

PENN ATTORNEYS TITLE ALERT

DATE: 08/19/10

RE: Title Alert 2010-13 City of Philadelphia Annual Rubbish / Recycling Fee

Effective January 2010, the City of Philadelphia authorized the Philadelphia Department of Streets to assess an annual service fee of \$150.00 on any commercial establishment or multi-unit dwelling that is eligible for city collection of rubbish and recycling. Specifically, this fee is assessed to any commercial properties, and multi-unit properties having six (6) or less units that utilize the City Rubbish Collection Services. Property owners that opt out of the City trash collection service by contracting with a private hauler for trash collection service and recycling service will not be subject to this fee, but must provide satisfactory evidence of private collection to the Streets Department Solid Waste Unit.

The City Streets Department uses BRT records to determine whether a property is going to be billed under this program. To determine whether your property is subject to the fee, open the record on <http://brtweb.phila.gov/brt.apps/Search/Disclaimer/disclaimer.aspx?url=search> and click on the "Account Details" tab to find the "Improvement Description." **If the description is "ROW, 2, 3 or 4 story masonry", the property is NOT ASSESSED the fee and you can print out a copy of the info to keep in your file and to provide as evidence with your preliminary and/or final report.** If the description is anything else, or, if you are unsure whether the property is assessed the fee, contact Ms. Carter, Ms. Justice or any customer service representative at the City Streets Department by calling 215-686-5090 or sending a fax to: 215-686-7812.

Effective immediately, we will institute the following practices:

If we are to insure any property that is **NOT** described on the BRT website as "ROW, 2, 3 or 4 story masonry", we will raise the following on Schedule B of the Commitment:

City of Philadelphia Annual Rubbish / Recycling Fee:

1. **Proof that the annual refuse collection fee has been paid, or**
2. **Produce acceptance letter from Streets Department for Owner's Commercial Solid Waste & Recycling Plan.**

1. If you need to confirm payment of the fee, contact the Solid Resource Unit by phone at 215-686-5090, or email to: solidresources@phila.gov.
2. When the description is **not** "ROW, 2, 3 or 4 story masonry", there is a presumption that a property is using the City's trash pickup unless the letter in #2 above is produced, and if the letter is produced, then the requirement for payment of the fee is met.

If you pay the fee on the HUD, put the BRT# on your check and mail to: City of Philadelphia Streets Dept.
P.O. Box 966
Philadelphia, PA 19105-0966

For more information, visit www.phila.gov/streets or contact Josie Lubiejewski or Tracy Chipoletti.

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