

ENVIRONMENTAL & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date February 26, 2020

REPORT TO: Environmental and Natural Resources Commission

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PRESENTER: Shann Finwall, AICP, Environmental Planner

AGENDA ITEM: Solid Waste Management Ordinance and Standards

Action Requested: Motion Discussion Public Hearing

Form of Action: Resolution Ordinance Contract/Agreement Proclamation

Policy Issue:

The Solid Waste Ordinance must be amended to accommodate the new recycling contract which requires that all multi-family properties are covered by the City's recycling program.

Recommended Action:

Recommend approval of the Solid Waste Management Ordinance and Standard amendments.

Fiscal Impact:

Is There a Fiscal Impact? No Yes, the true or estimated cost is \$0.00

Financing source(s): Adopted Budget Budget Modification New Revenue Source
 Use of Reserves Other: n/a

Strategic Plan Relevance:

Financial Sustainability Integrated Communication Targeted Redevelopment
 Operational Effectiveness Community Inclusiveness Infrastructure & Asset Mgmt.

The Solid Waste Management Ordinance creates operational effectiveness by protecting the public health and safety, and promoting City cleanliness and livability. It is also an important component to the City's green infrastructure - which purpose is to achieve a reduction in waste generated by using best management practices to protect air quality, water quality, and natural resources. City Council action is required for all ordinance amendments.

Background

June 12, 2012: The City Council adopted the current Solid Waste Management Ordinance and Standards.

May 20, 2019: Maplewood released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for new residential trash and recycling contracts.

September 9, 2019: The City Council authorized 5-1/2 year contracts for new residential trash hauling with Republic Services and residential recycling collection with Tennis Sanitation.

Solid Waste Management Ordinance

The Solid Waste Management Ordinance was updated in 2012 after the City organized its trash hauling. The ordinance includes regulations for trash and recycling for single family, multi-family, and commercial properties; and licensing requirements for all haulers. Amendments to the ordinance are necessary to meet requirements in the new trash and recycling contracts.

Attached find the amended solid waste ordinance. Following is a description of the substantial amendments proposed:

1. Multi-family recycling solid waste amendments – amend the language to ensure that all multi-family properties are required to use the City’s contracted recycling hauler for the collection of recyclables.
2. Hours of collection – 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., instead of as stated in the contract.
3. Multi-family recycling – requiring that all multi-family properties have recycling through the City’s contractor and allowing for recycling dumpsters in addition to carts.
4. Payment of fees – adding language that details how the recycling fee is added to residential water bills.
5. Small business and church recycling – allowing for recycling dumpsters in addition to carts, adding language that details how small businesses and churches can opt into the City’s recycling program.
6. Commercial building recycling – add language to ensure commercial buildings are collecting recyclable materials in accordance with state law and county policy.
7. Organics – adding language about food scrap recycling.
8. Delinquent accounts – delinquent accounts are defined as an account that is three months past due. The city-contracted trash hauler can impose administrative service fees on bills that are delinquent per the contract. The city-contractor can request that the City assess delinquent accounts that are six months or more past due.
9. Licensing – amending the auto liability coverage amounts.

Solid Waste Management Standards

The City developed Solid Waste Management Standards to outline the storage, collection, and transportation of residential solid waste. The standards serve as instructions for residents to follow as part of the solid waste collection system. They do not replace or supercede city ordinances. The city manager’s authority for adopting or amending the standards comes from the city’s Solid Waste Ordinance.

Attached find the amended solid waste standards. Amendments are consistent with the solid waste management ordinance amendments described above, except for one notable change. The standards outline that once a multiple-family townhome or manufactured home property opts into the city residential trash service, they must continue to have service through the city's contracted trash hauler. In summary, they cannot opt out and contract with another licensed trash hauler. The purpose for this requirement is twofold:

1. Purchase of Trash Carts: The city must purchase trash carts for the multiple-family properties that opt into the city's trash program. The city charges a \$.75 monthly cart fee to cover the cost of the carts. It takes approximately five years to pay off the cart with the monthly cart fee. If a multiple-family property opted out of the city's trash program before that time, the cart investment would not be warranted.
2. Better Management of Solid Waste: Increasing the overall number of households included in the city's trash program will ensure better management of the city's solid waste including:
 - a) Ensure trash is managed by the city's contracted trash hauler per the city contract.
 - b) Consistent education and outreach through the city's trash program.
 - c) Reduced truck traffic and emissions.

Attachments

1. Solid Waste Management Ordinance (Amended)
2. Solid Waste Management Standards (Amended)