



CITY OF PITTSBURGH
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MAYOR ED GAINES

April 4, 2023

Dear Downtown Property Owners:

Thank you for your work to ensure that Downtown Pittsburgh is a welcoming space for our residents and visitors. This week, the City is performing a Spring Cleaning of our City-owned assets Downtown, which is already underway. As part of this work, we're sprucing up parks, sweeping streets, doing work in the alleys, and removing graffiti throughout Downtown. Our teams hope to see you while we're out and about!

In addition, and in response to many requests from residents and business owners alike, we are also planning more regular inspections and enforcement of the City's garbage and litter codes so that our work is married to that of private owners. Renewed inspections will begin on April 11, 2023.

As a reminder, please note the following garbage, recycling, and debris enforcement standards required of property owners under the Pittsburgh City Code:

- There shall be no accumulation of litter and debris on and around buildings;
- Owners serviced by commercial waste haulers shall store waste and recyclables separately in durable, watertight containers or dumpsters with fitting lids. Dumpsters should not be overflowing, and lids should be able to close completely;
- Owners serviced by commercial waste haulers shall clearly label dumpsters and containers with the associated establishment name and address;
- Permanent and temporary dumpsters in the public right of way require DOMI dumpster permits. Permits can be applied [online at OneStopPGH](#).

Owners of locations that are out of compliance with these requirements will be issued a request for a compliance letter and given time to correct any violations. Owners will have:

- Seven days to correct garbage and debris-related violations.
- Fifteen days to obtain a dumpster permit.

We desire to work with everyone to make downtown safe and beautiful. As you're probably aware, the City does not have the authority to assess fines. Fines must be assessed and issued by the courts. The City does not ordinarily ask the Court to impose fines, unless the owner has demonstrated continued noncompliance and has made no good faith effort to correct the violation. We're ready to work with owners to come into code compliance, so please reach out to the identified inspector if you receive a violation.

Thank you all for your assistance and cooperation. Together, we can make Downtown a thriving and welcoming neighborhood.

Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ed Gainey', with a stylized, flowing script.

Ed Gainey, Mayor
City of Pittsburgh
Pronouns: He/Hi/His