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**From:** Jim Floyd <jfloyd@hammerandwikan.com>  
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**To:** Assembly  
**Subject:** Proposed Amendments to Borough Code Chapter 14.12 - Sanitation

First let me start by saying that I agree that we all need to be more responsible to contain our garbage and protect our community from bears as well as protect the bears. I do not agree with the proposed change in ordinance. When I lived in Juneau they offered bear proof garbage cans and I had to pay a little more each month and I was willing to pay for the upgraded can. The language of building a "fully enclosed structure" is a great idea, however it isn't practical for everyone. Meaning that not everyone can afford to build one, pay to have someone build it or the knowledge to do it correctly. I haven't had time to read the entire packet in its entirety since I just saw it this morning. Recycling fits the definition of refuse, are you going to require a "fully enclosed structure" for them also? We do not secure our garbage or recycling in the alley way in a "fully enclosed structure" and have never had a bear issue. I would suggest that we look into alternate ways to secure the garbage cans like ratchet straps, or bear proof cans. The intention of the ordinance change is good, however it isn't possible for everyone to follow.



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