-go litter, improve sanitation, further the objectives of the Pennsylvania Litter Action Plan, and help ensure the perpetual beautification of the City of Harrisburg.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARRISBURG, AND IT IS HEREBY ENACTED BY AUTHORITY OF THE SAME, AS

34 **FOLLOWS:**

35 Ch. 1-201.1.C PROVIDES "AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING LEGISLATION
36 ARE TO BE UNDERLINED; DELETIONS ARE TO BE INDICATED BY
37 [BRACKETING]. ADDITIONS TO PROPOSED LEGISLATION WHICH
38 AMENDS EXISTING LEGISLATION SHALL BE CAPITALIZED;
39 DELETIONS SHALL BE INDICATED BY STRIKING (-)." "

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41 **SECTION 1.** AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL WASTE, RECYCLING, AND
42 COMPOSTING CODE.

43 Part 3 of Title 9 of the Codified Ordinances for the City of Harrisburg is hereby amended
44 as follows:

45 Part (9-300), Refuse and Disposal

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49 Chapter 9-301
50 GENERAL PROVISIONS

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53 § 9-301.2 Definitions.

54 The following terms shall have the meanings given herein for the purposes of this Part 3. Other
55 terms not defined in this Part may be found in §1-301.3, Statutory Construction, and §1-302.1,
56 Glossary of Terms.

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59 **Convenience Store**

60 Any retail establishment that primarily engages in the sale of food, beverages, tobacco
61 products, or household goods for off-premises consumption, typically operating extended
62 hours and catering to pedestrian and on-the-go traffic. For the purposes of this chapter,
63 the term shall include corner stores, bodegas, and similar neighborhood retail outlets, but
64 shall not include full-service grocery stores or supermarkets.

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Chapter 9-303
MUNICIPAL WASTE

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§ 9-303.2. Municipal waste collection.

I. Litter Action Plan.

- (1) A targeted strategy to assist in the decrease of litter throughout the City may be implemented under the direction and control of the Director of DPW to identify and address the remediation of waste near and around commercial properties selling consumable products, including Convenience Stores and other commercial operations designed for walk-in traffic.
- (2) Persons owning, occupying or having charge of private property which is a place of business that prepares or sells food for takeout or consumption off the premises shall make reasonable efforts to place a private business receptacle at all public entrances and exits during normal hours of operation.
- (3) A Convenience Store that sells food, beverages, or other products for off-premises consumption shall be required to use a city-designated litter receptacle (“Hot Spot Can”) provided by DPW. Store owners and operators shall be responsible for ensuring that such receptacles remain unobstructed, accessible, and free of overflow between scheduled days for DPW collection and disposal at the location.
- (4) The obligations and penalties for a violation of this Chapter are intended to supplement the provisions of Health and Sanitation Regulations regarding Littering on Public or Private Property in Chapter 6-307. Any conduct or offense that constitutes a violation of both this Chapter and Chapter 6-307 shall be subject to be the penalty provisions of this Chapter.

SECTION 2. DELEGATION. Appropriate City officials are authorized to take such actions as are necessary to effectuate this ordinance.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any provision, sentence, clause, section, or part of this ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. REPEALER. All ordinances or provisions of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed insofar as they are inconsistent herewith.

106 **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the law.

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108 Seconded by: Councilwoman Green

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YEAS		NAYS
/	MS. DAVIS	
/	MS. GREEN	
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/	MS. HILL	
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Passed by City Council 3/10/2026

Danielle L Hill
President of City Council

Attest Judith Ann
City Clerk

Approved

Return to City Council with objections

Wanda B. Williams
Mayor