



## SPIN MEETING REPORT

**CASE NO.** Ordinance 337A  
**PROJECT NAME:** Solid Waste Ordinance Revisions  
**SPIN DISTRICT:** Citywide  
**MEETING DATE:** March 9, 2009  
**MEETING LOCATION:** 1400 MAIN STREET, SOUTHLAKE, TEXAS  
MEETING ROOMS 3A & 3B

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE:** Sixteen (16)

- **SPIN REPRESENTATIVE(S) PRESENT:** Ray Tremain (#9e)
- **APPLICANT(S) PRESENTING:** Alison Ortowski, Assistant to the City Manager
- **STAFF PRESENT:** Jim Blagg, Assistant City Manager – Operations; Lorrie Fletcher, Planner I

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

#### Details

- The City of Southlake is proposing revisions to the Solid Waste Ordinance No. 337 to include a ban on bagging and curbside disposal of grass clippings.

### QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

**QUESTION:** Why not just raise the rates?

**RESPONSE:** That is an option that City Council can choose.

**COMMENT:** I agree; just raise the rates. Southlake is economically set to pay higher rates if necessary. We do not want to drive to Arlington to dispose of grass clippings.

**COMMENT:** The government just keeps getting bigger when you add things like this and the needs of the people get ignored. This proposal is absurd. The quality of life is high in Southlake. Eco sensitive people already re-cycle.

**QUESTION:** So this doesn't apply to leaves?

**RESPONSE:** Right.

**QUESTION:** How can you differentiate trash?

**RESPONSE:** Enforcement is tricky, especially with the black trash bags. It comes down to voluntary compliance.

QUESTION: How about a training program for the citizens?  
RESPONSE: Absolutely. Keep Southlake Beautiful has programs; if this is passed, communication and education will be enhanced.

COMMENT: Publicize the Crud Cruiser!

QUESTION: The city leaf pick up was great. Can you extend it next time?  
RESPONSE: We would love to do it; it is a budgetary consideration.

QUESTION: What is the process from here?  
RESPONSE: We anticipate bringing this to City Council in April. You will have an opportunity to speak at the second reading public hearing.

COMMENT: I agree that mulch does make the grass greener and that re-cycling is a good idea but if you ban people from curbside pick-up, some won't dispose properly and you may find illegal dumping.

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