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Public Service Announcement

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Trash Receptacle Ordinance

Businesses will now be required to provide a public waste receptacle no smaller than twenty-four gallons outside of their business. Trash cans must be secured in a way to prevent both movement and vandalism, and constructed in a manner to prevent litter from blowing out of the receptacle. Cans should be emptied frequently enough to prevent offensive odors, and be designed in a manner that is visually appealing. Failure to place and maintain receptacles as required in the ordinance will result in a fine of \$50.00 a day for each day of violation.

The Amherst County Board of Supervisors made these changes to the Waste Receptacle Ordinance at their June 16, 2020, meeting. The changes were drafted after citizens voiced their concerns, that many of the businesses in the County do not have readily available trash receptacles near their entrances and exits.

Amending the ordinance is just one of the many ways the Board of Supervisors is addressing the issue of litter in Amherst County, safeguarding our 'Perfect Slice of Virginia'.

The full Waste Receptacle Ordinance can be read on the county website:
https://www.countyofamherst.com/egov/documents/1592420481_46222.pdf

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