



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: City Utilities - Solid Waste

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 3, 2020

Re: Amending Chapter 22 of the City Code as it relates to City provided bags for refuse and recycling collection and as it relates to curbside recycling collection.

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance amending Chapter 22 of the City Code to remove the provision for the City providing curbside recycling collection and to remove the provision for the City providing bags for curbside refuse and recycling collection.

Discussion

The Solid Waste Division was requested to identify operating budget reductions of 10% for fiscal year 2021 based on the fiscal year 2020 operating budget.

One item proposed to be removed from the operating budget is funding for curbside recycling collection for residential customers. This is the least efficient method of collecting recyclable materials. Elimination of this service will reduce operating expenses of the division by approximately \$1,345,000 annually. This includes not providing blue bags for recycling and includes the elimination of a total of 11 full time Refuse Collector and Senior Refuse Collector positions. Several of these positions are currently vacant. Staff in the positions currently filled will be assigned to vacant positions in curbside refuse collections. If this budget reduction is accepted, Chapter 22, Section 159.1 (a), (b) and (c) will need to be removed from the City Code.

In addition, funding for providing black bags for curbside refuse collection is proposed to be removed from the operating budget. This will reduce the operating budget by approximately \$350,000. If this budget reduction is accepted, Chapter 22, Section 159 (b) will need to be removed from the City Code.

Combined, these proposed reductions total \$1,695,000 annually. The proposed amendment to Chapter 22 will remove the sections of the code referenced above.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: A reduction in the Solid Waste operating budget of approximately \$1,695,000 from the fiscal year 2020 operating budget.

Long-Term Impact: An annual reduction in the Solid Waste operating budget of \$1,695,000 from fiscal year 2020 operating budget.



Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

Approval of the ordinance.