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The City Council has passed an ordinance strengthening the requirements concerning construction debris containment. Much of the new requirements you are already incorporating into your job sites. The changes are detailed below.

The most significant change is that the wire mesh basket containers will no longer be allowed. The new ordinance also lays out a fairly significant penalty and stop work provision. We tried to get that lessened, but the ordinance sponsor was not willing to compromise on the issue.

The Building Official has assured us that he will review pictures and visit sites before issuing stop work orders. If you feel you are cited in error, PLEASE call Patti Schnell at the CCCIA office at 772-0027. We all need to work with our subs to assure that they are keeping our job sites clean. We anticipate that citizens will be diligent in assuring that the City enforces this ordinance. Main provisions:

- Requires the contractor to contain debris that can be blown about by light wind in a container on site
- Removes the allowance of “wire basket” containers to contain debris on site, requiring at least a container with four hard sides, and not allowing the container to overflow.
- Debris that will not blow (concrete, wood, etc) do not need to be contained, but must be located on no more than two concentrated locations on the site. Masonry and roof tiles can be located in one other site as well. (Industry Note: These items are disposed of in a different manner than drywall and lumber.)
- If a site is seen to be out of compliance, the contractor is notified in writing at their mailing address, and has 48 hours from the notification to come into compliance.
- Following the 48 hours, a stop work order may be issued by the Building Official, and a fine of \$200 per day is charged, and no work can take place on that site until compliance is noted by the Building Official. (\$500 per day on second violations at the same site)

(The industry also continues to ask for the strengthening of the penalties for illegally dumping into construction containers.)
