OPERATION MOVE-OUT

Charleston, SC—Many leases for rental properties in downtown Charleston expire at the end of July. In the past, this resulted in a build-up of discarded household goods on the City sidewalks and streets as renters and college students moved out.

To better manage the removal of the trash from the public right of way, the City of Charleston and College of Charleston will conduct “Operation Move-Out.” The Office of Community Relations at the College of Charleston donates $2,000.00 to help pay for the additional resources provided by the City’s sanitation crews.

The area of the peninsula most affected by the end of July move-out has been divided into three zones: Zone One- Area covering from Line Street to Cannon Street, Zone Two- Area covering from Cannon Street to Calhoun Street and Zone Three- Area covering from Calhoun Street to Beaufain Street.

Wednesday, July 24th through Friday, July 26th, Livability Division code enforcement officers will conduct patrols in the zones to identify locations where trash is being put out early. These code enforcement officers will provide an informational flier to tenants describing alternate solutions for discarding their household items. The flier will also inform tenants of alternative methods of discarding their household items, i.e. by donating gently used items to charities such as Good Will Industries.

On Saturday, July 27, 2013, trucks will remove existing trash from the curbs in preparation for the July 31 move out. There will also be ten volunteers from Keep Charleston Beautiful to help in the cleanup efforts. At 8:00 a.m., the team leader along with code enforcement officers will begin patrolling their zone. The Environmental Services division will pick up trash at the locations identified by the code enforcement officers until 4:30 p.m.

Additionally, tenants may place their trash on the curb on Sunday, July 28th for regular Monday pick up service by Environmental Services. Additional sanitation crews will be collecting trash on Tuesday, July 30 and Friday, August 2 as old tenants move out and new tenants move in.

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