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From: Darin Frenzel [mailto:dfrenzel@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 10:09 PM

To: \*CI-StPaul\_Contact-Council

Subject: Coordinated Collection

Will you please provide feedback on pricing. It's very concerning to be told who we are required to use for trash pick up and not even share potential cost. Most people have budgets to follow and a raise in fees would be an issue.

Also, you claim "Consistent, and high quality customer service throughout city". While this sounds great I can tell you there is a huge difference between these companies. I have had Aspen for over 7 years and they have provided fantastic customer service.

While I do like the idea of bulk item pick up and less trucks in my alley this all sounds like it will cost more than I am currently paying.

Please provide feedback.

Darin Frenzel  
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952-454-3447

**From:** Darius D. Massoudi [mailto:darius.massoudi@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2017 6:07 PM

**To:** \*CI-StPaul\_Contact-Council

**Subject:** Organized Trash: Still put it out for bid

Hello,

I am a Saint Paul homeowner and past DFL delegate for Senate District 66. I strongly urge the council to still pursue putting organized trash out for a bid in order to see whether it is truly cost effective versus reaching an agreement with the current operators. Our city government needs to put the public good, including obtaining the most cost effective deal, ahead of the interests of the garbage companies. Many of these same companies have launched smear campaigns against the organized trash proposal. None of them should have a right to stay in business if they are not able to provide services at competitive prices.

Best regards,

Darius Massoudi

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Darius DeBoer Massoudi

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-----Original Message-----

From: Deb Spencer [mailto:djspencer12@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 1:16 PM

To: \*CI-StPaul\_Contact-Council

Subject: Garbage pick up

I have seen many notices on Facebook recently spouting off against the proposed changes in garbage pick up. I want you to know that I am all for it. There are currently at least 6 trucks that go down our alley each week. I would love to see that change! Our alley dead-ends at White Bear Ave, so its very annoying. Most people I know in Maplewood are very happy with the change. I think it would be great for St. Paul!

Thanks.

Deb Spencer  
1751 Ross Ave

**From:** Josh Gathje [mailto:jggathje@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2017 5:06 PM

**To:** \*CI-StPaul\_Contact-Council

**Subject:** Zero Waste Resident

City of St. Paul,

Is it true that garbage collection will be mandatory for St. Paul residents as stated in the below pioneer press article?

<http://www.twincities.com/2017/07/11/st-paul-organized-trash-collection-agreement-garbage-hauling/>

I have be running an almost zero waste household for a couple years now. Any very minor trash that is created is brought to J&J recycling, but for the most part things can be recycled or composted. It sounds like you want me to start generating trash with your mandatory garbage program. My hope is as a resident focused on zero waste I wouldn't have be involved in your garbage program.

Regards,  
Josh Gathje  
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St. Paul, MN 55119

From: Kateri Routh [mailto:katerirouth@gmail.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 3:10 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3  
Subject: Say yes to city wide trash collection

I'm emailing to voice my support for the soon to be voted upon agreement for city wide trash collection. This is great for Saint Paul! Less noise, less wear and tear on the roads/alleys, and less pollution.

Please vote YES on this improvement!

Kateri Routh  
  
2093 Stanford Ave.  
  
Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: COLLEEN KELLY [mailto:cbdkelly@msn.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 2:31 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3  
Subject: Organized trash collection

Please do not support organized trash collection in the City of Saint Paul.

In a time when expenses are rising to live in this city, trash collection is one portion of a household's budget that can be controlled.

Currently, residents are able to shop and obtain the best value from private haulers. Recycling offers incentives for residents to reduce their trash amounts and see economic benefits from reducing their can size. Seniors and smaller households are currently able to partner and share trash collection.

Residents currently have options with our current private system. Much like alley plowing.

Please do not limit our private options.

Colleen Kelly  
1737 Stanford Ave  
651-319-1280  
Sent from my iPhone

From: Chip Peterson [mailto:c-pete@umn.edu]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 4:32 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3

Cc: Rosa Maria de la Cueva Peterson

Subject: Trash collection

Hi, Chris.

I was delighted to see (Star Tribune article below) that St. Paul is closing in on the long-sought organized trash collection. It will be wonderful to have fewer trucks in our alleys and less carbon being dumped into the atmosphere. I'm hoping also that the consolidated routes will lower costs of collection and therefore monthly fees.

My one major reservation, at least to judge from the sketchy description in the article, concerns which haulers will be included. At the meeting I attended some time ago (sponsored by the district council early in the process), feedback from neighbors overwhelmingly advocated using just small mom-and-pop operations. After reading the article, however, I'm worried that the fifteen favored haulers will include some huge national companies. Given everything we know about the comparative impact on local economies of locally-owned businesses vs. national chains, that would be a real shame. I hope that no neighborhood--and certainly ours--will be saddled with Waste Management or its ilk.

I'm also curious how turnover will be handled. If a hauler goes out of business, what happens to his/her routes? Is there anything to prevent the exiting hauler from selling out to one of the big operators? Please do everything you can to assure that the sharks will not eat the sardines over the long haul.

Thanks.

Chip Peterson

-----Star Tribune article-----

Fifteen trash haulers have come to an agreement with St. Paul to start coordinated garbage collection in the city. Residents must currently find and hire their own haulers. The city decided last year to shift to organized collection, in an effort to reduce the number of trucks crisscrossing the city and illegal dumping of big items like mattresses and electronics. But negotiations between St. Paul and the 15 trash companies operating in the city dragged on as they worked through issues like pricing. After more than 10 months of meetings and seven proposals from a consortium of haulers, city staff members said they reached an agreement. All the haulers will get a piece of the city, based on their market share. Many residents will have a new company serving them. "There's going to be less noise, less air pollution, less wear and tear on the streets and alleys," said Anne Hunt, the city's environmental policy director. "That's going to be a huge improvement on the overall quality of life in the neighborhoods." The cost to residents will be at or near current rates and will include the annual pickup of three big items, such as appliances, which people previously had to pay for separately, said Kris Hageman, with St. Paul Public Works. A city study found, on average, households paid \$27.49 monthly for medium-size cart pickup and \$9.25 for the big items. But prices "varied wildly," Hunt said, and the new system will ensure costs are equitable. The City Council will consider the agreement next week and formal contract negotiations will occur in August. The coordinated collection is expected to start in summer or fall 2018. The change will affect about 78,200 households, including single-family homes and residential buildings with four or fewer units. Apartment and condominium buildings will not be part of the organized system.

The haulers also said they would pay truck drivers at least \$20 an hour and pay other staff a living wage, Hunt said, but they did not agree to support labor agreements, which would allow workers to unionize.

Chip Peterson - 1711 Lincoln Ave. - St. Paul, MN 55105 - Tel. [\(651\) 699-4286](tel:6516994286)

From: Alice Engelman [mailto:[aliceengelman@earthlink.net](mailto:aliceengelman@earthlink.net)]

Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 5:06 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3

Subject: Organized trash collection

Dear Council Member Tolbert,

I was very pleased to hear there is a tentative agreement on this matter. I support the idea 100% and hope the plan will be adopted. I've been happy w/my trash pick up service but am sure I'll be equally happy w/whatever company is assigned to my area. I think they all do a good job. The best part is there will be fewer trucks using the alley, especially now that recycling pick up has switched to the alley. I hope you will vote in favor of the plan.

Thank you,

Alice H Engelman

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St. Paul 55105

Sent by Alice (I'm not old, I'm just experiencing managed decline.)

From: Kelly and Anne [mailto:[taylors330@msn.com](mailto:taylors330@msn.com)]

Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 8:23 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3

Subject: Organized trash collection

The Taylor Family supports the agreement reached to provide one hauler per alley along with other benefits of the agreement. Please vote in favor of it.

Thank you

Anne Taylor

1307Niles Ave 55116

From: Jccerrito@gmail.com [mailto:[Jccerrito@gmail.com](mailto:Jccerrito@gmail.com)]

Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 8:31 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3

Cc: \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram

Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

Dear Council Member Chris Tolbert,

A city takeover of the garage system is a complicated process and an overstep by the City of Saint Paul. It's the wrong idea at the wrong time. I object to the City's efforts to create a one-size-fits "solution" for every neighborhood and resident.

This constraining system will take choice away from homeowners, endangers companies' operations,

and put employees out of work. Saint Paul should be focusing its time and energy on the skyrocketing skyway and gun crime, balancing the city budget, fixing rec centers, and recruiting new businesses and jobs.

Please listen to your constituents and stop this unnecessary government overreach.

The City shouldn't fix something that is not broken!

Also we just got a letter stating that our fees for our security system is going way up... based on the claim that 5000 false alarms are placed a year. That says nothing, 5000 out of how many? Just the number 5000 tells the public nothing. Do you charge everyone in St Paul every time the police come to their house? We have had an alarm system for almost 20 years. Most of that time we have paid an annual fee for having a security system. The police have been to our home maybe 3 times in almost 20 years and now we are expected to pay even more??? Do you charge the chronic offender homes for police calls, I don't think so. We already pay almost \$5000 in real estate taxes, we didn't use the public school system and we are tired of paying, paying and paying. And please keep your hand off our garbage  
YOU MADE A MESS OUT of RECYCLE

John Cerrito

1074 JULIET AVE

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From: Cynthia.mcarthur@gmail.com [mailto:Cynthia.mcarthur@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 9:37 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3

Cc: \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram

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I think every household should be required to have a hauler. I like the option to pick up 3 big items a year which would be included in the cost so the burden of payment is distributed to all. A concern I have about the present process of change is the difficulty the haulers are having in working with Kris Hageman in meetings and decision making. I would rather have the current situation than go through a similar debacle we are experiencing with the recycling bins and pick up. It is a weekly endeavor to go out after the trucks have driven up and down the alleys leaving tipped bins and litter to be dealt with, or not, by residents. I worry that there will be unrealistic and unfair demands placed on the haulers by the city people in charge of this change that will cause residents more hassle, expense and inability to effectively communicate with the person providing the service. Now I can call my hauler, talk about concerns or extra pick ups and it is pleasant, efficient and timely.

Cynthia McArthur  
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From: jlsund@comcast.net [mailto:jlsund@comcast.net]  
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 6:45 AM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3  
Cc: \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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We have been more than happy for over 30 years with the service we picked for ourself. We do not need the City of Saint Paul to make this choice for us. Sincerely, Jim & Linda Sund

James Sund  
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Saint Paul, MN 55116

From: bevandvirg@centurylink.net [mailto:bevandvirg@centurylink.net]  
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 8:00 AM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3  
Cc: \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
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Virgil Amsden  
2021 RANDOLPH AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: Kristine Thompson [mailto:foresite@gmail.com]  
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 8:57 AM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3  
Subject: Organized Trash Collection

Councilman Tolbert:

I am in complete support of the deal for organized trash collection. I look forward to less noise and less pollution. Thank you for supporting this.

Kristine

Kristine Thompson

1397 Highland Parkway

Phone: 651-699-0063

[foresite@gmail.com](mailto:foresite@gmail.com)

From: David Moen [mailto:davidmoen1451@gmail.com]  
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 10:14 AM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3  
Subject: trash collection - concerns

Dear Councilman Tolbert,

I was not able to attend Wednesday's hearing on the final trash hauling report and recommendations, but I need to share a couple of concerns.

First, though, I want to express that I am totally in favor of a unified system of trash collection in St. Paul. I have long been in favor of this (33 yr resident of St. Paul). The current system makes little sense and it's downsides are many - environmental, efficiency, safety, damage to infrastructure, etc. There are five haulers that use my alley on at least four different days.. The damage to the alley which is not



designed to withstand the weight of these monster trucks is telling. This spring my alley needed extensive repair primarily because of heavy truck damage. I could go on, but just know I support a new system.

Concerns:

I do have some concerns related to cost and incentives for a new system.

1. Will the new system be volume based rather than flat fee per household. I am a single person and generate on average no more than two small plastic grocery bags of trash/week. This is in large part because I am avid recycler and I compost vegetable food waste. Several years ago my trash hauler fees rose significantly and I needed to do something. Even their smallest volume bin had hardly any trash each week. The cost of a small plastic bag of trash removal was ridiculous. I now partner with a neighbor and we share a bin and hauler. I pay my neighbor half. We rarely have a full bin and if we do some waits until the next week. It seems unfair, if household based, to charge a household of one the same as a household of four or five. Other utility costs are based on usage - gas, water, electric.

- Will the new system be based on volume and include a fee for very minimal volume?

- Will I have an option to partner with a neighbor where we are two single individual households with minimal trash?

- Will billing be by household rather than through contract with hauler where two households can pool together for one contract?

2. If the cost of trash collecting is based on fee per household and I must pay for excess volume even though I don't use it (small bins used now are too large), what is the incentive for me to keep recycling? Even though I recycle out of commitment to environmental stewardship, it would be a disincentive to recycle if I have to pay excessive rates for trash hauling anyway. I might as well get my money's worth and just put it all in trash bin to fill it since I'm paying for it anyway. I fear others will do the same and all the work and emphasis on recycling in St. Paul will be for nought. It doesn't make sense to make cost and volume of trash hauling a disincentive to recycle.

I will await the outcome of the council on this decision. I will need to adjust my practises accordingly. I am hopeful that a new system will be fair, based on cost by volume, allow for options for minimal trash generators to partner and lead to more incentives, not less, to recycle.

Thank,

A concerned citizen on Sargent Avenue.

David E. Moen

**From:** Mike Marcotte [mailto:mike.marcotte@att.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2017 11:51 AM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward3

**Subject:** Trash Collection Plan

Chris,

I read the article about the trash collection agreement in the St. Paul Pioneer Press this morning.

I support most features of the plan but want to have the choice to opt out of trash collection.

For many years I have been an avid recycler and composter.

I have about one bag of trash a month which is disposed of properly in cooperation with others who also do not generate much waste.

Being retired, I have to watch my budget and do not want mandated collection fees.

Thanks,

Mike Marcotte

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Saint Paul, MN 55116

**From:** Anne Pfeiffer [mailto:anne.pfeiffer@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2017 4:54 PM

**To:** \*CI-StPaul\_Contact-Council

**Subject:** in favor of coordinated collection

I am writing to express my support for coordinated trash collection. I am thrilled to see St. Paul embrace a plan to reduce trash hauling traffic and noise as well as ensure a decent wage for sanitation workers.

Anne Pfeiffer

1923 Jefferson Ave

St Paul, MN 55105

