



## **Request for City Council Committee Action from Council President Barbara Johnson**

**Date: 8/8/2012**

**To: Council Member Don Samuels, Chair, Public Safety, Civil Rights & Health Committee**

**Subject: Creation of an ad hoc Metal Scrapping & Harvesting Task Force**

**Recommendation: Council approval of the formation and scope of the task force.**

**Previous Directives: At PSC&H on July 25, 2012, the committee authorized the formation of a metal scrapping & harvesting task force.**

### **Supporting Information**

**This task force will be convened by Council President Johnson and include representatives from various City departments, including Police, Regulatory Services, Solid Waste, and Communications, with the goal of addressing the issue of metal scrapping and harvesting in the City of Minneapolis. As part of its work, the task force will look at:**

- **Existing ordinances already in place that may be utilized in order to address these issues through increased citations and enhanced enforcement;**
- **Adding penalties to existing ordinances;**
- **Considering other needed regulatory changes;**
- **More effectively communicating with residents about steps that can be taken when they see these activities in their neighborhoods; and**
- **Other potential remedies and actions that may assist in these efforts.**

**When necessary, the task force will be bring back recommendations requiring further Council action to the Public Safety, Civil Rights and Health Committee.**