

CITY OF KENT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE

MEMO

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To: Dave Ruller, City Manager

From:

John Ferlito, Health Commissioner
Jim Silver, Law Director
Bill Lillich, Safety Director
Gary Locke, Community Development Director
Barbara Rissland, Budget & Finance Director
Gene Roberts, Service Director

RE: Citywide Residential Trash Collection

Staff has completed the draft of the attached Citywide Residential Trash Collection Specifications, Bid and Contract documents recommended to be used for implementation of a Citywide Residential Trash Collection program in the City of Kent. The recommendation includes a multi-tiered approach to collection of residential only trash. The smallest service is per bag picked up as needed and the largest service is unlimited per week.

Considerable discussion has taken place between staff and trash haulers regarding implementation of Citywide Residential Trash Collection and the attached represents input from a great variety of people. Although this will be the first time the City has included cost escalation clauses in a City Contract it is believed that it will ultimately lead to the lowest cost for the delivery of trash collection service. The document allows for the Contractor to increase fees in the event he can substantiate an increase in his/her cost of the delivery of trash collection services due to such things as fuel cost, tipping fees or other items which are outside of his control.

As this is the first time that the City has attempted to regulate citywide trash collection for Kent residents in such a regulated manner, the documents provide for 120 days for residents to become a subscriber to the new service thus allowing for residents not to loose services for which they have paid in advance. Equally the document provides for a fee to be paid by the City to the Contractor for anticipated costs the Contractor will incur in setting up the program during the first 90-days.

The documents attached provide for all of the anticipated details that will be required for implementation and staff recommends forwarding to Council for their consideration. Remaining to be completed will be a rewrite of the City's Solid Waste Ordinance to reflect any change approved by Council and revision of the Service Director Rules and Regulations to further implement the ordinance rewrite.

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