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# DUMPSTER SERVICE GUIDE

Permits – Placements – Screening – Scheduling - Specifications



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## **General**

The urban county government will provide upon request, collection service for dumpster containers at any multi-family residential structure, office, commercial and residential unit, or other building within the urban service district which is taxed for refuse collection. No dumpster, regardless of whether collection service will be provided by the urban county government or by private hauler, shall be placed upon any site without first obtaining a permit from the Division of Waste Management. A fee in the amount of \$25 shall be paid to the Division of Waste Management prior to the issuance of any dumpster permit. Those dumpsters which are placed without a permit, will not be serviced and will result in a citation being issued.

The urban county government services only 2-4-6-8 cubic yard dumpsters. Dumpsters filled by compactors will not be serviced, nor will temporary dumpsters or dumpsters on casters. The Division of Waste Management encourages establishments to share dumper containers and to locate them in a mutually accessible and serviceable area. The dumpster must be placed on the lot for which primary use is intended. Dumpster placement must comply with all requirements of the Division of Waste Management Ordinances (contact the Division of Waste Management).

## **Dumpster Required**

Dumpster containers will be required to be furnished at the expense of the owner(s) at the following locations:

1. Apartment buildings, townhouses, or condominiums of seven units or larger.
2. All office, commercial and industrial units, or other buildings including apartment complexes, townhouse complexes, and condominium complexes, as determined by the Director of the Division of Waste Management or, in the case of locations under development, that have or will generate a sufficient amount of refuse to warrant the use of a dumpster. Sufficient is defined as approximately 4 cubic yards per collection day or three (3) or more roll cart containers of refuse.
3. Complexes or groups of apartments, townhouses, or condominiums which individually may have less than seven (7) units, but are developed as a single development whose units total or exceed seven (7) and either:
  - (a) Have common or shared parking areas
  - (b) Share entrances or exits

## **Permitting**

No dumpster shall be placed upon any site without first applying for a permit from the Division of Waste Management and the payment of a \$25 permit fee. In order to obtain a permit, the property owner or their locally designated property manager/tenant must call the Division of Waste Management at 859-280-8556. A Solid Waste Enforcement Officer will visit the proposed site to determine its acceptability in regard to screening, overhead obstructions, truck access, etc. If conditions are acceptable, then a permit will be issued upon receipt of the permit fee. However, if conditions do not meet with the inspector's approval, a list of the needed improvements will be given to the owner/tenant in order to bring the site up to required standards, and owner will have 30 days to comply. Once the standards have been met, a re-inspection will be conducted, and a permit issued after the fee is received. Dumpsters will not be permitted or serviced until required standards are met. Any person placing a dumpster that fails to obtain a permit from the Division of Waste Management will be given a 48 hour notice to remove the illegally placed dumpster. The third illegally placed dumpster in a 12 month period will result in fines not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), and each day's continuance of any such violation shall be a separate offence.

## **Placement**

The service vehicle must be able to service containers, back up, and depart without having to make unnecessary maneuvers. Therefore, the servicing distance, the distance from the opening of the dumpster screen outward, may be no more than 50ft backing area and must be clear of any obstructions (parking place, median, building, curb, etc.). Collection vehicles will not pass over a curb to service a dumpster. Dumpster may not be placed on any public street, alley or sidewalk, or upon public property of any nature.

No dumpster shall be located closer than 10 feet from any abutting residential property line. Dumpsters shall not be located in such a manner as to leave the unscreened side visible from any public right-of-way. However, when this is impractical, the Division of Waste Management may designate a location for the dumpster which is most accessible and aesthetically appropriate. No dumpster shall be located within ten (10) feet of any public right-of-way.

Dumpsters shall be placed no closer than 10 feet to any building opening (door or window), or within 10 feet of any combustible wall unless fire protection devices are provided and approved by the Fire Marshal.

For a location proposed in development or construction plans, a plat of the property drawn to scale and showing the location of all structures, public right-of-ways, and the location of the proposed dumpster, and all required screening shall be submitted to the Division of Waste Management. The plat should also include the utility easements, the zoning of subject, and all adjacent properties. The plat must contain a statement that it is a true and accurate depiction of the site shown and must be signed by the owner or person who has charge or control of the premises.

All temporary dumpsters to be set in any public right-of-way-street, sidewalk, or alley, must acquire a permit from the Division of Engineering. These permits are for a period of 7 days and must be renewed every 7 working days. The urban county government will not service temporary dumpsters.

## **Dumpster Removal Requirements**

All removals of front end loader dumpsters in Fayette County whether serviced by the Division of Waste Management or private service company will need to be reported to The Division of Waste Management 48 hours prior to removal. This will allow time for arrangements to be made for adequate refuse service to be put in place. Any removal of a dumpster without notification to the Division of Waste Management will result in fines not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), and each day's continuance of violation shall be a separate offense.

## NUMBER OF DUMPSTER PER BUILDING TYPE

CLASSIFICATION	BUILDING TYPE	QUANTITIES OF WASTE GENERATED
APARTMENTS	27 SINGLE FAMILY UNITS	1 - 8 YARD TRASH DUMPSTER

COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS		
	OFFICE	4 CUBIC YARDS PER 10,000 SQ. FT. PER WEEK
	DEPARTMENT STORE	7 CUBIC YARDS PER 2,500 SQ. FT. PER WEEK
	SHOPPING CENTER	VARIES WITH TYPE OF TENANT HANDLED
	SUPERMARKET	7 CUBIC YARDS PER 1,250 SQ. FT. PER WEEK
	RESTAURANTS	VARIES WITH NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED & TYPE OF FOOD
	DRUGSTORE	7 CUBIC YARDS PER 2,000 SQ. FT. PER WEEK
	BANKS	1 DUMPSTER LOCATION REQUIRED

HOTELS & MOTELS		
	HIGH OCCUPANCY	1/2 CUBIC YARD PER ROOM PER WEEK & RESTAURANTS
	AVERAGE OCCUPANCY	1/6 CUBIC YARD PER ROOM PER WEEK & RESTAURANTS

WARHOUSES		VARIES WITH TYPE OF ACTIVITY
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FACTORIES		VARIES WITH TYPE OF ACTIVITY
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INSTITUTIONS		
	HOSPITALS	1 CUBIC YARDS PER FIVE OCCUPIED BEDS PER DAY
	NURSING HOMES	1 CUBIC YARDS PER FIFTEEN PERSONS PER DAY
	REST & RETIREMENT HOMES	1 CUBIC YARDS PER TWENTY PERSONS PER DAY

SCHOOLS		
	GRADE SCHOOL	1 CUBIC YARD PER EIGHT ROOMS PER DAY
	HIGH SCHOOL	1 CUBIC YARD PER TEN ROOMS PER DAY
	UNIVERSITIES	SURVEY REQUIRED



## Dumpster Screening

All dumpsters shall be screened except when located within any B-4, I-1, or I-2 zones. Dumpsters in B-4, I-1, or I-2 zones shall be screened when located within 100 feet of any zone except B-4, I-1, or I-2. Establishments with existing dumpsters located in these zones, and which are not screened, may be required to screen within 30 days of formal written notice by the Director of the Division of Waste Management.

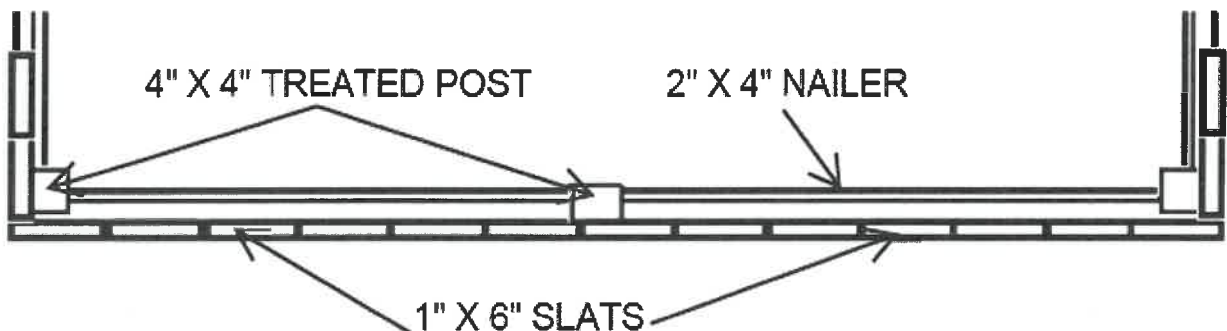
The dumpster area must be screened on 3 sides using material consisting of stone, brick, block, wood, or a continuous planting of evergreens. Chain link is not recommended as proper screening. Screens of stone, brick, block, or wood shall have 80% opacity (80% solid). Evergreen plantings shall be placed two per side on three sides. If any planting shall die, it shall be promptly replaced.

The opening for removal of the dumpster for collection must be a minimum of 12 feet from the nearest point (i.e., poles, fences, any/all obstructions) to allow for proper access when it is serviced. For every dumpster added, an additional 10 feet in width is needed. When gates are provided **DROP RODS** or some means of retaining the door in an open position while servicing takes place must be provided. **Please Note: the opening between opened gates must maintain the minimum 12 feet opening specification, including any support poles.** The standard height for all screening material must be 8 feet to accommodate all sizes of dumpsters.

Whenever screening material is placed around any dumpster, fixed barrier guard posts (fig. 1) must be provided within the screening material at the rear of the container. This will decrease the possibility of damage to the screen. Placements of side guard posts are acceptable but not mandatory, and must be approved by an inspector.

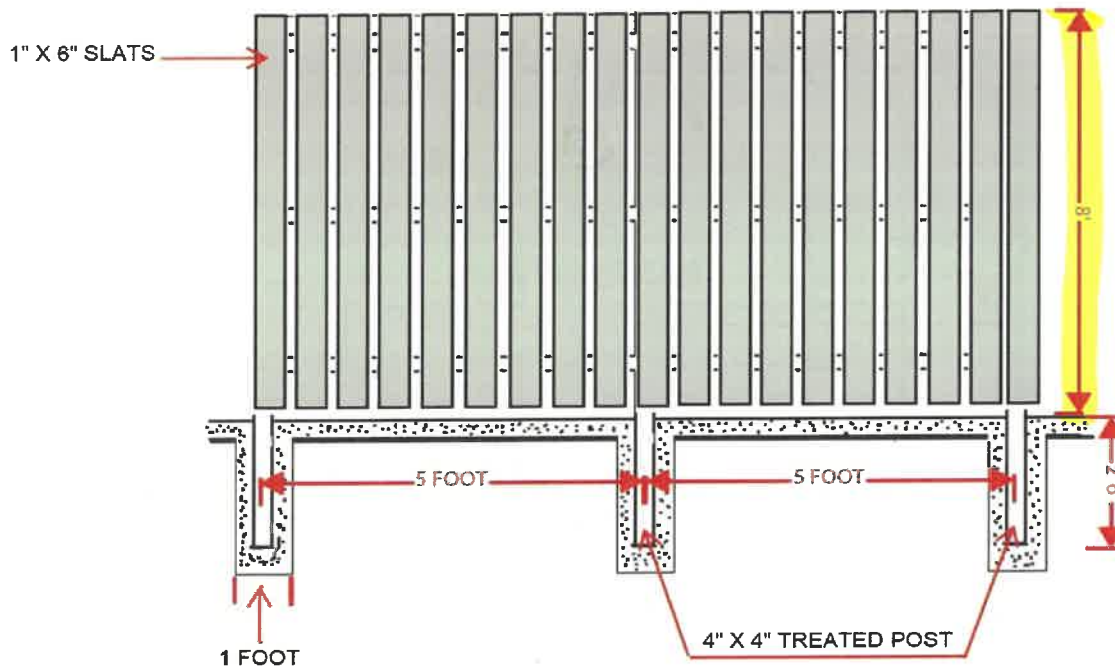
## DUMPSTER SCREENING DETAIL

FIGURE #1



## SCREEN FENCE DETAIL

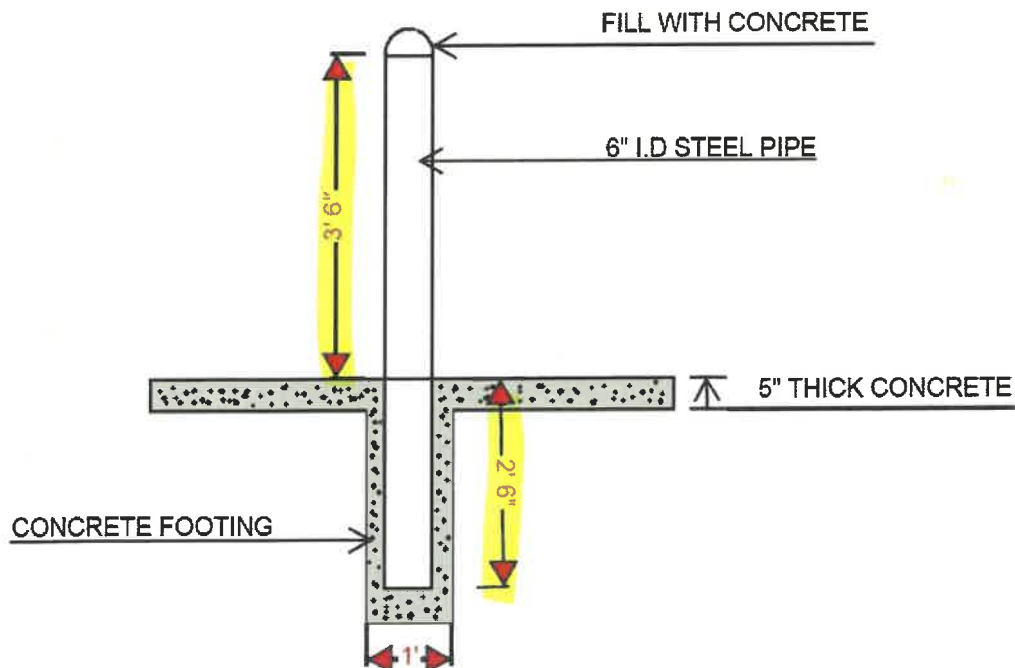
FIGURE # 2



NOTE: ALL POST MUST BE SET IN CONCRETE. IF WOOD IS USED AS SCREENING MATERIAL, 3 HORIZONTAL BOURDS MUST BE USED TO SUPPORT THE VERTICAL BOURDS. ALL LUMBER SHALL BE TREATED. OTHER SCREENING MATERIAL SUCH AS BRICK, BLOCK, HEDGES, ECT MAY BE USED FOR SCREENING.

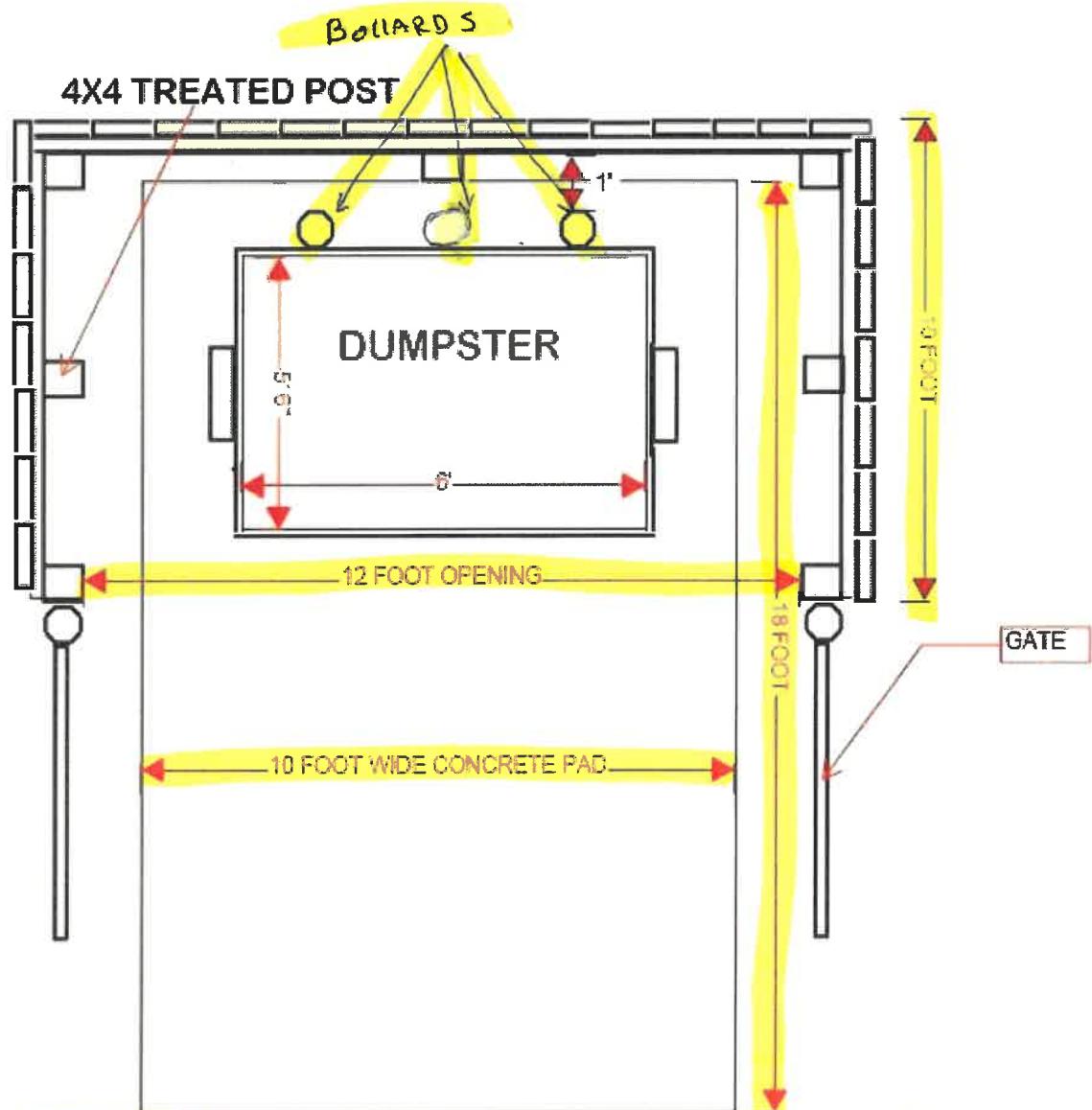
## GUARD POST DETAIL

FIGURE # 3



# SINGLE ENCLOSURE WITH GATES

FIGURE # 4



CONCRETE PAD SHOULD BE 10 FOOT WIDE BY 18 FOOT DEEP. PLEASE SEE  
Page 13 for CONCRETE PAD DETAIL FOR CONCRETE THICKNESS.

**NOTE: ALL POSTS MUST BE SET IN CONCRETE. IF WOOD IS USED AS A SCREENING MATERIAL, 3 HORIZONTAL BOARDS MUST BE USED TO SUPPORT THE VERTICAL BOARDS. ALL LUMBER MUST BE TREATED. ALL GATES MUST HAVE DROP RODS INSTALLED. DROP RODS ARE NEEDED TO KEEP GATES OPEN WHILE SERVICING OF DUMPSTER(S). THE DIVISION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT WILL OPEN GATES BUT WILL NOT CLOSE GATES.**



# DOUBLE ENCLOSURE WITHOUT GATES

FIGURE # 5

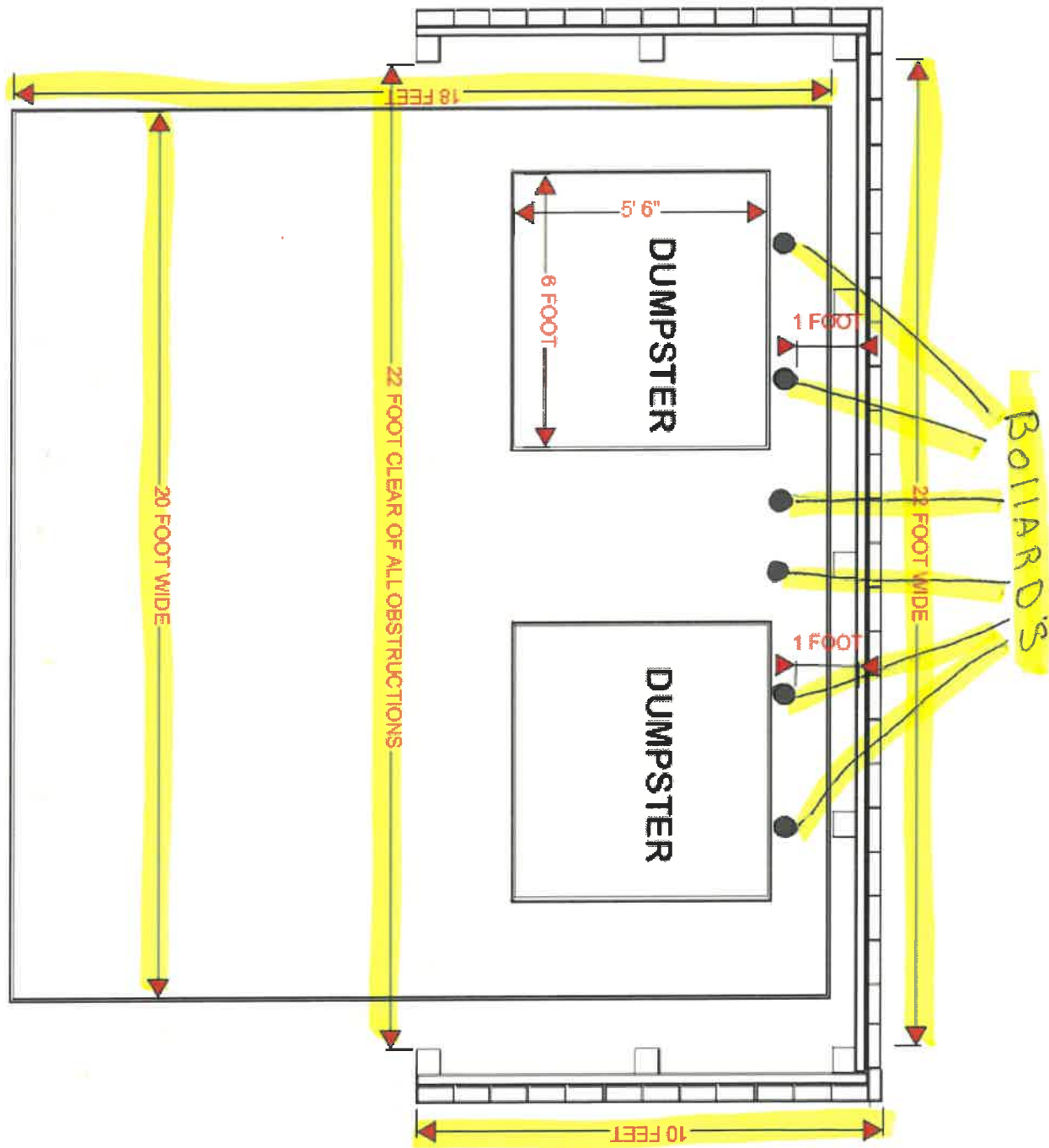
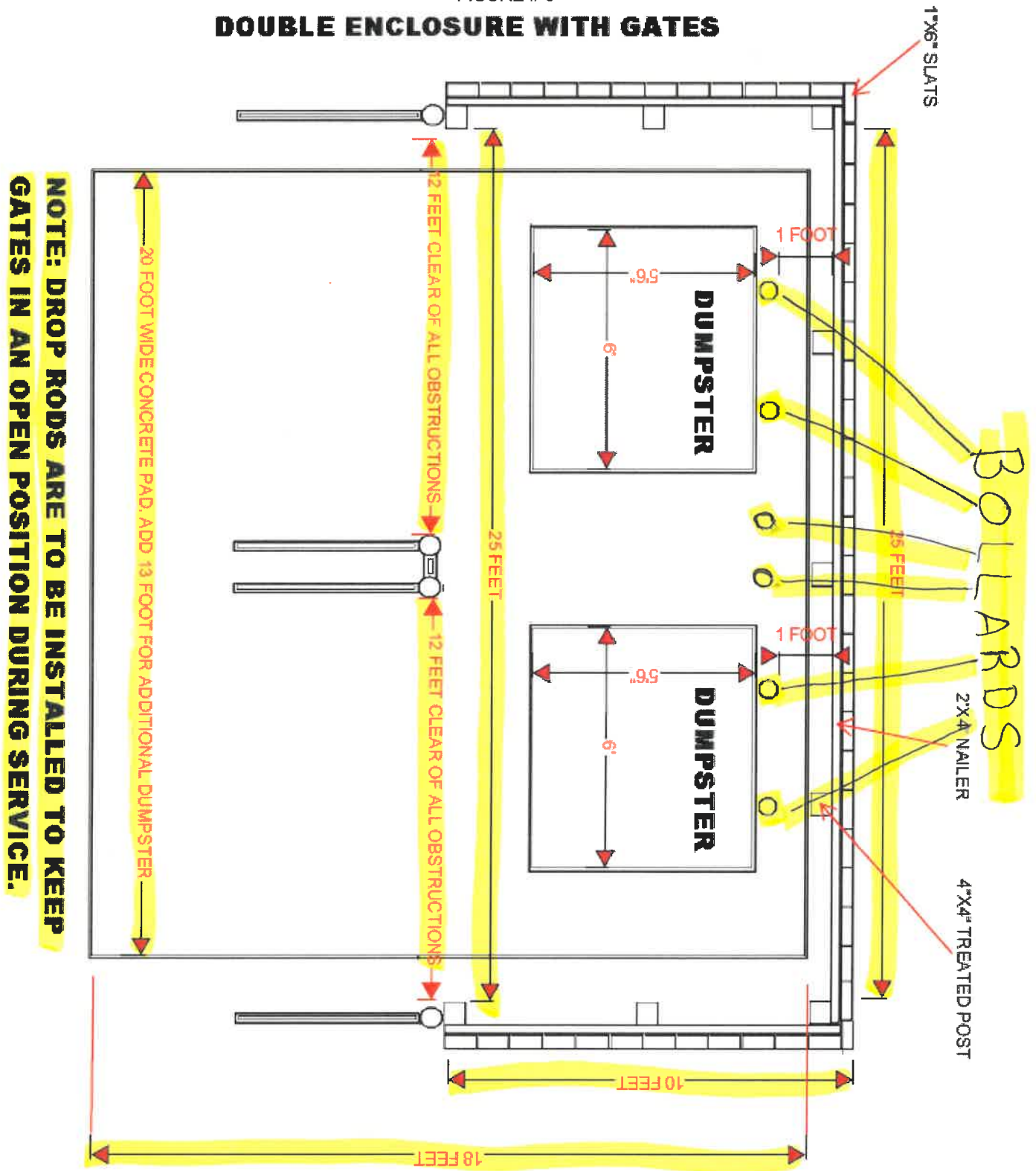
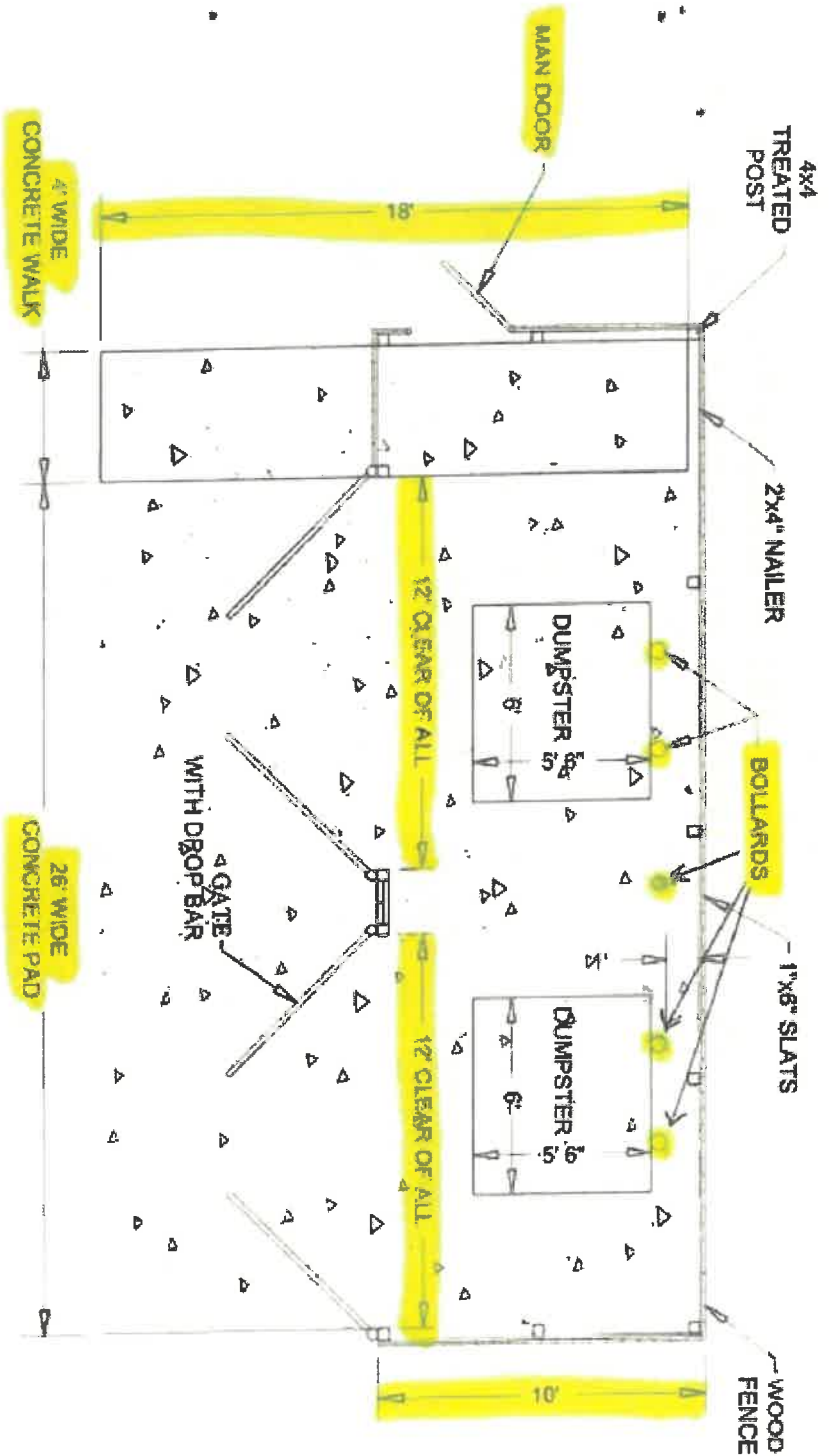


FIGURE # 6

## DOUBLE ENCLOSURE WITH GATES



# ADA DUMPSTER ENCLOSURE DETAIL



## NOTES:

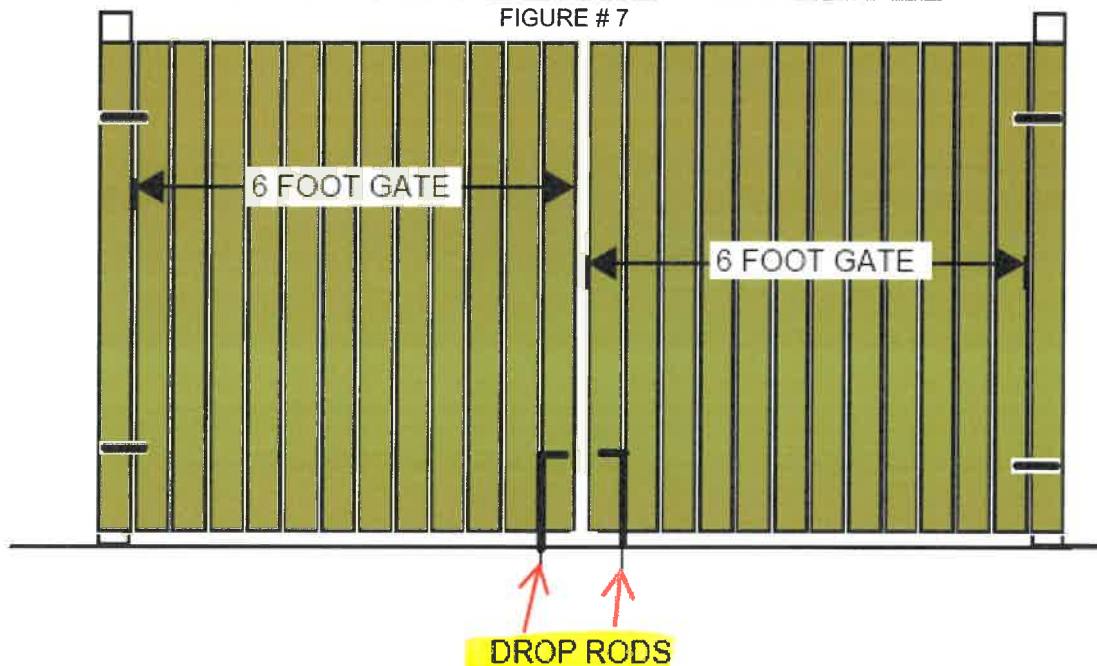
1. See Concrete Dumpster Pad Detail for thickness.
2. All posts must be set in concrete. If wood is used as screening material, 3 horizontal boards must be used to support the vertical boards. All lumber must be treated. Note all gates must have drop rods installed. Drop rods are needed to keep gates open while dumpster is being serviced. The Division of Waste Management will open gates but will not close gates.
3. Fence height shall be 8' typical.

## ADA DUMPSTER ENCLOSURE DETAIL

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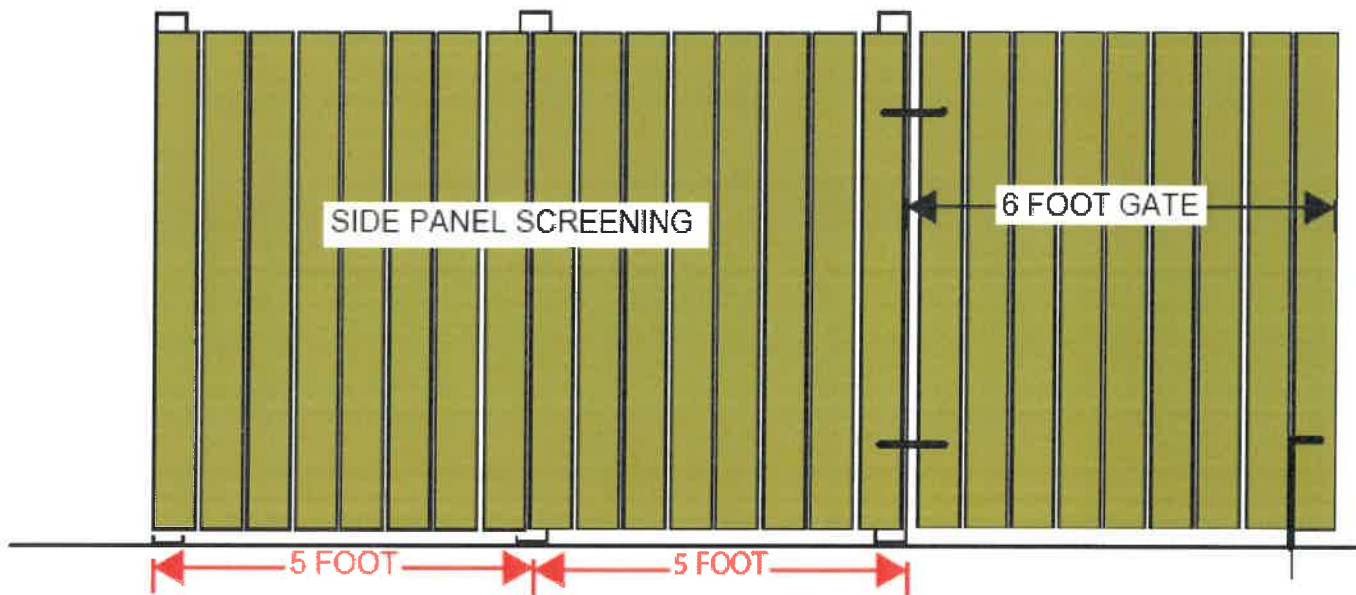
## DROP ROD DETAIL FOR GATES

FIGURE #7



NOTE: DROP RODS ARE TO BE INSTALLED ON ALL GATES. THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT THE GATE WILL STAY OPEN WHILE BEING SERVICED. DRILL HOLES IN ASPHALT OR CONCRETE TO SECURE GATE OPEN AND CLOSED.

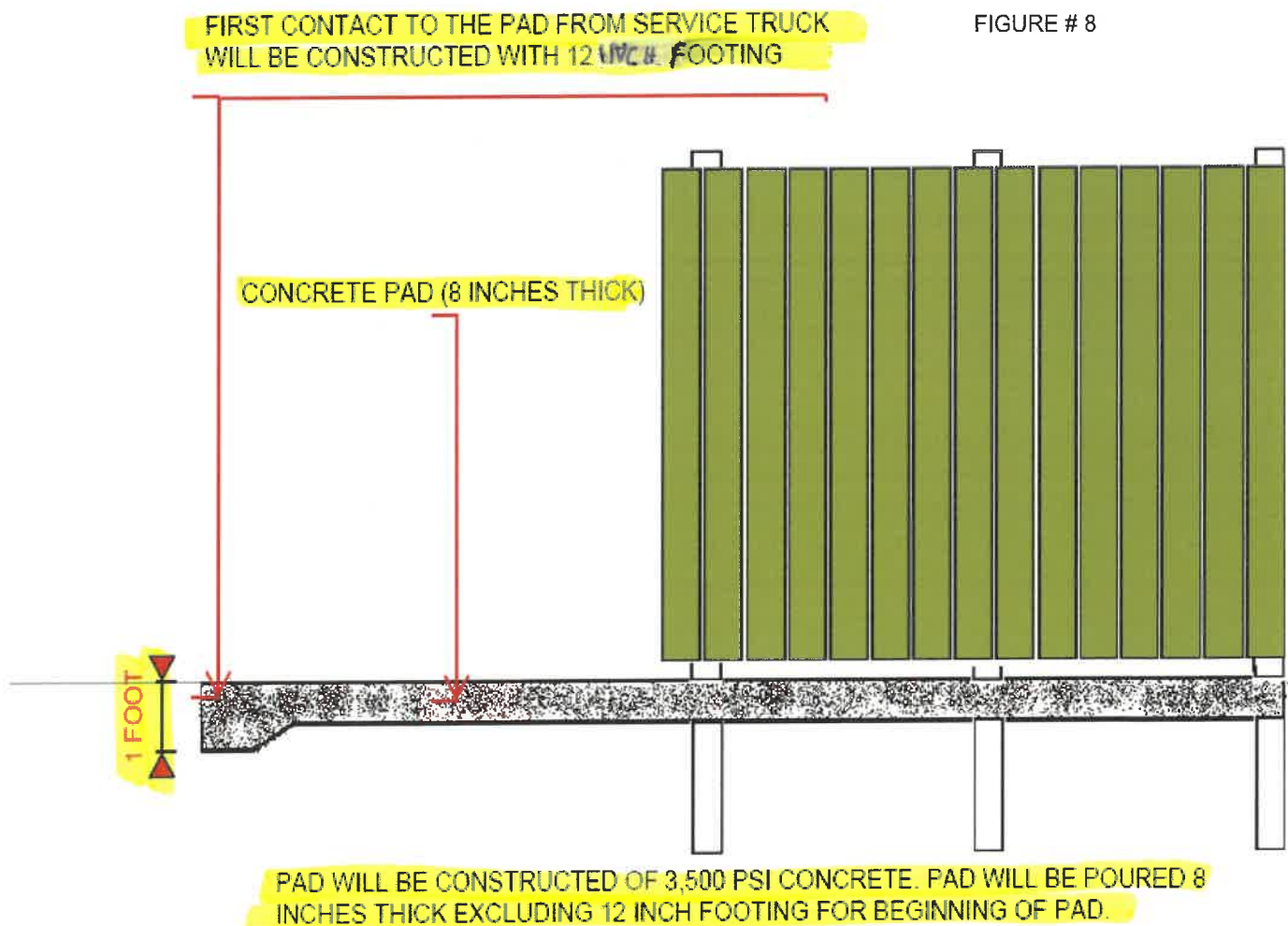
## GATES OPEN (SIDE VIEW)



## Dumpster Pads

A concrete pad large enough to support the dumpster and the front wheels of the dumpster collection vehicle are required. The pad shall be 18 feet long by 10 feet wide (for single enclosure). The dumpster pad and apron are to be constructed of 3,500 PSI concrete. The pad will be poured to 8 inches in thickness. First contact from the service truck to the pad will be constructed to a 12" footing.

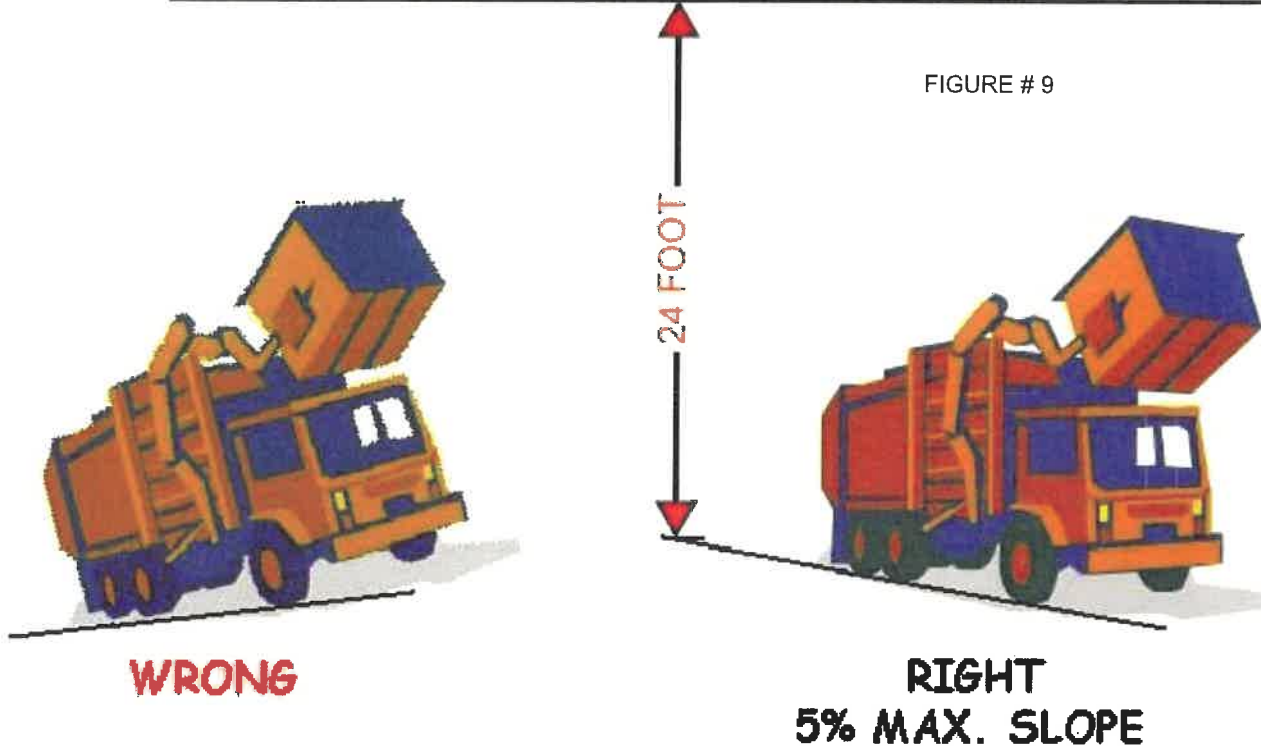
FIGURE # 8





## 24 FOOT CLEAR FROM OVERHEAD OBSTRUCTIONS

FIGURE # 9



The vehicle approach to container must be on the same slope.

**CAUTION: CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAYS TO CONTAINER SHOULD BE STRONG ENOUGH TO SUPPORT TRUCK LOAD WHERE DUMPSTER TRUCKS WILL DRIVE ACROSS PAVING (DRIVEWAY OR PARKING LOTS) ON YOUR PROPERTY TO SERVICE THE DUMPSTER.**

FOR BITUMINOUS WITH DENSE GRADE AGGREGATE BASE: 4" BIT. AND 8" DGA.

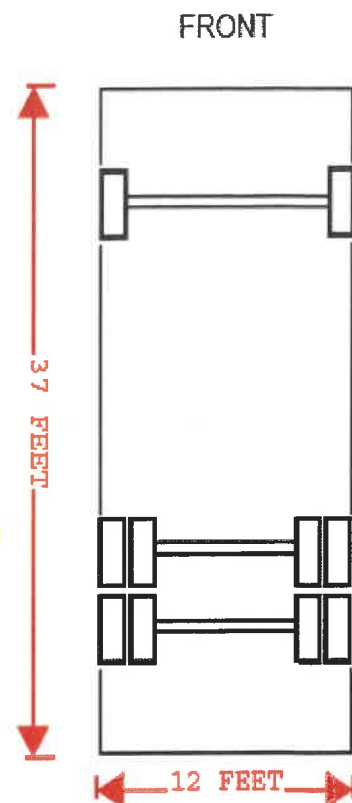
FOR FULL DEPTH BITUMINOUS: 8" BIT,

FOR CONCRETE: 5" CONCRETE

The urban county government will not accept responsibility for damage to pavement that does not meet the reference standards. Net weights of service vehicles frequently approach 80,000 pounds.

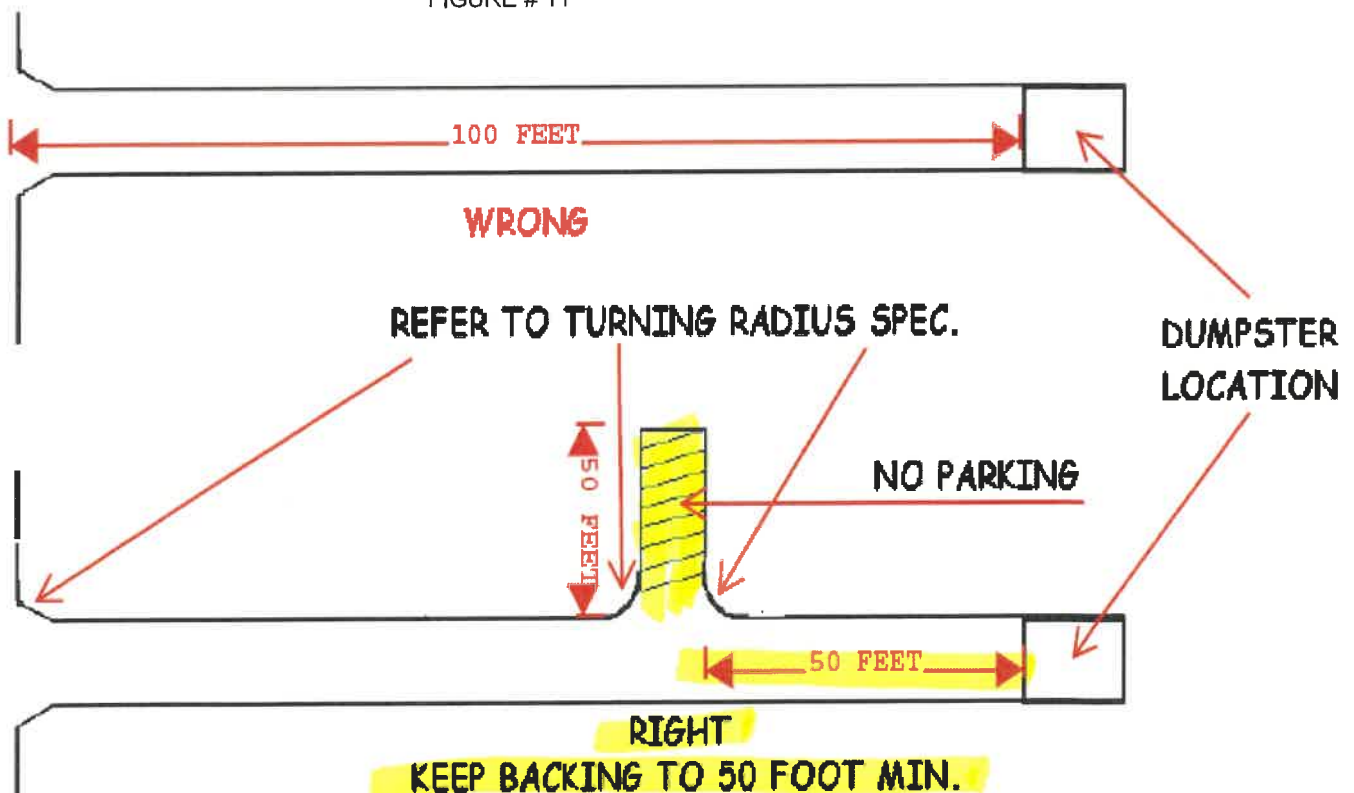
FIGURE # 10

**SERVICE AND EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS**  
**VEHICAL DIMENSIONS**  
OVERALL WIDTH - 12 FEET  
OVERALL LENGTH - 37 FEET  
W/FORKS EXTENDED - 41 FEET  
OVERALL HEIGHT - 13 FEET 6 INCHES  
W/8 YARD DUMPSTER EXTENDED OVERHEAD 23 FEET  
14 FOOT 6 INCHES CLEARANCE NEEDED  
TURNING RADIUS - 45 FEET (MINIMUM INSIDE)  
50 FEET OUTSIDE



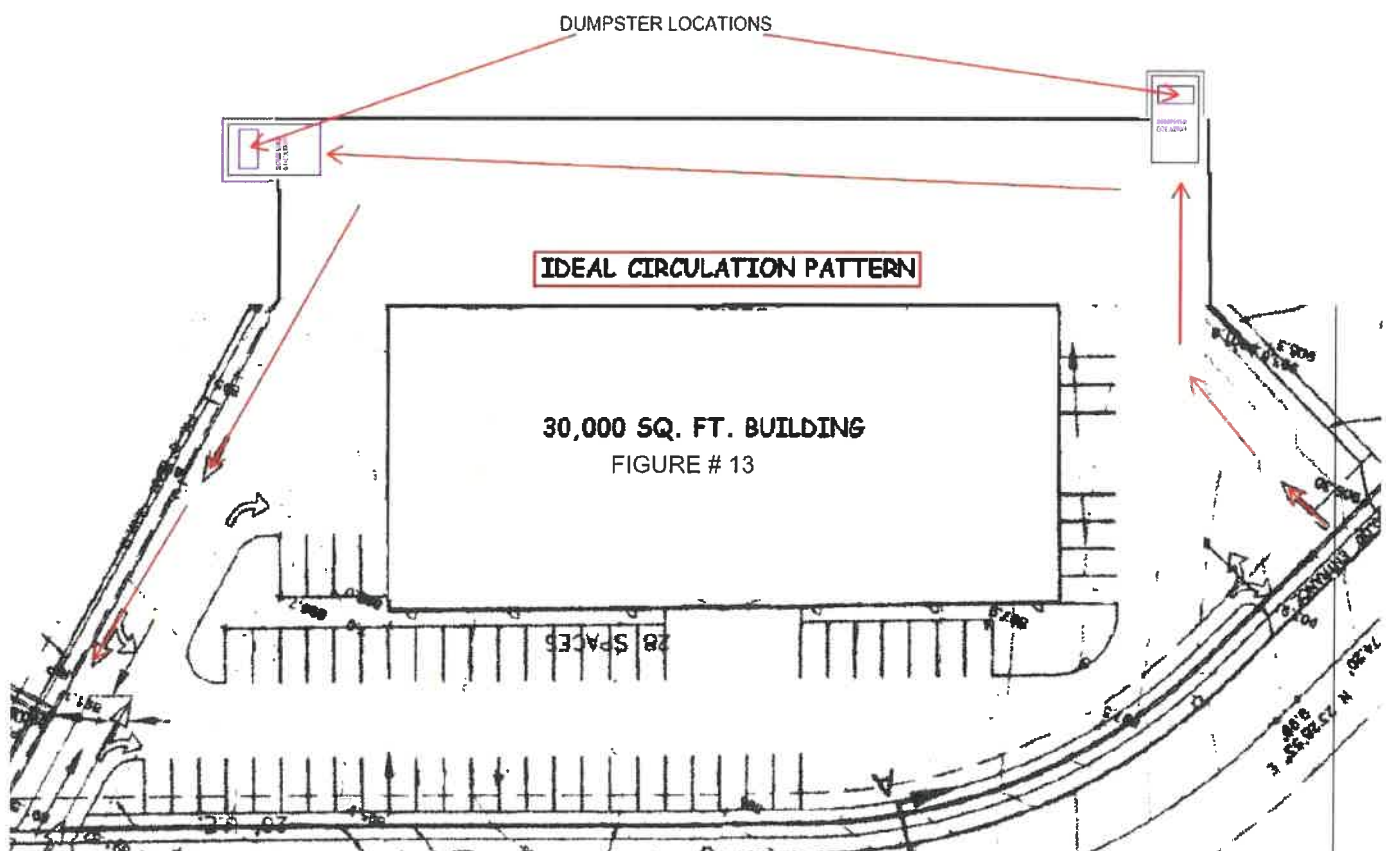
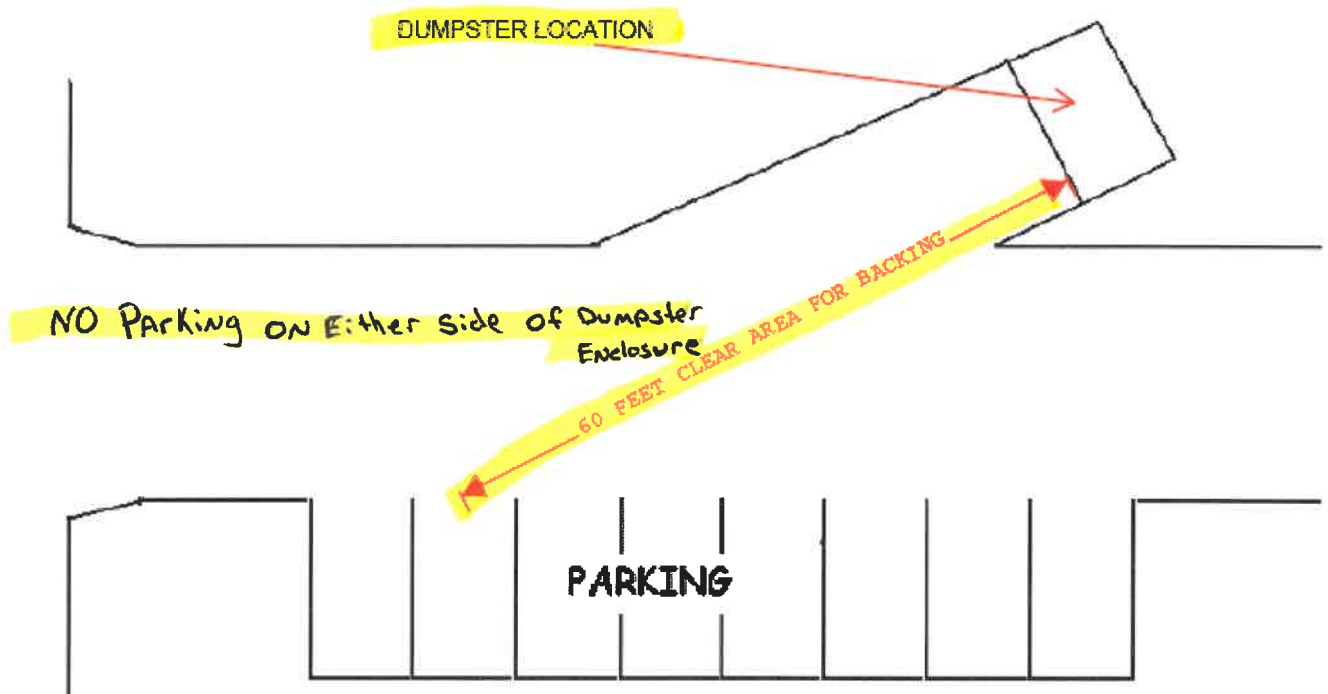
**GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW ON LOCATING DUMPSTER LOCATIONS**

FIGURE # 11



# LOCATING DUMPSTER GUIDLINES

FIGURE # 12



## Collection Schedules

The urban county government shall make a maximum of 2 collections per week for each establishment having dumpster containers. If a dumpster is blocked by a vehicle or is obstructed in any other way which prohibits access, the driver will return for this collection only if the schedule allows. 24 hour access is required.

If access to the dumpster is not sufficiently clear of snow and ice to allow the truck to safely operate, the dumpster will not be serviced.

The dumpster container will not be collected when the container is filled with special handling wastes or when the combined weight of the container and its contents is of such an excessive weight as to pose a threat to the proper functioning of the packer truck lifting equipment.

**Special Handling Wastes**-These are wastes which cannot be properly or safely handled by a packer type garbage truck without resulting in damage to government equipment. This includes but is not limited to the following: tires, wooden pallets, lumber, large engine parts, large furniture, large scrap metal and shavings, bricks, building rubbish, demolition material, concrete blocks, appliances, excavated earth, food processing waste, metal drums, large wire bindings, heavy packing material, boiler house cinders, sewage, sawdust, brush, processing sludge, hazardous or toxic materials, or liquids of any sort.

**Holiday Policy**-The following holidays are observed by the urban county government: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, President's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving Friday, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day. If one of these days falls on your normal collection day, your dumpster will be serviced on the alternative day for your route.

Special problems or questions should be reported by calling LexCall at 311.

## Maintenance

All dumpsters, regardless of whether collection service will be provided by the urban county government or by private hauler, shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition, and shall be cleaned by the owner/occupant of the dumpster site as often as necessary to prevent the dumpster from becoming malodorous. Litter and debris shall not be allowed to accumulate around the dumpster, and all refuse shall be deposited in such a manner as to prevent it from blowing out of the dumpster. The dumpster enclosure is not to be used as a storage area. **ONLY the dumpster (no other bins, containers, etc.) shall be located inside of the dumpster enclosure.**

Many complaints are received concerning odors from dumpster containers in summer months. The urban county government does not spray dumpster containers. A small garden type sprayer with a common disinfectant will usually take care of the problem.

If dumpster screens become damaged, repairs should be made within 30 days of the date in which the damage occurred. Damaged dumpster containers are the responsibility of the dumpster provider and will be repaired or replaced within 48 hours. The urban county government is not responsible for damage caused by malfunctions or normal wear and tear. Any containers with ragged edges, rust problems affecting the strength or appearance, or broken sleeves, may not be serviced. Formal written notice will be given to property owners and/or tenants to make the necessary corrections.

**It is the responsibility of the dumpster provider to make repairs or exchanges in a timely manner as to not cause a disruption of service.**

### **Private Dumpster Providers Responsibilities**

It is the responsibility of the dumpster provider, (Allied Waste, M &M, Rumpke, etc.) to notify their customer/renter to contact the Division of Waste Management at 859-280-8556 to apply for a permit. All changes of owners, tenants, and dumpster providers will require a new permit. (Permits are for that user and their dumpster provider only) It is the responsibility of the property owner to notify the Division of Waste Management as to when a dumpster has been removed from a location and any change of dumpster sizes. Notification should occur when the change is completed.

### **Questions and Answers**

1. When do I need a permit?

**Answer:** There are many different reasons that a permit would be needed.

- New Placement
- New owner or change of business
- Change in dumpster provider

Permits are only valid for the original business and dumpster provider. Any changes require a new permit to be issued.

2. What needs to be done with my dumpster(s) when I move or close my business?

**Answer:** The Division of Waste Management keeps all records of city serviced and private serviced dumpsters. In the event that a business or apartment complex (etc.) is moving or closing, the Division of Waste Management must be notified in writing so that the removal from billing and routing can be done. In the event that your dumpster is serviced by a private hauler, the same rule applies. After written notification has been given to the Division of Waste Management from the property owner or tenant for dumpster removal, a 72 hour notice will be given to the dumpster provider from the Division of Waste Management for removal. If removal does not occur with 72 hours, fines will incur.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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