



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: October 9, 2012

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Subject: **Beginning of 180-day Process to Determine Solid Waste Management Options for One-Half of City's Dwelling Units: Public Hearing**

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 115A.94, Subd. 4 and pursuant to the authority of the Minneapolis City Charter and other authority, announcing the City's intent to organize collection of solid waste in the City and inviting the participation of interested persons, including persons licensed to operate solid waste collection services, in planning and establishing the organized collection system, and consider options for a future contract for collection of garbage, recycling, problem materials (metals and mattresses), and yard wastes for one half of the City's dwelling units (privately collected side of the City).

Previous Directives:

- September 11, 2012 – Set public hearing for October 9, 2012.
- December 1, 2008 – Entered into a 5 year collection contract with Minneapolis Refuse Inc. (MRI) for the period of February 1, 2009 through January 31, 2014.

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Approved by:

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Reviews:

Permanent Review Committee (PRC)	Approval: Not Applicable
Civil Rights Approval	Approval: Not Applicable
Policy Review Group (PRG)	Approval: Not Applicable

Financial Impact: No financial impact.

Community Impact

Public Hearing required before adoption of the statutory resolution of intent
Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable
City Goals: Maintain the physical infrastructure to ensure a healthy, vital and safe city
Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable
Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

It is the intent of the Public Works Department to maintain a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process for solid waste collection services on a 5-year cycle, as was started in 2007. This strategy conforms to the City of Minneapolis Charter mandate of maximum 5-year contract lengths and provides the opportunity for the city to obtain competitive market pricing.

In 2006 a Hennepin County District Court determined that the City of Minneapolis must follow the 180-day procedure provided by Minnesota Statutes, Section 115A.94, Subd. 4 if the city is going to consider changing solid waste hauling contractors. Staff is recommending as a precaution and as a prudential measure, that we follow the procedures of Minnesota Statutes, Section 115A.94 Subd. 4 even though we believe we have authority to organize under other authority pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 115A.94 Subd. 6 and that we have already organized for the purposes of Chapter 115A.. Therefore, in order to follow these procedures and for the city to have a new contract in place upon the expiration of the current contract on January 31, 2014, we need to commence the 180-day statutory procedure now.

Public Works recommends that the City Council adopt the resolution of intent begin the 180-day process. After conclusion of the process, staff will bring to Council recommendations arising from the 180-day collection service evaluation and discussion. This will provide adequate time to issue an RFP for a new contract should that be the conclusion of the 180-day process.

Attachment: Resolution of Intent