

**STAFF REPORT**  
October 26, 2020

**Topic:** Proposed changes to the City's solid waste ordinances

**Discussion:**

The Public Works Committee has reviewed Public Works proposed changes to the City's solid waste ordinances and recommends the City Council approve the proposed changes that are attached.

The changes include the following:

- Elimination of the remaining references to a past program that allowed residents to burn trash in a can at their home.
- Paragraphs that allowed residents to put trash in kraft bags and 2 mil plastic bags instead of a trash can. This change is to protect crews from syringe needles and other sharps that may be in the bags.
- Removal of the references to the three remote recycling sites in the City that were discontinued in June 2018.
- Removal of the references that established the start date for the mandatory recycling program in 2013.
- Removal of the list of materials that are recyclable. Materials that are regionally recyclable change regularly based on the markets for these products. Eliminating the list in the ordinance allows the City to change its program when there are changes in the market.
- Deletion of the paragraph that allowed commercial establishment to bring yard waste to Transfer station for a fee. The City should not accept any yard waste from a commercial establishment as the City does not compost yard waste. All yard waste brought to the Transfer station by residents or collected by the City during the designated yard waste collection weeks is brought to another municipality for composting. This minimizes the amount of Public Works time required to haul the waste to another facility. Additionally, the present fee is based on volume. Eliminating the acceptance of leaves from commercial establishments eliminates the issue of trying to determine the volume of the delivery truck.

Additionally, the changes include the implementation of a new program that allows single family residents to put out an extra solid waste container for a fee. A commercial establishment is not eligible to participate in the program unless a temporary exception is granted by either the City Manager or the Director of Public Works. This program is similar to the existing bulky item program. A resident will be able to purchase 5 excess trash stickers for \$15.00. A sticker will have to be placed on the top bag in the excess trash can to have it collected at the curbside.

Public works recommends that the City Council approved the proposed changes to the solid waste ordinance that is attached.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The proposed excess solid waste program should be self-supporting. All other changes do not have a fiscal impact.

**Staff Recommendation:**

City Council approve proposed changes to the City's Solid Waste Ordinance.

**This report submitted by:** Wesley B. Anderson, Director of Public Works

**Proposed Motion:**

*"I move to waive a reading of these Ordinances in their entirety and to read by title only."*

*"I move a second reading of Ordinances 2020-194, Refuse and Household Waste Collection, and Ordinance 2020-194-24 Dump and Disposal Fees."*

*"I move to approve Ordinance 2020-194, Refuse and Household Waste Collection, and Ordinance 2020-194-24, Dump and Disposal Fees."*