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**TO:** CITY COUNCIL  
**FROM:** City Manager and Staff *[Signature]*  
**DATE:** February 21, 2008  
**SUBJECT:** Recycling at Apartment Buildings  
CM Tracker #1869

**Fiscal Impact**

- Yes
- No

**Other Info.**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Staff has prepared for Council consideration a report concerning recycling at apartment buildings. A motion was made at the February 18, 2008 meeting requesting information on what has been done or looked at and what can be done to add apartments to the recycling program.

The City of Columbia Public Works Department has operated a successful Apartment Recycling Program since 2000. Currently, 28 apartment complexes (listed below) participate in the program.

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| Ashland Manor      | Broadway Apartments        |
| Broadway Village   | Campus Lodge               |
| Campus View Apts.  | Colony Apts.               |
| Courtyard Apts.    | Dalcifton                  |
| Eastgate Apts.     | Forest Village             |
| Foxfire            | Gatehouse                  |
| Grindstone Canyon  | Hanover                    |
| Holiday House      | Hyde Park                  |
| Katy Place         | Kelly's Ridge              |
| Kitty Hawk         | Lenior                     |
| North Hampton Apts | "Reserve" at Columbia      |
| Rock Bridge Apts.  | Smithton Condos            |
| Spencer's Crest    | Tara Apartments            |
| Tiger Village      | University Village/Heights |

The Apartment Recycling Program started as a pilot project with funding provided by the Mid-Missouri Solid Waste Management District (MMSWMD). This \$36,685 grant purchased four (4) recycling drop-off containers. Another \$36,250 grant, from the MMSWMD, help purchase a mini roll-off truck to collect the containers.

Participating complexes are assigned a designated recycling day. The Public Works Solid Waste Division sets a recycling drop-off container at the apartment complex and the container remains onsite for one to three days based on the number of units. This recycling opportunity provides apartment residents an alternative to taking their recyclables to one of the City's recycling drop-off sites. Nine recycling containers are rotated throughout the week to 28 different complexes that house over 5000 units.

In order for apartment complexes to participate, there must be adequate space to locate the large container. Normally, the container is located in the complex parking area. Because the recycling container is very large (5'6" high x 7'6" wide x 13'6" long) sitting the container is the biggest obstacle for city staff.

If there is interest in participating in the Apartment Recycling Program, individuals may contact Layli Terrill, Waste Minimization Supervisor in the Public Works Department.

#### **SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

For information only. No action required.