



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: November 21, 2022

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

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance amending Chapter 22 of the City Code to remove the requirement for the City to provide refuse bags and the requirement to use a City logo bag for residential curbside refuse collections.

Discussion

Staff is recommending that the current requirement to use City logo bags for refuse disposal and collection be eliminated. Additionally, staff is proposing the City no longer provide bags for refuse disposal and collection. This was recently presented to Council at the work session on November 7, 2022.

The requirement to use only City logo bags was put in place on February 1, 2021. This requirement is the subject of many complaints from customers the majority about bags not being available in stores, bags being defective and that additional bags are too costly.

Removing these two requirements would take an amendment to Chapter 22-159 (b) and (i). Chapter 22-159 (b) would be removed and 22-159 (i) is proposed to be modified as follows: "*Dimensions and weight:* All material for collection must be in a ~~city provided refuse~~ bag and shall not exceed fifty (50) pounds total weight per bag." Items in strike through to be removed.

Solid Waste Utility staff will host two customer input meetings on November 17 and 30 to discuss this proposed ordinance. For more information and to leave questions or comments, citizens may use the BeHeardCoMo.com project page.

Removing the requirement for the City to provide refuse bags is estimated to reduce annual expenses of the Solid Waste Division by approximately \$1,150,000. Voucher for refuse bags will continue to be distributed until the current inventory of refuse bags is depleted.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Anticipated reduction in annual expenses of approximately \$1,154,000.
Long-Term Impact: Anticipated reduction in annual expenses of approximately \$1,154,000.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact



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Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Reliable 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 |
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| 07/19/2021 | B216-21 Amending Chapter 22 of the City Code to establish compensation to retailers for redeemed refuse and recycling bag vouchers. |
| 09/21/2020 | B211-20 Amending Chapter 22 of the City Code as it relates to residential curbside refuse and recycling collection. |
| 08/17/2020 | B212-20 Amending Chapter 22 of the City Code to eliminate the requirement of the City to provide bags for curbside collection of residential refuse and recycling and to eliminate residential curbside recycling collection. Defeated. |

Suggested Council Action

Approval of the ordinance.