



Background

In recent years, Arizona has seen a substantial increase in the number of donation bins and recycling drop boxes located in shopping center parking lots. The bins/boxes – many of which are placed in the shopping center without proper permission from the property owner or their authorized agent – take up valuable parking spots, attract graffiti, garbage and items too large for the bin/box, and in some cases create dangerous conditions.

When these problems occur, it becomes the property owner's responsibility to address them. However, many times the bins/boxes do not contain appropriate contact information or the property owner is met with delay and resistance from the bin/box operator – leaving the property owner no choice but to pay to clean up the area surrounding the bin or to remove the bin/box. When the property owner removes the bin/box and its contents, often the bin/box operator will threaten a lawsuit.

Solution

The Fight the Blight coalition is seeks the passage of legislation to require donation bin and recycling drop box operators to obtain appropriate permission before placing their bin/box on private property. Lacking the appropriate authorization, the property owner would be permitted to remove bin/box and its contents.

Provisions of the Legislation

- Requires signed and notarized approval from the property owner prior to placing a donation bin or recycling drop box on private property.
- If a bin/box is placed without permission, the property owner is not liable for any losses associated with the removal of the bin/box or its contents.
- The property owner may rescind authorization for placement of the bin/box. If the box is not retrieved within ten business days after proper notice is given the property owner may then remove the bin/box.
- Requires the bin/box or recycling drop box to clearly and conspicuously display the name and contact information for its owner.
- Defines “drop box.”
- Defines “private property owner’s authorized agent.”

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