

DATE: May 3, 2024  
TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Assistant City Manager  
SUBJECT: Solid Waste Contract Amendment



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## RECOMMENDATION

Amend the current solid waste collection contract with Waste Management in accordance with the terms presented below.

## BUDGET IMPACT

The changes in this amendment would result in a reduction in city revenues of \$144,500 a year, based on the last 12-months.

## INTRODUCTION

Concerns with discontinuing bag service, the rising prices for the service, and expressions of customer dissatisfaction communicated to the Council members precipitated the item being added to the agenda with the focus to improve value and enhance quality of services provided. Updates presented along the last couple of meetings allowed staff to work with WM to achieve a recommendation outlined below.

## BACKGROUND

Earlier this year, the Council took up the matter of the solid waste contract with Waste Management (WM, formerly Advanced Disposal), who has had the contract for exclusive rights to collect both residential and commercial solid waste since October 2009 (perhaps earlier as Robertson). The contract has been extended periodically and most recently in 2022. The residential rate is currently \$19.66/mo. billed quarterly and includes every other week recycling and would cost a household \$235.92 a year. No discounts are available. No volume-based rates are available. Residential recycling collection is every other week frequency. Valet service is available upon request and approval of the provider.



\* As of late 2023 (Normalized for basic services, not including extra services or how billed)

## RECOMMENDATION

After working with the WM representative, the vendor has agreed to the following terms, effective 11/1/24 (quarterly bill):

1. Once a week recycling instead of once every other recycling.
2. Create a discounted Senior Residential Rate (65 years & up) at \$17.66 per month.
3. Standard Residential Customer Rate stays the same at \$19.66 per month.
4. Remove both residential and commercial franchise fees.
5. Commercial Rate will have a 9% increase.

Details of the rollout will be presented at a later date, including deadlines for qualifying accounts and the actual amendment document for the meeting.