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Mayor Dixon Signs Ordinance for “One Plus One” Collection Initiative

Baltimore, MD (June 2, 2009) – Mayor Sheila Dixon was joined by City Council President Stephanie Rawlings Blake, Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke, Councilman Robert Curran and Councilman James Kraft to sign legislation to allow the city to implement the “One Plus One” trash collection initiative. The legislation, which amends the City Code to allow the city to pick up household refuse once a week, was approved by the Baltimore City Council last night.

“We are in a time where we must be innovative with the use of resources,” said Mayor Dixon. “One Plus One is an example of how we can be more effective and efficient in how we deliver services to the people of Baltimore.”

The new legislation amends the City Code to allow DPW to implement the “One Plus One” initiative beginning July 14, 2009. DPW will start collecting trash once per week and recycling once per week in communities throughout the city. Also included in the new legislation is a reduction of the volume limits for household trash. The limit will be dropped from 160 gallons of waste per address per week to 96 gallons per week. DPW will collect an unlimited amount of recycling. Yard waste collection will be unlimited.

Also beginning July 14, DPW will change its trash collection schedule from a six-day operation to a four-day, 10-hour work week. Waste and recycling collections will take place from Tuesday through Friday with Saturday being an automatic make up day for missed holiday collections. Citizens will be able to put out their trash and recyclables between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. the night before collections.

“I am confident that One Plus One will benefit Baltimore for many years to come,” added Mayor Dixon.

In the coming weeks, citizens will receive more details regarding these changes by mail, automated telephone calls, from community associations, city websites, Channel 25, local media and 311.

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