

Hello Samantha -

Thanks for the notification. I don't think I'll be able to make the meeting and I am in support of OTC. I read through some of the documentation and I agree with the priorities set forth.

Thanks,
Neal

My suggestion below, I can't make it to the meeting

On Saturday, January 2, 2016 7:33 AM, Gabrielle Pillmann wrote:

Hi,

The pickup is bi-weekly, I did not point that out.

Thank you,

Gabriele Pillmann

On Jan 1, 2016, at 13:17, Gabrielle Pillmann wrote:

> Dear city council member,

> As a resident I am pleased to announce that my personal garbage went down to such a level that I call my garbage hauler when my 35 gallon ton is full. I am busy recycling and composting my non-garden compostables at the Ramsey county yard waste site, which I love. curbside composting would be even better, we would save the citizenry from driving to the compost places, which pollutes.

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> It is impossible for me to fill up a 35 gallon can in a week these days and I call my hauler maybe twice a quarter. Once my son moves out it will be even less. Therefore I do not have a need for weekly pick up, and would not want to pay for what I don't need. I am sure other people fare the same.

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> If we must have a collective scheduled pickup and hauler may I suggest charging per actual pickup. For example in the southern region of Germany, Landkreis Karlsruhe, cans have microchips that are scanned and connect with computers in the hauler vehicles. This allows the individual pick up to be assigned to each address. In addition they charge a base fee of 4 pick ups a year. The fee is also determined by trash can size, their smallest is 60 liters. See the following link:

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> <https://www.awb-landkreis-karlsruhe.de/privatkunden/index.php?rubric=53>

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> So this means if my can is not ready for a pick up it is not at the curb, or out in the alley, and there is not a charge. If you haven't already please consider this option, or something similar, less trash must be rewarded, recycling and composting as well.

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> thank you,

> Gabriele Pillmann

Hello counsel members. I am a resident of St. Paul and have been for over 30 years. I grew up here and currently own a home in the Daytons Bluff area with my wife and five children. The first time that I heard about monopolizing trash services is when I heard about all the tension going on over this issue in the city of Maplewood. Even then I thought how crazy of an idea this is. I want to stress my opinion on this issue in email as I do not believe I will be able to make the meeting on June 1st as one of my son's has baseball during this time. I believe that this idea makes trash hauling a monopoly. It takes the free choice out of the residents hands, eliminates free enterprise, and will ultimately hurts small LOCAL trash hauling services.

free en-ter-prise

noun

1. an economic system in which private business operates in competition and largely free of state control.
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3. Sure maybe it cuts down a little on noise and the amount of trucks on the road. However it's not like I'm driving down the road and saying man I'm late to work again waiting for this stupid trash truck to get out of my way. Some say it will help with illegal dumping issues. I believe having one hauler is not going to stop much if any illegal dumping. In the beginning it may save some of us money per month. However it will eventually go up over time.
4. There may be a situation were a single elderly person, or person who travels a lot due to work, live next door to one another and have very small amounts of trash. As a result they talk it over and decide to go in on one small can together and share the bill. Implementing system like the city is looking into seems to me would make all residents have trash cans of one size or another and that is government trying to control us and get more and more money from us. I get that there are people who just leave trash lay around and don't have a hauler. Then I would ask the city to deal with them individually and don't take it out on the rest of us.
5. Customer Service with using one trash hauler will be very poor as we would not be able to just cancel our service and go with another hauler. This is also another tactic to gain Government control over it's residents. If you want to help residents financially then let's lower the crazy tax rates on trash.
6. The last time I looked this is the great City of St. Paul, we are not on the Truman Show! We don't need the same colored trash cans throughout the city. Diversity is what we are. Seeing different colored trash cans down my alley just reminds me that we live in a free democracy. You start taking that away we would be moving closer and closer to dictatorship.
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8. Sincerely,
9. Brian Sanders

Samantha,

I have kids at home and (by virtue of having joined the Macalester Groveland Community Council) use up my allotment of evening meetings per month, so I will provide my testimony to you:

My first point is that the current system results in 5-10 garbage trucks passing through my alley each week, generally in the early morning hours, and loud enough to wake me up as well as my wife and three kids. Apart from the well-documented wear and tear that that many big trucks cause to pavement that may or may not be able to withstand it over the long haul (pun intended), this unnecessary noise and interference with the quiet enjoyment of our residence could be mostly fixed by a change to a consortium approach to garbage hauling in the city.

Second, every non-St.Paul commenter I have seen on this issue has suggested that having one hauler (Minneapolis) or a consortium approach is favored to St. Paul's current approach. I haven't seen anyone from Minneapolis comment that Minneapolis's approach doesn't work, for example. The only comments I've seen defending the current approach are St. Paul residents who claim to have a "special relationship" with their haulers that can't be continued, for some reason, under a consortium approach. These are usually the same people who think the City's proposal is to wholly take over garbage service.

Third, I'm glad the City asked residents to share their bills and collected that data as part of this process, because it reveals the huge differences in price from one hauler to the next. Surely a more efficient process, where haulers have a more defined area within which to pick up garbage, and constrained by the City's parameters, will result in better service at a lower cost.

Fourth and finally, I want to be sure that appropriate consideration is given to the study the MGCC undertook which precedes the City's interest in this issue. That study collected data from all around the City and listed lots of reasons why the consortium approach was favored. It would be a shame if the City allowed commentary from a few St. Paul residents, set in their ways in terms of having the same hauler for the last 20 years, to outweigh a well-done study of the whole city.

Thanks,

Jeff Christenson
14xx Lincoln Ave.

Greetings,

I'm a resident in the Hamline-Midway neighborhood and I recently received an email from my trash hauler (Garbage Man) warning of upcoming City Council actions that might "limit my choice" when it comes to trash hauling.

Please know that I *strongly support* city efforts to organize trash hauling. I realize that to do so is likely not in the best interest of private trash hauling companies--but I believe it is in the best interest of our neighborhoods, our streets, and our natural environment. We do not need five or more enormous garbage trucks crisscrossing every street every week. I sincerely hope that this discussion continues, and that sensible changes can be made.

Thank you for your good work on behalf of our city and neighborhoods.

Erik Haaland
12xx Engelwood Ave.

Russ,

I just heard a segment on NPR about your program to rationalize trash hauling. Thanks for getting involved. This is a letter to the Park Bugle that I wanted to bring to your attention. A few thoughts about the illegal dumping of 30 car tires, 6 box springs, 5 water softeners and 40 bags of miscellaneous garbage at Kasota Ponds:

1. It seems better to try to prevent the illegal dumping than to clean up every year.
2. A couple of days ago there was a stripped car at the Hunting Valley Road turnaround. Apparently, the scrappers didn't have the correct title or something, so they stripped the doors, hood, trunk, rims and everything else they could get and left the stripped car for someone else (the government) to take care of.
3. It seems like Metro Metals could/should be a part of the solution. Perhaps they should be encouraged or required to have a dumpster for rejected items like box springs, water softeners, car tires and all rejected items. Then Ramsey county or ?? would pick up that dumpster and treat it appropriately instead of picking it up later after volunteers remove it yearly from Kasota Ponds.
4. According to this letter, the cops would not do anything even though there was video of the dumping. Is this correct?
5. Maybe the city could organize CCTV of the Hunting Valley Road turnaround from an adjacent building and put up a sign saying "Under Video Surveillance, Illegal dumping is subject to Prosecution"

Thanks for your time,

John Eaton
23xx Commonwealth Ave
St Paul, MN 55108

Council member Thao,

I wish to go on record as being in support of organized trash hauling in St. Paul.

This morning I went out for a short walk in my neighborhood. Within 45 minutes I saw 3 different trash trucks. That is a lot of noise (especially during the summer months when we like our windows open) a lot of wear and tear on the streets, and more air pollution than is necessary.

Two of the trucks were from small companies. I understand that this will cause them some difficulties but I expect there are ways to insure that all companies can start with a level playing field.

Please vote for organized hauling.

Linda Skallman

Thank you for your e-mail.

As pleased as I have been with your good service, however, I welcome city-wide coordinated trash collection.

The current system that theoretically produces lower rates is at least time-consuming and at most confusing for consumers to shop for lower rates.

In addition, the multiple haulers currently moving through our neighborhood are noisy and contribute to pollution, however "green" each may be.

I would hope that your good service could be accommodated in any coordinated system.

William Beyer
21xx Dudley Avenue
Saint Paul, MN

On Fri, May 27, 2016 at 4:59 PM, GarbageMan A Green Company

Dear Valued GarbageMan Customer,

GarbageMan would like to bring an important matter to your attention. The City of St. Paul currently has an open system for trash collection which means each resident can choose their trash hauler. If for any reason you become unhappy with your trash hauler you have the right to choose a different one. This right to choose your trash hauler creates competition which results in better service and competitive rates. We at GarbageMan feel strongly that this right to choose which products, services or companies we support is a critical and fundamental right of each American and a large part of what has made our country great. Hopefully you agree that any decision which ultimately limits competition and unnecessarily increases government control should be taken very seriously.

If you are receiving this letter it is because at some point you made the decision to support GarbageMan which is a local, family owned business. The money you pay for our services results in local jobs and supports our local economy. Not only do we at GarbageMan appreciate the fact that you chose our company to provide your trash hauling service but we also feel strongly that you should continue to have that right to choose. As such, we feel it is important that every citizen should be aware that the City of St. Paul is strongly considering taking that right to choose away from you.

If you want to preserve the right to choose your trash hauler then we suggest that you become informed and let your local city council representative know your opinions on this matter. Also, there is an informational meeting that you can attend being held on the 3rd floor of City Hall in Council Chambers at 15 Kellogg Blvd., W. Saint Paul, on June 1st, 2016 at approximately 5:30pm.

For more information please visit these websites:

<https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/city-council/city-council-wards>

<https://www.stpaul.gov/residents/live-saint-paul/utilities/organized-trash-collection>

<http://www.haulersforchoice.com/>

Thanks for your time and support,

GarbageMan, A Green Company

St. Paul Franchise Owners: Dan Westerhaus, Jim Lemieux, Shawn LaCore and families

I am not able to attend this meeting, but I have concerns. First if all I hate rules such as this that would put out if business hard working small businesses which I am sure my preferred trash hauler is. I love Genes Disposal! Secondly I have a huge problem with some of these haulers coming at 5-6 in the morning and banging those stupid cans many times to empty them! I get woken up many times during the week all year long and would love it if they could not start pickup until at least 8 am! I know they say they cant get there day in but I have never seen a hauler past 2 in the 29 years I have lived here. Thanks for listening. Debi Morgan