

July 20, 2017

Dear Mr. Tolbert,

This letter is in **support of open haul** trash collection.

Benefits of the **open haul trash collection** are:

- Supports **local** businesses.
- Supports **small business** owners.
- Supports our **local haulers**.
- Provides local **jobs**.
- Allows **free choice** to find a trash hauler at the **best price** suitable and **sustainable** for each resident's or business owner's individual needs.
- Opportunities for **YJ02** students to learn how to **set up and run a small business** in St. Paul.
- Bulk items can be **hailed away as needed**, a fee is charged only at the time those items are hauled away.
- Keeps rental **housing affordable**.
- Some trash collectors **haul leaves and branches**.
- Talk **directly with a hauler** to resolve any problems.
- Change trash haulers **when a resident or business owner chooses**.
- Residents can devise and change their **plans based on need**, such as sharing service.
- **Suspend service** while on vacation and not pay for it.

Please show you really do support local, small business.
Vote **against** organized trash collection.

Sincerely,

Arona Fay Roshal
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1704 Bohland Avenue, St. Paul, MN 5116

Chris Tolbert
City of Saint Paul Ward 3 Council Member
310-C City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd. West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Mr. Tolbert,

Although I totally agree with having a plan to coordinate trash collection within the City of Saint Paul and eliminating the redundant number of trash hauling trucks on my street, I have one large concern. Recently I read an article in the Saint Paul Pioneer Press on July 18, 2017 explaining the City Trash collection plan. I was very dismayed to learn that the "opt out" option for trash collection was eliminated from the plan. I have been trying very hard to reduce my trash to "zero waste" which matches the goal of Eureka Recycling. During my effort to reduce my trash, I have eliminated all compostable organics and recycled materials, which leaves a very small amount of trash that does not fall into one of these categories. Once I accumulate one garbage bag full of this leftover trash, which could take up to six weeks, I bring it a reputable disposal location within the city. The cost for disposing of this single trash bag is usually less than \$5.00. I also do not make a special trip to deliver this bag of trash and usually include this trip with other errands I have planned.

As stated in the Saint Paul Pioneer Press article, the least cost option for this new plan will be \$21.00 per month. Since I do not generate much "real trash", it appears that I will be subsidizing people who generate more trash. This does not seem fair to me and it certainly does not meet the goal of "zero waste".

I strongly encourage you to reinstate this "opt out" option for trash collection plan.

I am available at your convenience to discuss my request in more detail.

Sincerely,



Tim Morehead
1932 Bayard Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55116

Good Morning,

I am requesting that more negotiations take place if the city is to switch to the Organized Trash Collection method. I am opposed to this method as I believe we should be able to choose who provides our service as each household has different needs and budgets.

With the currently proposed rates, I would be paying DOUBLE what I am now and that is only the monthly cost, not including the extra fees the city will charge for "admin and cart maintenance". I did not negotiate for a better rate either, I simply chose a company and that is what they charge. I live in a single family home by myself so I don't have a lot of trash needs therefore I refuse to pay any higher than I am now. If this contract goes through, citizens should be given the option to opt out of trash service or to share costs with neighbors. There are many single resident homes in Saint Paul and it is not fair for those of us who don't create a lot of trash to have to pay the same as families with multiple members. This current proposal does have smaller cart options along with every other week pickup, but why should we be forced to have less service and still pay MORE? All of the options proposed will cost me more than I already pay (not even considering extra city fees), including the ones with half the container size and with service only every other week. This is completely unacceptable.

Additionally, how does this work for yard waste programs as not all of the providers offer this service?

Please take this into consideration before voting to approve a contract. These issues need to be figured out to a reasonable price and allow us to have the same services we already have before a contract is signed.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Jenn Bolan

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Freedom of choice is in the Constitution!

Sharon Myers

9xx WOODBRIDGE ST – Ward 5

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Oliver Rice

3xx GERANIUM AVE E – Ward 5

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Hi Amy,

While I at first I was for the new structure regarding a singular garbage hauler, I am more hesitant now that more details have come out. Presently, I use Pete's Rubbish Hauling and pay \$60.30 (includes all taxes and fees) every three months for a 35 gallon garbage can. The new pay structure with the singular garbage hauler is quite a bit more. And beyond the \$24.40 monthly fee there will an annual fee on top of that of a hefty \$52. This is annually \$344.80 and presently I pay only \$241.20. That's over \$100 more a year! How is this price hike helpful to St. Paul residents? And because the singular hauler system is most likely to limit expansion of the hauler's business and limit new customers the competition will stagnate and increase the prices more over time. The old system of garbage haulers created competition and it seems a major reduction in price as compared to what is being negotiated. With an increase in property taxes from the new road and piping construction project and reduction in right of way

assessments that will also be added to our property taxes, I am sure residents of St. Paul are not looking for more costly fees. I am hope we can renegotiate these exorbitantly high hauler rates and create competition or this will be very costly for St. Paul and create a stagnant market that will greater greater fees at the expense of St. Paul residents. I do not like the idea of having a number of garbage trucks going through our neighborhoods and I do want to limit that, but is this the best way? I am not sure without better prices and a way to strengthen competition.

Marc

(10xx Chatsworth St N) – Ward 5

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I am soooo mad about this#####!! Whose brain storm was this, city council or the mayor? Does this mean I have the right to contest my property taxes? My husband and I are in our 70's and we love our garbage hauler they also give us a senior discount. We will now have to,move out of St Paul. Do you realize how many small businesses you will be hurting? Do you have senior discounts Will your haulers get my barrel by my door as I am handicapped

Theresa ZAspel

5xx IVY AVE E – Ward 5
Saint Paul, MN 55130

1. Opposed to Organized Trash
Lynn Conley

105 Western Ave – Ward 5
2. Opposed to Organized Trash
Mike Mc Colough

1251 N. Victoria – Ward 5
3. Opposed to Organized Trash
Mary Jo Rivet
4. Opposed to Organized Trash
Patrick Faren
894 Desoto St – Ward 5
5. Opposed to Organized Trash
Scott Stanke
1299 Idaho Ave W – Ward 5
Bad for business and independent haulers
6. Opposed to Organized Trash
Joann Schultz
1600 Hamline Ave – Ward 5
Concern that this proposal will put garbage haulers out of work
7. Opposed to Organized Trash
Tom Kneisel
963 W. Montana – Ward 5

7/19/2017

-Not a fan of the organized trash collection. Likes the way it is now. Tax rise is concerning!

Lee Korthof

197 Isabel St. W

651-238-8383

7/20/17 8:15

-Oppose to the organized trash collection. 100% against it. What the city is going to charge her is the amount she's being charged quarterly by her current hauler. She's a Sr. citizen and can't afford it. This so outrageous and she's so disgusted with all this politician and tax dollars stuff.

Rose Lucio
307 E. Robie
651-292-0430

-Says she's been with Highland Sanitation for 40 years. No matter what you do she's sticking to them or she's hauling her own garbage. She doesn't need city haulers.

-Anonyms
Lives on River Road

-Opposing to the organized trash collection
LaVonne Michalec
620 Livingston Ave

-Opposing to the organized trash collection
Lila Mclean
1097 Lincoln Ave
651-247-8909

-the more she hears about the trash hauling by the city, the more upset she gets. She has no garage or alley. She barely have any garbage as she's a retired 70 year old. She goes in with her neighbors with the bill. She cannot afford what the city will be charging her.

Janelle Anderson
413 Winslow Ave
651-665-0354

--Opposing to the organized trash collection. Afraid the cost is going to go up. He said it's bad enough that the recycling come up her alley twice. They pick up from one side then the turn back around the pick up the other side. Why can't they just do it time?
He would like to participate in future meetings regarding organized trash collection.

Richard Schletty
699 Cherokee Ave
651-224-6037

-Opposing to the organized trash collection
City shouldn't be in the hauling business! It's bad enough that the city recycling have to go through the alley twice. Haulers won't be picking up large items as well. This is going to case clutter.

John Pitera
170 Victoria St. S

651-228-0400

-not going to work-want to keep their haulers. Just like what the paper yesterday wrote that it's like allowing only one pizza company to deliver in an area. \$52 maintenance fee is also ridiculous! So if a squirrel puts a hole in his container, the city will pay to repair or replace it correct?

Rick Olson
697 Osceola Ave
651-340-2684

-Oppose to the garbage pick-up.

John Meyer
322 Baker St.

-Worried about the cost going up. They have smaller trash cans . They put their trash on the street, not in the alley. Is the price going to go up? Everywhere they have huge things they have to accomplish. Do believe that there are too many trucks going up the alley area but afraid the rates will go up and they won't be able to afford it.

Ginger Pinson
215 S Chatsworth St.

-He's a bit disappointed because it's too expensive. Hopefully you will negotiate the rates. Although, he likes the idea of less traffic, the rates are too high.

Paul Orman
932 Goodrich Ave
651-699-1671

-opposing to organized trash. Increasing costs.
-anonyms

-Keep your nose out of their business!

Jerome Hedlund
609 Smith Ave.

-Opt out to take over of the garbage hauler.

Stephen R. Mike
702 Delaware

-Opposing to the organized trash collection.

Frank Rangel
409 Winslow Ave
651-291-76312

-opposing to the garbage collection. Currently, they have 3 people going together on the trash deal. He pays \$80/yr. this is absurd as the city's plan, he'd be paying roughly \$300/yr. There has got to be another option.

Philip Draster
651-236-5900

-Opposing to the garbage collection as it's going to cost her a lot more money than she's pay now. They share and she feels they should be able to pay their own.

Claude and Maryann Swayze
27 Benhill Road
651-224-7350

-Opposing! They do their own trash as they recycle everything and has very few trash.
Suggestions: Limit the number of trucks in each neighborhood to 5 instead of 100. That will already eliminate traffic.

Debra Morse
39 Colorado St W

Dear Council Member Rebecca Noecker,

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

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These new rates are DOUBLE of what I have been paying for 5 years! That's \$240.00 plus \$52.00 more than I pay now. \$292.00 can buy a lot of groceries.

Please vote No

Sincerely

Joe Banken

696 OAKDALE AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55107

I am writing this in response to the Pioneer Press article of the proposed costs to each homeowner. This will double my costs. I live in a duplexed condo. We each have our own unit in one building. We share a 60 gallon container and the year cost to both of us is \$340 which is \$170 each. When the recycling was presented, we wrote to Kris Hageman/Anne Hunt to say we had NO ROOM to put one, let alone two containers. Finally, the city picked up one(I am sure we are being assessed for both in some fashion) and then got a smaller container. I recycle everything and usually we fill it every one-two weeks. Now, it seems, because we have two addresses, that there will be two containers which we definitely have NO room for and it will cost even for the every two week collection \$300 a year for one family. That is approximately double what I pay now. I hope there is information or a platform for multi dwelling situations that do NOT need more than one container. Alleys like ours have very little room for all these carts. IN the winter our recycling cart is in the backyard.

I am not sure if there will be a response to this query by you or sometimes, usually, your staff, but hope that you do read this and pass along so that all situations are taken into account.

Sincerely,
Judith Feldman
Dear Ms. Noecker,

I represent a collegial group of homeowners on the Cherokee Bluff (our address is 456 Cherokee) who have been assiduous recyclers and minimal users of the trash hauling system (some of us are single, others without children, none generate much 'waste' in the course of a week, or month).

At present, we collectively pay for two garbage bins (three households per bin), which more than adequately contain the minimal amount of trash that our households generate. Each household contributes to the garbage fee, which comes to \$75 per year per household (\$150 per bin). Having only two bins for six households minimizes the amount of time a truck must be in the alley (using fuel and pumping out exhaust gas), so the economy is enjoyed on both sides of the equation...we pay less, the

hauler pays less in time and materials, and our needs are fully met. (Being childless adults with no immediate younger-generation relatives, the majority of us do not have Christmas trees...)

The new proposal before Council would **raise our rates by more than 400%**...there is no opt-out (thus no collaborative sharing), plus an administrative 'fee/tax' is required to run the new system...our individual household yearly expense would (even with the smallest garbage bin at \$21) jump to \$304!!

I strongly protest.

Sincerely,

Michael Barone
456 Cherokee Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55107
651-290-1539

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We love our service. The city should use their money and personnel on other issues that need fixing. Maybe hire police officers or give them more training, fix the streets, more personnel at the playgrounds etc

Judy Miller

854 LINWOOD AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55105

Dear Council Member Rebecca Noecker,

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.

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Glen Fiebich

465 HALL AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55107

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We have an independent trash hauler and we are very happy with them. We support small businesses and don't want to see any jeopardized. We have seen proposed monthly rates and they are much higher than we are currently paying. We also have had trouble with our recycling bin since the first of the year and don't want a city provided container. They are very poor quality and ours has been fixed twice already. Please keep the city out of our trash. There are enough serious problems that need your attention, not our trash.

MICHAEL and Patricia WHEBBE

261 ANNAPOLIS ST W
Saint Paul, MN 55118

Councilmember Noecker,

We oppose any City proposal to eliminate the current roster of residential trash haulers and replace it with a centralized or city hauler.

For these reasons:

1) We have reduced our trash to less than half our recycling volume, due to our recycling & reduction efforts. We'd like the ability to choose a less expensive option (smaller container, etc.) rather than pay a set fee to a city hauler.

2) We think that in the future, with further recycling efforts, that we would be able to share garbage service with a neighbor. This would not be possible with central city service approach, of course-- far too much complication for a city service to deal with, let residents work this out amongst themselves.

3) While we have had the same small family hauler for more than 30 years (!), we see that competition between haulers has been healthy for price shoppers—a reduction in the roster of licensed haulers is not good for competition.

4) We notice that some of our neighbors do not recycle. Why should we pay extra garbage fees for their lack of effort—as would surely happen if the service were to be centralized, and costs spread per address as is usually the metric in any city service.

Lastly, for those who grouse about multiple garbage trucks running down their streets—the reality is that there are FAR more school busses running down our streets 9 months of the year than there are garbage trucks!! So let them complain about the school busses, which if reduced in number may actually be good for the district budget. Additionally, with online shopping, we have many trucks (and now private vehicles) delivering goods to the neighborhood each day of the week, including Sunday. Get used to the changes!

One more comment: the recycling change to wheeled containers is VERY much appreciated. It was a lot of work to haul at least two heavy/bulky buckets 100 feet to the curb each week, and we are not getting any younger.

Kathleen & Michael Eischen
833 Winslow Ave
St. Paul 55107

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Michael Barone
456 Cherokee Avenue
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651-290-1539
mbarone@mpr.org

Rebecca :->)

First , I want to thank you for serving our ward #2.

As I understand it the City System proposed to take over the garbage collection system will **substantially** increase our costs by at least 400 %. I will explain.

We each pay 75.00 a year
or 6.25 a month

Yes we are 6 households. We share 2 large containers by my garage.

So now going from a private payer system to a gov system will increase our cost per year a minimum to 52.00 admin fee and 21.00 a month or 304.00 a year. Yes that is an increase of 229.00 annually., over 400 % increase.!

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If we could get that changed, we could work with them.

Right now we have 5 of the six homes opting out.

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I'm guessing this is already part of the agreement and new ordinance.

Could the contract with the haulers or the new ordinance state that all haulers be licensed by the city and agree to only pick up trash from the households assigned to them. Then there would be no need for the no opt out clause.

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Tom

For the past three years I've used Krupenny & Sons as my trash servicer. A weekly pickup for those 3 years has cost me \$192.00 a year. I've received great service and have used the City Wide clean up days for large item disposal.

Under the City Council collection plan I believe my cost for weekly pick up will increase to \$32.00 per week. With the \$52.00 administrative fee my yearly cost will now be approximately \$436.00. A **\$240.00 increase** over my previous rate. So much for the original council attempt to keep most home owner rates affordable.

I'm a retired individual and live on a limited income. With the possible 20+% increase in Property Taxes St. Paul is rapidly becoming an unaffordable city. Thank you City Council.

Sean Ryan 248 Goodrich Avenue

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Tom Norman
578 Cherokee Ave
St Paul Mn 55107
612 916 5104

Ms. Noecker,

I am writing today to let you know that I am strongly opposed to the trash collection program the city is trying to push through. Once again, the city is barging ahead with an idea that many residents dislike. My husband I have been customers of Ken Berquist and Sons Disposal since 1980, and do not want change haulers. The Berquist family has been absolutely flawless and reliable in their service. They are fair, ethical, and LOCAL. I don't want to be dictated to by the city as to which hauler to use, and I certainly don't want some national, corporate hauler.

If there are citizens in St. Paul who need financial assistance with trash hauling, then raise an honest, straight forward tax. Don't go sneaking around with programs that are clearly money-making ventures.

As a long-term (very high) tax payer in your district, I object to this continued treatment of dropping bombshells on the citizens when you have every intention of ramming new policies down our throats at the last minute.

Who exactly are you representing?

Mary Gilbertson
752 Osceola Ave.

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I oppose the changes to trash hauling in St. Paul. My husband and I assume responsibility for our own trash, due to cost and convenience. The fees are unaffordable- don't use the poor for an excuse to make these changes. This is unnecessary and not cost effective.

Beth Richards

153 ROBIE ST W
Saint Paul, MN 55107

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Caleb Callanan

243 KING ST W
Saint Paul, MN 55107

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Jessie King
793 OSCEOLA AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55105

Mr. Soucheray,

Never wrote back to a columnist before but I had to commend you on the column in today's paper. Your take on the trash hauling situation is spot on.

Unfortunately, it is anti-competitive, anti-consumer acts like this that lead otherwise rational people to become disillusioned with government at every

level. That disillusionment leads to voting for people like President Trump out of a sense of frustration, (also irrational). Thanks for speaking up.

Raymond R. Krause
raymondkrause@comcast.net

Rebecca,

The trash collection issue will directly impact me/us financially. I have not had trash service in over 5 years - I haul my own trash (about 1 bag per week because there is just 2 of us) to my work where my boss lets me put it in the company dumpster. My boss does this to help me out as he knows I cannot afford any more bills due to medical costs I have (thanks to Obama it has gone up over 4 THOUSAND a year).

Why should I be charged over \$400 a year by the city for a service I DO NOT USE?!

Also like everything else I expect increases in cost every year down the road. I cannot afford this and will not pay it.

Please advocate for "Opt out" options for those who do not use the services.

Thank You,
David Hammons
St Paul Mn.

Yesterday I telephoned council person Noecker's office to register my objection to the new St. Paul garbage collection proposal. My points were off heard ones including that everyone I talk to says their current carriers are doing an excellent job for them, and that there will be stifling of business opportunity / incentive for excellence with the regimented collection city assignment scheme.

As details continue to come out my concerns are increasing. Especially onerous is the mandate that every household will have to have collection service. I know low income households who pool their collection service. Being low income they have little to contribute to the household waste stream - and the pooling works quite well for them. The mandate that they have individual household collection service will impose a needless economic hardship.

Additionally the new plastic garbage cans distribution mandate is startling. Just recently the amount of plastic usage in this country made the news. Will the first big pick up of the three we are allowed annually be to haul the old can to the landfill site?

Oh yes, those annual three large object pickup dates--does anyone truly believe that the individual who dumped their mattress in front of my house two weeks ago, or the couch in front of my neighbor's home, or the couch elegantly positioned by Pleasant Ave Compost Site will miraculously have a change of heart and call for pickup?

Finally, there is the doubling of our solid waste/recycling property tax fee.

This all sounds like a great income generating deal for the city, with little return to the citizens. I strongly urge that the new St. Paul Garbage collection proposal be reconsidered.

Lee Korthof
197 Isabel St. W.,
St. Paul, MN 55107

The plan sounds great when you bring it up, but has been completely ruined at this point.

First off I pay \$260 a year for a large trash bin after all fees and taxes. If I get my entire block to sign up for the same company, the price get even further reduced. Right now the cities plan with the same bin would cost me over \$400!!!

How did you manage to make the price go up when its supposed to be more efficient? Plus its mandatory?? Just another way to TAX the citizens without saying so. Then you'll create a plan for poor residents to get free trash pickup at the cost of the "better off" citizens.

I cannot believe how much time has already been wasted on this, when the city cannot even keep up its end on street replacement, sidewalk repair and general upkeep of the city. Plus there is still a sunken houseboat I look at every day on raspberry island. Can somebody handle that trash instead?

I think the government needs to stop overstepping and focus on its own poorly managed budget at this point.

Thanks,

Shawn

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Lloyd Fjare

1037 FAIRMOUNT AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55105

I very much support the coordinated trash collection effort. Having owned a business in Minneapolis, I was able to experience how well it worked. It will also help save me money if prices remain as stated in the online documentation. It also seems like you worked with local trash haulers to ensure minimal negative impact, which is much appreciated.

So many people are very resistant to this effort, and it confuses me. Hopefully the positive feedback outweighs the negative!

- Matt

The least expensive method under the proposed system, according to the most recent newspaper articles, is a 35-pound trash bin that is picked up every other week at a cost of \$21. In addition to pick-up fees, there will be a \$52 annual administrative fee. For years I have taken my own trash on a monthly basis to Twin City Refuse on the West Side and currently pay \$4-\$5. The disparity in cost should be crystal clear even to those mathematically challenged.

One of the statements made by the City during this process has been mandatory trash pick-up with an area-designated hauler will eliminate items dumped on boulevards, in alleys, peoples' property, etc. I maintain this will still occur. It's simpler and less costly in the long run, given the new trash system will allow three pick-ups of large furniture annually.

If a person has an issue they are unable to resolve with their designated hauler, to whom do they complain? I suspect the enforcement and fairness will go unaddressed. I keep thinking about the implementation of the citywide recycling program earlier this year. There are still unresolved issues.

St. Paul is an expensive city in which to live. I returned to St. Paul three years ago after a 20-year absence and regret having done so. Property taxes are high. The 2018 proposed increases will cause me to reevaluate living here, and I've two large increases already. The condition of

city streets and sidewalks is unbelievable, and the recurrent "fees" charged each year disguise the real issues.

Kathleen Hale,
kathymae63@gmail.com

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With the 35 gal. container and every other week service, I will be paying exactly what I am now for twice the service! Right now, I have the freedom and ability to change haulers for a lower price, then change them again when they jack up my cost. With the no-choice regime, that won't be possible anymore. This is an improvement??? For the city, who will profit from it, it is. This is an example of elected officials and bureaucrats being important rather than useful. Do not do it.

Paul Storch

890 PALACE AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55102

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PLEASE VOTE NO. I do not want to pay higher rates. Why 52 dollars per household a year? 10 years ago there were over 100,000 households that is over 5 million a year in fees just to run the service. I do not want to pay more and have no choice of hauler, it leaves me with no choice but to move out of the city, which I really had not wanted to do, I like living close to where I work. I would not want to stay in St. Paul if I had a garbage hauler that I have had multiple problems with and stopped using. I know other city have limited their garbage haulers and days of pickup but still have given people a choice why can't St. Paul.

Deb Johnson

722 MANOMIN AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55107

Just to say 'thank you' for getting this done the smart way.

Whatever the haulers come up with among themselves will be good enough for me, and the sooner the better.

- Guy Western
112 Isabel

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Let it go!!! no one want the city telling us who we can have for hauling are trash! if this stuff keep's going on there will be a lot of new people in office come voting time!!!!!! And no street cars if we can't do it with the buses then to bad who think's up this crap, maybe it's time to talk to the voters we are not going to stand for this stuff much longer live with your means stop coming up with new way to take are hard earned money thank you

david schouveller

435 WYOMING ST E
Saint Paul, MN 55107

Greetings, Rebecca.

I am writing you regarding my support for organized collection in the city of St. Paul. The underlying statement is exactly why I support it. This is a matter of equity and care for those in our neighborhood who do not have the luxury or skill sets to navigate complicated negotiations to receive the best deal on trash hauling.

The more I read about how some haulers are not charging fairly, the less I want them to benefit from splitting up the city; however, I see that this meets one of the demands of citizens - to have small businesses have an equal shot (although they probably did not realize it made things more expensive to do so...)

I've been thinking on this for the last few days, so bear with me.

Here is what I find very interesting about all of this discussion on organized collection. There are a number of people who are saying, "This is way more expensive than the system I have figured out..." and then there are others saying, "This is reasonable compared to what I am paying today..."

That is a huge problem.

I am impressed with all the interesting strategies that people have taken the time to come up with in order to save money on trash, and the time spent negotiating with neighbors to share a bin, or with the haulers to reduce rates due to block organizing and other arrangements. The ingenuity is awesome and has resulted in a real pay off for you and your household. I wish I had thought of some of these!

It is very easy to look at this problem in terms of how it might impact me and my situation, but consider what the goal of the city is in this... trying to create something equitable for everyone.

If you look at data submitted by people across the City of St. Paul the cost for different sized bins varies wildly. Read: Organized Trash Collection Report on Community Input and Draft Goals on this page <https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/public-works/garbage/coordinated-collection> (Quick Summary: Small Cans cost between \$10.33 and \$53.65 with an average cost of \$22.50 in the data set provided to the city. Dang, it would suck to be the person/people paying \$53.65 for a small can.) Now, ask yourself, should the cost of trash service in a modern city be similar to buying a ticket on an airplane or tuition at a local college? Where nobody knows what anyone else is paying? Some people benefit from knowing the right people or have the ability to communicate in the proper method to score a solid deal... is that right? Some haulers have odd surcharges that other haulers don't.. is that equitable? Who do you think the person is that was paying \$53.65? Probably not someone who has time to do the research and negotiate.

After saying all of this. It looks like my rates are going to go up, but I will benefit from large object pick up and less traffic in my alley. The city preserved what we wanted (probably at a higher cost), the ability to ensure our beloved local haulers can stay in business. So instead of negotiating with one company, they had to talk to a bunch of companies who weren't in competition with each other.

I know this isn't a popular statement, but I think the logic is sound and potentially a recipe for considering why the city might be making some changes that impact you negatively. This is not saying, suck it up and never attend a meeting and tell the city what you think. This is saying, the city has gathered the data, presented it, and I think has come up with an equitable solution for the entire city of St. Paul, maybe not for many of us though (who may have benefited from the ability to conduct the negotiations that afforded us better billing than others in the entire city).

I appreciate the work you do for us and for all the citizens you deal with who are not easy.

Thanks,
Jason

Dear Councilperson Noeker,

Please maintain support for city wide organized trash hauling. We have lived in St Paul 25 years and saw multiple trucks every week drive over our brick street on Virginia Street—unnecessary load on the bricks we paid for by special assessments, additional traffic on that narrow street. Now in Ward 2 with denser population, open hauling makes even less sense. Further, the proposed contract sets minimum standards for pick ups that will help us all. Advanced Disposal dropped christmas tree pick up with no notice to us so that we had to scramble to get our tree disposed of before it was snowed in on the

boulevard for months until spring. We promptly changed haulers but with this city wide contract we are spared that hassle.

I understand people would like the option of sharing pick ups. If that can be added, so be it, but do not let this great idea die over that. Its time to organize hauling now.

Elizabeth A. Snelson, Esq.

St Paul MN

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We hate this idea! It will double our trash bill and we generate virtually no trash!! Teach people how to recycle so there's less truck traffic.

Bonnie Wirtz

577 ANNAPOLIS ST E
Saint Paul, MN 55118

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Mandatory fees are not acceptable or affordable. Neither is mandatory service. My father-in-law shares his trash with his sister. Because they are both on a fixed income, this will effectively double the bill for them even with the lowest tier of service.

You want to make the people happy with a compromise, drop the '3 big items' pickup. Since that was supposedly \$100+ in value, you can drop your annual City fee. There is no value in 'extra services' if the average person does not use them on an annual basis. If people want big items picked up, make them pay for it, not everyone else.

Rob Rosseter

819 WATSON AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55102

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The City shouldn't fix something that is not broken! I hate city of st Paul. They are always trying to fix something that does not to be fix. I am a Senior on a fixed income and I can not afford your high price to haul my garbage away we would be paying far more than we do now. Why should pay \$52.00 on administrative fee plus garbage fee it just greedy city of st Paul get more money out of us to break us. Why can not they leave well enough alone. I thought this was America land of the free

Dianne McLafferty

981 LINCOLN AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55105

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I do not support the city's takeover of trash collection. I believe I have great service with an independent hauler. This change is really unfair to the small haulers. Please do not support this change. Thank you Sharon Lynch

sharon lynch

63 DOUGLAS ST
Saint Paul, MN 55102

I'm for organized trash collection.

Dick Nicholson
651-324-8709

Hello Rebecca,

Please reconsider the organized trash collection and either vote no or work on a different plan, it is not to late.

I understand many of the positives of organized collection but this one size fits all plan does not please me.. The rates are over 1/3 higher for our household. Whatever is this administrative fee??. the plan should be more efficient so why would our rates go up? we strive to have as little trash as possible and now feel penalized for it. we seldom have large items - never in the 20 years I have lived on the west side and would rather pay as you go for such things if needed.

I prefer to continue to use Triangle, they have always been perfect for us.

Surely there has to be a better solution than this.

Rob Reiter,
206 W. George St
St Paul

I favor consolidating trash collectors. The noise and alley destruction are excessive.
I share a container with my neighbor. If sharing is not allowed to continue my expenses will more than double.

Hence, I'm torn between consolidation and continuing the current system.

Beatrice Magee
764 Lincoln Avenue

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Please focus on issues like why parents can't feed their children over the summer without school and state assistance or deal with waste and fraud so my tax dollars are used effectively and leave the trash hauling to the citizens. We can choose to support family business and drive competition for better value. Work to make St. Paul business friendly not more regulated. I voted for you because I believe you can make a difference.

Deb Dressely

1116 PLEASANT AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55102

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How dare you even consider controlling our choices for garbage or any other services. This is America, not some dictatorship! I wonder which larger companies are pushing for this and what personal benefit you, our politicians are receiving as a result. All the reasoning for this is bologna! You do not respect freedom, liberty or the rights of the individual and your collective approach is completely un-American. HOW DARE YOU! DONT TREAD ON ME! i will make every effort to eliminate from office every single one of you that support this usurping garbage.

Yes Kocienda

701 MANOMIN AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55107

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Please do not let this government overstep continue.

I do not need to have anyone tell me from who to buy goods and services!

Are you going to contact Amazon and tell them they cannot deliver on our street as they make deliveries three times a day just on our block?

Please concentrate on the uptick in crime in our area.

Thank you

Julianne Kirby

893 LINWOOD AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55105

I am a resident of the West Side. I have reviewed the quick facts and financials of the coordinated collection proposal, and while my rates for trash disposal will increase, I am IN FAVOR of proceeding with its implementation.

Sincerely yours,
David Squier Jones
252 Sidney St. W
St Paul, MN 55107

Council Member Noecker,

It was good to see you Wednesday night. It's hard to comprehend that it has been almost a year since the council met to start the process to organize trash collection in St. Paul. I wanted to weigh in on the coordinated collection agreement. As you know, I have been against Organized Collection from the beginning, I made that clear in our meetings. I also think that the time for that conversation ended on July 21, 2016 when the council passed the resolution to begin the OC process.

The last 10 months of negotiations have been grueling. Despite what the Waste Management attorney said about city staff, I feel the process was well managed. There were more than a few times when I would have liked to throw Kris and Ann out the window, but I know there were times they felt the same about me. That's how negotiating goes. The agreement represents multiple compromises on both sides, and was signed by all fifteen haulers. I believe it is a solid program that will serve the vast majority of St. Paul residents well.

The issue of rates was brought up with a comparison to Maplewood. Maplewood was taken away from the independents on a low ball bid by a national company (the lowest rate in the state). The same company has the contract for North St. Paul and charges 76% HIGHER for their 35 gallon cart than they do in Maplewood. For a real comparison, North St. Paul has bulkie collection included in their program. Their 35 gallon cart rate with taxes and bulkies is \$22.48 for 2017. Our proposal is actually for a 2019 rate so adjust NSP by 2.5% a year for CPI and their 2019 rate would be **\$23.62**. Our hauler proposal for a 35 gallon cart is **\$23.77**. For \$.15/month we are going to carrying bad debt for up to a year, provide walk up service to handicapped residents, take Holiday Trees for free, provide a free cart size change every year, and do the billing. Keep in mind NSP doesn't have a Frog Town or a North End or a Payne/Phalen area like St. Paul and its mostly street pick up which is conducive to fully

automated collection. The city spent \$300K on consultants who know the industry and the market. I must assume they approve of the agreement.

I hope the council approves the resolution so that we can begin the ominous task of implementing the program.

Thank you,

Matt

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I am against the city takeover garbage system. I do not want my cost to increase to pay the city on top of paying for the garbage. My cost would double. Terrible idea. Bad idea. Vote NO

Debra Petrill

894 RANDOLPH AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55102

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I already pay an arm and leg to have you guys do nothing for my streets and alleys!! I'm sure your trash pick would be the same way. And that lovely recycle program you have is worthless also. They either don't come to pick it up and when they do, they leave the bin half full. **DO NOT GET INVOLVED IN OUR TRASH, IT IS NONE OF THE GOVERNMENTS BUSINESS!**

Michelle Rehak

886 WATSON AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55102

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This will cause our expenses to go up even more. It would be great if we had one carrier and were guaranteed a set and reasonable price, but this will likely cause a monopoly. Not ok. We pay enough in this city. Eureka recycling has been a disaster!! Don't want another one!

Monica Iammatteo

261 SIDNEY ST W
Saint Paul, MN 55107

Dear Council Members,

I have greatly appreciated your vote to authorize the process of organizing trash hauling in St Paul and I am incredibly grateful to City staff for their efforts on our behalf to make that happen. I would like to express my thoughts regarding the proposed agreement for organized trash collection in St Paul. I served as a member of the Macalester Groveland Community Council for six years. During that time I met with many of you or your representatives to address the Community Councils effort to study the current system and propose another possibility. I also facilitated the community conversations held by the Community Council which included conversations with hundreds of people as well as two meetings with the haulers. And I interviewed representatives of other cities who have organized systems. I was part of a team of volunteers who poured through our survey data and had input on the writing the final report. So many of my thoughts are based on those findings.

I am strongly in favor of organized trash collection and the proposed plan accomplishes many of the things that I believe will lead to a successful change to the current system. It includes the removal of several bulky items each year from residences which hopefully will lead to less illegal dumping. It sets up a good system to handle customer service and billing throughout the City. There should be greatly reduced truck traffic - meaning less air pollution, less use of fossil fuels and less wear and tear on City streets and alleys. Rates will be uniform throughout the City taking away the need to bargain for the best rate from various haulers, which I heard often from fellow citizens was confusing and time consuming. And the wage standards are admirable as well, allowing workers a good wage for difficult work.

One of the things I heard most often from my fellow residents is not truly addressed in the new proposal and that is differential pricing that rewards those who recycle, compost and just simply reduce waste. A difference of \$7.15 per month between a 32 gallon container and one three times its' size does not encourage residents to reduce and recycle more. Those who have shared service in the past will no longer have that option. The option of bi-weekly service is available for only \$10 less a month than a behemoth cart of 95 gallons! I hate to say it, but that is truly disappointing and almost laughable. I understand that the haulers have no incentive to induce customers to reduce, but I truly believed the City saw that as a priority. As I listened to those who spoke against the proposed plan at Wednesday's City Council meeting, I heard many speak of exactly this issue. For those who have been responsible; taken the time to recycle, compost and shop differently, those who have worked hard to reduce and/or live on a fixed budget these are not the prices they were hoping for. It appears to penalize them instead of reward them for their efforts.

I still strongly support an organized system. If this is indeed the seventh and final offer from the haulers, I hope that something will be built in to sharply reduce the rate of the smaller and bi-weekly service containers each year throughout the contract. I appreciate your willingness to read and consider my thoughts.

Best regards,

sheila sweeney
sheila sweeney
1559 fairmount avenue

st paul, mn 55105
sheilasweeney@mac.com
651-696-1176

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What is to stop neighbors from going together and sharing the cost of trash hauling? Losing a full paid monthly customer will defeat your purpose of monthly charges from half the customers. What exactly is the problem with the way the system works now? More trucks on the streets? My word, get over it! You are not thinking of the jobs that would be lost with this change. More unemployment cannot be supported in our city! Is this something the individual haulers want?

Linda Andretta

420 VANCE ST
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Hello Rebecca,

My name is Paula Castellanos and I have lived in St Paul for almost 20 years. I was born in Colombia, and moved here for college and for a better life. I have worked hard my whole life and I have a wonderful life, I have two boys, and a third on the way, and honestly consider St Paul as the best place on earth to have a family.

I have lived in my current address, 356 St Clair Ave, for about 2 years and simply love it. I love it because it is a community, a place where I know my neighbors and we all take care of each other.

For example, the garbage service I use is Garbage Man. I used them because the day I moved into my new home, my neighbor John, while walking his dog, started a conversation with us and told us about his company.

This is the community you represent, we form relationships with our garbage collection people, I know the name of my driver, Mark, and part owner, Wess, I depend on them and we are friends.

These are St Paul people who have worked hard their whole life and have families that depend on their jobs and these companies.

I am in complete disagreement with the city take over of the garbage system. Please listen to us, the citizens you serve, we are living through difficult times, but I dare say, history will be on the side of politicians who listened to their constituents.

Sincerely,

Paula Castellanos
Paulacastellanos.mn@icloud.com
Mobile 651-253-5323

Dear Councilmember Noecker,

I strongly support the organized trash collection proposal, and am looking forward to its implementation, to enjoy the benefits of a cleaner city, fewer garbage trucks on the roads (along with the associated noise and infrastructural wear and tear), and equitable and efficient service citywide. Thank you and your colleagues for your efforts to bring this improvement to our city.

Best regards,
Sean Walbran and family
880 Summit Ave. / 55105

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let us deal with our own trash! st.paul should stay out of it. i do not support changing trash removal in my city!!!

Paula Blott

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Saint Paul, MN 55102

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let us deal with our own trash! st.paul should stay out of it. i do not support changing trash removal in my city!!!

Paula Blott

951 BAYARD AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Council Member Rebecca Noecker,

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I strongly object to the City taking away my right to choose trash collection services. I am perfectly happy with my choice and resent the fact that the City thinks it can do a better job - far from it. Respectfully, Carolyn & Bob McClay

Carolyn McClay

670 GOODRICH AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55105

Dr. Council Member Noecker,

I attended the meeting on Wednesday and **appreciated your statement asking to delay the vote on organized collection. I attended to show my presence in opposition, which I'll cite for several reasons.** My hope in writing this letter is that you'll continue to listen to residents of St. Paul and what their concerns are, and **consider abandoning or changing significantly this plan for organized collection.**

Firstly, in past conversations calling Council Member Thao's office (my ward, as I live in Lex Ham), I've been told my aides that organized collection "is a done deal. It's not IF it's passing, it's WHEN". That concerns me because **public input was not even given until last Wednesday, when apparently the council was set to vote. Is that how issues that will increase our taxes and affect our choice get decided, when the council has already agreed about their stance on the issue?** Again, I appreciate your willingness to think this matter through with more time.

Secondly, I express my "if it's not broke, don't fix it" sentiment expressed by others who spoke on **Wednesday. This is NOT an issue that has been expressed strongly by members of my block or immediate neighborhood.** We enjoy our current haulers, the right to choose, and to change business if our needs aren't being met. I'm concerned about what residents will be able to do if service in the new contract is not being carried out satisfactorily, and what incentive haulers will have to do good business, as they have proven they are able to do so well under the current system. What will we do, call the city? The current recycling program has proven that it is not easy to get a response, or see changes this way. **Under the proposed new system, I along with several of my neighbors will experience an increase in fees, and we do not produce much trash. This is disheartening when there is not an incentive for folks to produce less trash, while having to pay more.** If this issue is being categorized as an "environmental one", then let's be clear that it's not one-sided. Please consider allowing limiting haulers to certain days of the week in certain neighborhoods to limit traffic, while allowing residents the chance to still choose their hauler.

Thirdly, I'm disappointed by the way in which citizens have been allowed to engage in this process from the start. I spoke with my hauler, who said that they've been unable to discuss the contract or details during meetings, as the council has not allowed for that. To me it appears as if the council is set on making organized collection happen, without asking those involved for their input. Wouldn't you want to have haulers on your side, hammering out important details that they have pertinent information on?

Finally, related to my point above about engaging residents, I have a family member who does not speak English and who requested to have a document translated of meeting minutes to stay abreast of this issue--she followed the prompt on the bottom of the page to request a translated document. Not only was she answered by someone who wasn't able to help her, but finally when an interpreter was placed on the line and she communicated her wish for a translated document, we never received it--that was 3 months ago. I'm concerned that while the Mac Groveland Neighborhood Council framed organized collection as something that will serve marginalized and immigrant families better, clearly non-English speaking residents aren't even able to stay abreast of the issue because there are not accommodations to do so. Imagine those residents who don't even know this issue is being discussed, because there are not interpreters and employees to reach out to them. With my current hauler, we are able to speak personally with a Spanish-speaking staff member to get our needs met, with no barriers. This is a great example of when businesses know their customers, there isn't a need for government involvement unnecessarily.

One of the reasons I love St. Paul is its vibrant diversity and value on small business, as well as its attempt to invite democratic processes on important issues. Unfortunately in my experience, organized collection has not been one that reflects these things. Again, I urge you to vote to abandon the current plan for organized collection at next week's meeting when you vote.

Sincerely,

Berit Higuera

1287 Laurel Avenue

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Stay out of my Garbage

Fred Herman

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There's no freaking way I want this I'm tired of paying more money more money more money no no no no way stick to your own thing building highways and bridges

James Sear

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This is so wrong to impose an increase cost to people of St. Paul, put people out of business and others or of job. What is the benefit to the citizens of this great city?

Laural Haessly

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Ann Blumer-LaMotte

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Saint Paul, MN 55107

From: Bruce Clark [<mailto:bruceclark@usfamily.net>]
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 12:53 PM
To: Noecker, Rebecca (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Organized trash issue

Hello, Councilperson Noecker-

I've written to you about this issue before. I see from this recent news article that some kind of agreement is being proposed for trash collection in St. Paul. Go to: <http://www.startribune.com/st-paul-to-gather-community-input-on-coordinated-trash-collection-agreement/434091813/>

As always, the BIG issue for me is an opt-out provision which allows individual homeowners to recycle kitchen waste in their compost bins, and haul their own trash to a transfer station.

In the 22 years I've lived on the West Side, I've never contracted with a hauling service---saving thousands of dollars in that time. Every dollar saved allows me to stay in my house.

My simple lifestyle is achieved through composting, recycling, vegetable gardening, and reusing stuff. I fill my 32 gallon trash container about 3-4 times A YEAR and bring it to Twin City Refuse to dispose of for a \$4 charge.

Please allow me to continue doing that without a forced subscription with a hauling service!

Thank you.

Bruce Clark
663 Oakdale Ave.
Hey Rebecca,

Thanks again for meeting. I understand from a post on Nextdoor that the city is proposing a policy that would not allow folks to opt out of trash.

I support the ability of my neighbors to opt out of trash pickup. It saves money, get's neighbors to work together and provides more freedom of choice.

https://cherokeepark.nextdoor.com/news_feed/?post=58013094

thanks,
Lucas

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From: "tim faricy" <timfaricy@yahoo.com>
Date: Jul 22, 2017 12:11 PM
Subject: Trash
To: "Rebecca Noecker" <rebeccanoecker@gmail.com>
Cc:

Hi Rebecca, I know I talked with you about trash pickup and am touching base with you as the council votes on the new solution. I hope there can be an "opt-out" feature. I generate a very small amount of trash and think being forced to pay for it is unbalanced. I just share the bin with my neighbors. Please do what you can.

Tim Faricy