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Public Consultation on Proposed Amendment to Dublin City Council Control of Skips Bye-Laws

Briefing Note

**Dublin City Council
Roads & Traffic Department
Civic Offices
Wood Quay,
Dublin 8**

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The Dublin City Council Control of Skips Bye-Laws 1999 prohibit the placing of skips on footpaths or on any part of the public road where parking controls are in operation (eg. clearways, yellow lines, bus lanes, paid/permit parking areas etc.) unless the hirer has a permit from Dublin City Council. These permits enable the City Council to control the dates and times at which the placement of skips are permitted. The charge for a permit is €27.00 per day for each five linear metres of public road/footpath used except where the skip is placed in a paid parking area where the charge for the suspension of the meter in the relevant tariff zone applies. Dublin City Council only issues permits for skips hired from licenced operators.

An update to the Bye-Laws is considered appropriate at this time to address references to outdated titles and also to include gender neutral language. In addition the Bye-Laws need to be amended to incorporate increases to Skip Operator Licences which have not changed since 1999.

At the March 2024 meeting of Dublin City Council it was agreed that a public consultation process be initiated in relation to proposed amendments to the City Council's Skips Bye-Laws as detailed below.

The proposed amendments are as follows:

- Update of some definitions and references.
- New definition for a Skip.
- Update of Parking Charges in Part 2 Section 9(c).
- Update of Part IV of the Bye-Laws relating to "Offences and Miscellaneous".
- Increase in annual fees for Skip Operator Licences.

A copy of the draft Bye-Laws and the current Bye-Laws (Dublin City Council Control of Skips Bye-Laws 1999) also accompanies this Briefing Note.

The adoption of the Bye-Laws is a reserved function of the City Council.

The City Council invites interested individuals and organisations wishing to comment on the proposed amendments to the Bye-Laws to submit written comments to:

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Roads & Traffic Department,
Floor6, Block 2, Civic Offices,
Fishamble Street,
Dublin 8.

Or by e-mail roadworks.control@dublincity.ie

The closing date for receipt of submissions is (5.00pm), Monday 27th May, 2024.

1. Revoke Skip Bye-Laws 1999

The existing Skip Bye-Laws 1999 will be revoked.

2. Update of the term “Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Alderman and Burgesses of Dublin”

Any reference to the “Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Alderman and Burgesses of Dublin” shall be replaced with “Dublin City Council”.

3. New definition for a Skip Hirer

In an effort to provide further clarification to the different required definitions, it is proposed to update section 3 Definitions in Part 1 Preliminary from “Hirer” to “Skip Hirer” as someone who arranges to hire a skip from a skip operator for the purpose of removal of waste material etc.

4. New definition of a Skip

Under the original Bye-Laws the definition of a skip was described as container used for the storage or removal of builders’ material, rubble, waste, rubbish or any other materials and which is designed to be transported by means of a mechanically propelled vehicle (as defined in the act of 1961). It is proposed to update this description to “**Metal**” container and specify that Skip Bags sold in certain retail outlets cannot be stored in the public domain and will not be covered under the Council’s Skip Permit scheme.

5. Update of Part II Prohibitions, Restrictions and Conditions relating to the Siting of Skips on Public Roads

Part II Prohibitions, Restrictions and Conditions relating to the Siting of Skips on Public Roads will be reviewed in line with Chapter 7 of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport’s Traffic Signs Manual.

6. Update of Public Liability Indemnity

Replace the reference to “the limit of indemnity shall be at least €2m for any one accident” to “the limit of indemnity shall be the sum recommended by Insurers for any one accident”. Also, the reference to “indemnifying himself” shall be updated to “indemnifying themselves”.

7. Update for Parking Charges

Replace references to the Dublin City Council Parking Control (No.2) Bye-Laws 1998 with the “current Dublin City Council Parking Control Bye-Laws” and replace the fee of €20 per day with “current daily road space fees”.

8. Update of Part IV of the Bye-Laws relating to “Offences and Miscellaneous

Under Part IV section 29 Infringements of Bye-Laws, it outlines that a person found guilty of an offence under these Bye-Laws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £1,000 or, at the discretion of the court, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to both such fine and imprisonment. This will be replaced with “on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding €5,000” as stipulated in s.81 of the Roads Act 1993 which also no longer makes any reference to the term “imprisonment”.

9. Increase in annual fees for Skip Operators Licences.

Under Part III section 23 the Bye-Laws outline that: A licence may be granted to a skip operator subject to the payment to Dublin City Council of the appropriate annual fee as follows:

No. of Skips*	Annual Fee
1 - 100	€634
101 - 500	€952
Over 500	€1,269

*No. of skips available for hire in Dublin City Council area.

It is now proposed to increase these fees in line with inflationary increases as follows:

No. of Skips*	Annual Fee
1 - 100	€1,000
101 - 500	€1,500
Over 500	€2,000

*No. of skips available for hire in Dublin City Council area.

10. Use of gender neutral language where required.

Reference to “his/her” shall be updated to “their”, “he/she” to “they” and “himself” to “themselves”.

11. **Update reference to “County Borough of Dublin “**

Reference to the “County Borough of Dublin”, shall be updated to the “administrative area of Dublin City Council”.

12. **Update Skip Operator contact details**

Skip Operator contact details shall be updated, remove the need for fax numbers and replace with a request for email addresses.