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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council
From: Deanna Stockton, *Deputy Administrator / Municipal Engineer*
Subject: Public litter Receptacle Purchase
Date: April 22, 2026

Attached for Council's authorization is a request to purchase sixty new litter receptacles to replace the existing receptacles in the central business district, specifically on Nassau Street (Bayard Lane to Moore Street) and Witherspoon Street (Nassau Street to Paul Robeson Place) at a cost of \$162,521.60. The purchase is being made using Clean Communities grant funds, which are specifically to be used for programs of litter pickup and removal, litter-related education, and enforcement of litter related ordinances.



The Department of Public Works (DPW) is responsible for the daily collection of public litter from over 100 receptacles located in the central business district (CBD), near the high school, and at bus stops; the Recreation Department is responsible for collection from the parks. The public litter receptacles in the CBD are serviced twice a day, seven days a week. The current receptacle (shown below on the left) is subject to snow and rainwater inflow due to the lack of a fixed top cover. This design also contributes to illegal dumping activity of residential trash in the CBD. The Health Department, in conjunction with DPW, actively investigated each illegal dumping report but the offenders are wise and do not leave personal information within the waste material. Another issue with the current receptacles is the need for DPW to physically lift the waste vertically out for disposal in the compactor truck. In the last six months, we've had two workers injured in the course of waste collection.

As a part of the Nassau Streetscape design process, Princeton has been piloting waste receptacles to determine a new standard type. The image to the right illustrates the different receptacles tested. Each of the new receptacles trialed feature a solid top to inhibit water and snow intrusion and a locking side door to access the interior trash bin. One of the receptacles trialed broke during the initial months of use. The two receptacles on the left were not selected due to their appearance. At the March 9, 2026, Central Business District Streetscape Work Session, Princeton Council authorized staff to proceed with soliciting a quote for the Landscape Forms "Poe" receptacle shown in the image below.

Trash Receptacles Tested But Not Selected



Stella with Foot Pedal

Stella Side Opening



Trash Receptacle

Trash Receptacle Proposal



Current Receptacle on Right:
Victor Stanley (Recycled Solid Steel Bar)

Replace trash receptacles on streets using Clean Communities grant funding to reduce DPW injuries and illegal dumping of household waste



Landscape Forms "Poe" in Dusk
Heavy-duty Cast and Extruded Aluminum

This trash receptacle was trialed as seen on the left image. The litter access point is on the side; it is small enough to inhibit the illegal dumping of household waste bags but large enough to accommodate a takeout clamshell container or pizza box. DPW staff like the side access for ease of trash removal. Not being able to see the waste from the top of the container when passing by is another benefit.

The selected litter receptacle – Landscape Forms "Poe" – is not

available through a New Jersey state contract; instead, we are proposing to use the Omnia cooperative contract group. In December 2024, the cost of the Stella trash receptacles shown on the previous page was \$2242 (foot pedal style) and \$1412. The 2026 cost for the Landscape Forms "Poe" receptacle is \$2,496.36.

We appreciate Council's authorization to purchase the sixty replacement litter receptacles. Please contact me if you have any questions.