

DATE: June 7, 2022
TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Assistant City Manager
SUBJECT: 2022 Solid Waste & Recycling Collection
Contract Extension – REVISION



RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve the revision in extension terms to change the annual bulk waste collection event from curbside to a drop-off location ONLY.

The waste industry is experiencing significant changes and challenges over the last three years. The changes are now compounded by supply-chain, labor market, and inflationary pressures undermining service delivery by our solid waste vendor. With this level of labor, vehicles and equipment instability, staff is recommending changing the bulk waste event (Annual Spring Cleaning Event) to a drop-off ONLY style event.

For the drop-off center, a temporary setup will consist of open-top dumpsters, with registration, bulk item screening, and information about other recycling options available to the public if not at our location. City staff will administer the program, provide equipment operators, assistance and manage the operation for the one-week event. We anticipate this being a shift in resources and not an additional cost to the city other than a reallocation of labor and equipment.

As for disposal costs, there will be no change in our disposal rates as this was part of the city's expense for the curbside version of the program already in place. A full cost of the service may be in the \$20,000+ range inclusive of disposal fees, but is a great value to our residents. For example, open-top dumpster rentals on the market now have rates of \$1,000 each per month and on-demand curbside junk removal services in the marketplace charging on average \$800 to \$1,000 per visit.

Therefore, staff is recommending approval of the change to the annual bulk waste collection event from curbside collection to a drop-off event for a one-week period.