

## **General Recycling Mandate Talking Points**

- Many multifamily properties have embraced recycling, without the need for local mandates.
- These policies can be problematic in the event there are excessive recycling fees or overly burdensome requirements that make it costly or difficult for multifamily properties to comply.
- The additional operational costs created by mandatory recycling policies, such as having to redesign an existing trash disposal area to accommodate recycling bins, can stack up to create a financial burden for the property owner.
- Some ordinances also require property owners to report recycling rates and keep records of recycling activity, which can create other operational costs for the property.
- In addition to complicating processes for existing properties, mandatory recycling ordinances can pose challenges for properties that are under construction or recently constructed.
  - These properties may have been previously designed and approved by the municipality before a recycling requirement was in place. As a result, the community may not have adequate space on the property for recycling bins.
- If the local government intends to impose a recycling mandate, consideration should be given for an exemption that protects existing properties or properties already under construction that may have been previously designed without this new requirement in mind.
- To encourage participation, mandatory recycling ordinances should not impose additional costs on property owners or fines for cross contamination caused by residents.
  - Recycling containers could be provided by the municipality at no cost to the property owner.