Public (Right-of-Way) Dumpster License Checklist

This document is intended to be used by L&I staff as a guide to determine if a license for a public dumpster (dumpster located in the Right-of-Way) can be issued.

☐ Step 1
Location Check

Dumpsters are prohibited in the following locations:
- In the Center City area (between Bainbridge St., Spring Garden St., Delaware River, and the Schuylkill River) where a licensed public dumpster was not located prior to September 2016.
- In CA-2 (Auto-Oriented Commercial) Zoning Districts.
- Anywhere a building was constructed, or use was established after 1989 and where no licensed public dumpster was located.

The restricted dumpster zones are mapped online.

☐ Step 2
Streets Department Approval

The Streets Department is required to approve the dumpster location in the form of an approval letter.

☐ Step 3
Alternative Plan and Explanation

Applicant must submit a description of alternative trash storage plans and explanation of the need for a public dumpster.

☐ Step 4
Act on Application

If it is determined that the proposed dumpster location is compliant, a license shall be issued.

If there is not enough information to determine if the license can be issued, or if the determination has been made and the license shall be denied, provide the applicant with the Public Dumpster License Correspondence Letter.