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Subject: Dumpster fees

It has been brought to my attention that the city is going to be voting on an ordinance to charge an annual fee to anyone with dumpsters that cannot be placed on private property. Such an ordinance will no doubt affect most businesses downtown.

First, why is this being considered when for the past forever many years it hasn't been needed?

Second, why is it being considered when, for most downtown businesses there is no private property for dumpsters to be placed on, unless we're to hang dumpsters from our buildings?

Finally, is the city okay with businesses downtown using the public trash receptacles located on the corners?

I would ask that this proposal be rejected.

As an aside, I cannot begin to express my frustration with what has seemingly become a constant barrage of threats to downtown businesses. I can count on one hand the times I've needed to contact the city council in the last 25 years - until this last year. Dumpster placement, bike lanes, and now this. So here i am again. Why is this happening? Between higher taxes, utility bills, and payroll costs there seems to be a misconception that money can simply just come from - somewhere? And yet there are more empty storefronts downtown every year and ordinances like this will only make things worse.

Again I would ask that the city reject this ordinance.