

From: nmfinch1949 <nmfinch1949@gmail.com>
Date: 7/19/17 2:23 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us
Subject: Trash socialism

St. Paul, the most UNLIVEABLE city in America. I am a senior citizen, and I have owned my home for 35+ years and paid, up to this point, every single recklessly-spent (by socialist liberals) stinking cent of property tax. I am on a fixed income, and I cannot afford another dirty, sneaky unnecessary charge. I swear you people sit on your brains all day trying to figure out how to screw the homeowner taxpayer. Can't forget the absentee landlords who are subsidized by government and therefore, can afford this increase multiple times over.

You people believe in choice? You are the biggest hypocrites that ever disgraced this city. You bleeding heart liberals make me sick to my stomach.

From: Tgallig@gmail.com [<mailto:Tgallig@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 3:44 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram
Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

Dear Council Member Chris Tolbert,

A city takeover of the garbage 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!

We don't need city dictating garbage services. We have been very happy with berquist and sons since 1986, price and service are just fine. We want choice of who we use and don't need another city dictated container!!

Tom Galligan
1830 BERKELEY AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55105

Michael Rademaker @ 896 Lawson Ave E is not in favor of organized trash because he feels it will limit free trade and completion since no new trash haulers can compete.

From: Miller, Denise M [<mailto:Denise.Miller@UNISYS.com>]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 10:15 AM
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council; #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: Trash Rates

Currently I have 2 trash containers – a 96 gallon and a 32 gallon. I have a disabled child who is an adult that requires 24 hour nursing care. Due to having extra people in my house all of the time and his needs, I need the extra 32 gallon container. Currently with fees, I pay \$30 a month for both containers. With the new plan, I would be paying \$55.95. That is almost double!!! Please do not pass this trash plan. The cost is way too high!

From: Sharon Rosenberg-Scholl [mailto:sharonbethrs@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 5:33 AM
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Question about garbage collection

With the new plan for garbage collection, my understanding is that they are including Christmas tree pickup. I am wondering if there could be a provision for those who are not Christian but follow a different religion that generates yard waste at a different time of year to also have a once per year extra pick up included. As a Jewish family we do also have extra yard waste at the end of our holiday season in the fall, when we take down our Sukkah. So is there a way to have the one extra pick up be something that had some flexibility built in for those who are religious minorities rather than Christian?

Thank you for your time.

Sharon Rosenberg-Scholl
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From: Laurie [mailto:1laurieswanson@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 4:45 AM
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject:

I am strongly **against** the coordinated trash collection proposal as it is presented now! I need to be able to share the pick-up with my daughter. This could double the cost of trash pick up for me. I am a senior living on a fixed income. I resent the fact that I would be paying for Christmas tree pick up also! Not everyone is Christian and has a Christmas tree! And on top of the monthly cost there would be an extra charge per year. This makes no sense! And our property taxes are going up also. Please try to work out a better deal or leave it the way it is now! This is an unfair way to treat the people of St. Paul! I would rather bargain with the trash company myself if we have to pay per household. It would end up costing me much less than what you are proposing!

From: Michael Monahan [mailto:mike.monahan@live.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 6:27 PM
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Organized trash collection

I wish to reiterate my opposition to the proposed organized trash collection in St. Paul.

The rationale supporting it is specious:

- Choice is always preferential and allows the most efficient accommodation of individual needs.
- Service quality is best controlled when consumers have choice, and reducing/eliminating that choice tempts acquiescence among suppliers.
- The published rates would provide little if any savings versus my current bill, and may create greater inconvenience.
- Reducing the number of trucks is a silly argument given the few trash hauling trucks in relation to the total number of vehicles on our streets; there are more FedEx, UPS, USPS vehicles trolling each day than the trash trucks that come only once a week, yet we hear no one complaints about that.

St. Paul has far more pressing economic issues than fixing a non-issue like trash hauling, and the proposal to implement a mandated hauling structure is anti-consumer based on weak assumptions. Please vote no on organized trash collection.

Thank you.

Michael Monahan

1 Shelby Place

St. Paul, MN 55116

651-699-2100

From: D. Williams [mailto:wms4bus@mac.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 5:10 PM

To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council

Subject: Comments on Coordinated Garbage Collection proposal

Dear St. Paul Council:

I am writing to share my thoughts regarding the Coordinated Garbage Collection proposal. While I am generally in support of the proposal since it will decrease the wear and tear on alleys, hopefully eliminate illegal garbage dumping, and help limit the impact on our environment, I do have a few concerns.

1. As was discovered when recycling changed to alley pick-up from curbside, it is difficult for trucks to get through the alleys. This is a direct result of residents being expected to pay for and coordinate this task instead of the city. From my own personal experience, I know that only a few people in my neighborhood contribute to this mandatory

task. Much like illegal dumping, it is inequitable! There must be, along with this proposal, some way to guarantee that the alleys are cleared and ALL citizens contribute to this being done. Perhaps it is paid using the \$52 administrative fee or added to the tax rolls. If city crews aren't able to complete this work, then consider having the garbage haulers do so for additional compensation. Nevertheless, this must be addressed!

2. The rates in the proposal appear to be out of line with what they should be given that the majority of citizens will be mandated to participate in this plan. My current trash hauler normally charges \$28/month for a 65 gallon can. Since my neighborhood block met and the majority elected to contract with a specific company, we have received a discount, so I pay only \$18/month. When I compare this rate to what the City of St. Paul is proposing, it is a losing proposition. I would be expected to pay \$29.76/month. Even if I deduct the approximately \$2/month charge to cover the bulk items, I am paying \$27.76/month plus an annual \$52 administrative fee (\$406.82 total). This is significantly more than the \$216/annually that I expend now with my fellow neighbors. I encourage you to negotiate a better rate much as we have done!
3. Finally, I'm not convinced that it is beneficial to automatically charge participants for bulk item removal. We should have the option to elect it or not just like yard waste. Some people in the neighborhood choose to take it to the county compost sites and others prefer their hauler to remove it (periodically or seasonally). Having lived in St. Paul 10 years, I rarely need to dispose of mattresses, appliances, electronics, or furniture. The few times that I have done so, I have either given them away, donated them to local community non-profits, or transported them to businesses that will recycle them (e.g Best Buy or OfficeMax). I can also take my items periodically to the bulk items disposal events held by the county. There is no point to my paying \$23.88/annually for a service that I will rarely or never utilize. Since the garbage collector will be required to handle billing, residents could contact their hauler to request the service—as I am able to do with my present trash collector should I require their service. Please reconsider this aspect of the proposal.

Thank you in advance for considering my concerns regarding this proposal. I look forward to reading about the outcome in the next few days.

Sincerely,
D. Williams
Earl St.
St. Paul, MN

From: David Lueth [mailto:dlueth01@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 4:39 PM
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram
Subject: Garbage hauling

Good afternoon!

My name is David Lueth and I've been a resident of the Hamline-Midway and Como neighborhoods for over a decade. I recently found out about a new proposed garbage hauling system; I would like to express my concerns about the new garbage hauling plan.

I'm very concerned about this garbage hauling system. Although I do agree that reducing the number of garbage trucks going down streets and alleys is a good thing, the costs outweigh the benefits. In particular, the pricing structure disproportionately affects those who can least afford it. I'm a college writing tutor who bought a house in the Midway five years ago (I've lived in the area since attending Hamline in '05-08); I make about \$22,000/year, and the cheapest option under this plan will increase my rates while providing me with less frequent pick-ups than I currently have (not to mention that my current hauler, Pete's, has fantastic customer service, something I am concerned I will lose if I am assigned a different hauler). And I know there are many in this city for whom money is much tighter than it is for me. Although there are likely good ways to reduce street wear, Saint Paul should stick to options that do not penalize low-income residents with higher rates.

A lesser but still valid issue for me is that it also penalizes households that strive to reduce their waste.

And third, although it is not at all clear to me how this will play out, I am concerned that it will impede small businesses, such as my current garbage hauler, Pete's, more than larger businesses; I initially had Aspen, but when my rates continually went up I did research and switched to Pete's. Now I will not have that option. Although I am not entirely opposed to reducing citizen choice for good cause, I am not convinced that this system is a good cause.

Please consider how this new plan will affect the more vulnerable and low-income residents of our beloved capitol city.

Thank you,
David Lueth

Jackie Finley wanted her comments sent to all CM's, however she is a resident of Ward 5. Her address is 1050 Mary Lane.

She is strongly opposed to organized trash system, it will cost her over \$100/year more. Thinks the maintenance fee is outrageous and unnecessary. Doesn't want government taking away her options.

From: Eileen Haus [mailto:emhaus1@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 11:14 AM
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council; Henningson, Samantha (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Coordinated Trash Collection in St. Paul

I disagree with the city's efforts to establish coordinated trash collection. If the people want to do this they can get together on their blocks and agree to one hauler. They have always had this choice but obviously most citizens do not desire to do this.

I have owned my home in St. Paul for over 40 years and have had a wide-range of experiences with different trash haulers. Most time the change came about because the hauler I hired was sold or bought out and in every case the result was poor service and more expensive service.

The city should drop these efforts and encourage citizens to do this on their own in their neighborhoods if they so desire.

Personally, I support the small business owners who are trash haulers and these are the services which have been the best for me. It should not be the government's role to dictate on this issue.

Sincerely,

Eileen Haus
1603 Ashland Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55104

Mary Mokrzycki of 1633 Montana Ave. called the front desk to share her opinion:
If the city is going to require everyone to pay for trash hauling, they should require all residents to pay for alley plowing also.

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

From: Maggie Budewitz [mailto:mbudewitz@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 1:37 PM
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Trash Proposal

I couldn't attend the public hearing on the proposed trash contract. I would like to recommend that the contract be drastically revised to lower costs or leave the system alone. I now pay \$21 per month for a 65 gallon bin and let my neighbor add her bag at no charge. Service from Waste Management has been perfect. I arrange to have old furniture picked up by the same truck that delivers my new furniture. Best Buy will recycle my old electronics. We also have a fine tradition in my East Side neighborhood of placing items on the curb with a sign saying "Free". I have never seen these items remaining more than two days.

Please don't add a new financial burden on us.

Margaret Budewitz

1280 Breen Street 55106

From: Julie Harms [mailto:julielynneanne@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 2:43 PM
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: unified trash collection

Dear City Council,

Thank you for delaying the vote on whether to switch to a city wide system. Thank you for hearing the voices of concerned citizens on this matter. I want to weigh in with my position.

If you accept this proposal it will mean that our monthly trash bill will more than double. This is not acceptable to me. I plead with you to not accept this proposal. We are a middle class family making ends meet, but doubling our garbage with no seen benefit to us and no ability to opt out of it will hurt our family. Please reconsider and allow us to keep our current garbage collector and rates.

Thank you,

Julie Harms

651-329-9337

2052 Sherwood Ave

St Paul, MN 55119

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

From: Hunt, Anne (CI-StPaul)

Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 2:49 PM

To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council

Cc: Hageman, Kris (CI-StPaul)

Subject: FW: Form submission from: Contact the Mayor

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

From: *CI-StPaul_Mayor

Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 2:19 PM

To: Hunt, Anne (CI-StPaul)

Subject: FW: Form submission from: Contact the Mayor

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

From: webmaster@ci.stpaul.mn.us [mailto:webmaster@ci.stpaul.mn.us]

Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 5:03 PM

To: *CI-StPaul_Mayor

Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Mayor

Submitted on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 - 17:03 Submitted by anonymous user: 69.180.161.223 Submitted values are:

==Personal Information==

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Street Address: 1033 St Clair Ave

City: St. Paul

State: Minnesota

Zip Code: 55105

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Daytime Phone: 6512910538

Alternate Phone:

==Message Details==

Subject: trash collection

Your Comment:

I am writing this in response the 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.

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I live in North Como, on Iowa and Avon.

I currently pay ~\$15 for my trash service.

The proposed city fees for an equivalent level of service is going to cost me ~**40% MORE** than what I'm paying now.

Every year my property taxes go up, utilities go up, and now my trash service my almost 40%.

This is ridiculous, I'm sure no one cares but please stop this madness. Work on something productive like reducing the crime in the city!

Matthew Williams
Iowa and Avon – Ward 5

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Dear Council Member Amy Brendmoen,

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Please listen to your constituents and stop increasing my trash bill!

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

I am paying about as much as I can afford at this time for garbage. If the city takes over it will raise my garbage collection costs at least six dollars a month and maybe more. I do not believe that the city should step in and take over, I like the system the way it is now.

Linda Dahl

1649 DALE ST N
Saint Paul, MN 55117

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Thank you for bringing up the issue of shared services at the meeting last night. Please continue to listen to your constituents, and please vote no on this issue.

Nancy McKinley

1330 AVON ST N
Saint Paul, MN 55117

Against Organized Trash

Happy with hauler

City is meddling

Example of a neighbor who has zero waste, buys everything in bulk, and composts – is being penalized for it

Kenton Spading – Ward 5

Against Organized Trash

He would pay \$5 more for organized trash plus the \$52 yearly charge – costs more money!

Tom on Nebraska – Ward 5

St Paul City Council Members,

I am sorry that I am becoming a pest. I recently received a notice in the form of a post card survey regarding a city wide, area specific, trash pickup proposal. I see from the news that the decision is yet to be made. Not unlike the alarm license proposal I feel this action would force all residents to be put into the same fee paying basket once again. Even in that, I am allowed to chose my own alarm vender. This is not so with the proposed trash pickup.

As you may remember I have been a resident in my St. Paul home for 47 years. I have seen many changes come and go. The change that usually causes huge problems is removing the power of free choice and competition from the market place. A prime example of this is cable TV. I remember that cable TV was touted as commercial free pay TV. Obviously that did not happen. What did happen was area specific monopolies that allow cable companies to totally control a market place, where they are allowed to raise prices at will, either outright or with hidden charges that the average person can not even detect. Recently, CenturyLink was caught in some billing shenanigans.

At one time the city picked up our trash. Perhaps you should see why that was discontinued.

Specific vender trash pickup would not only create area trash monopolies but also, a one size fits all, pricing structure. We have only two people living in my home and being retired we eat out a lot and have very little trash. What I see in this program is the multiple dwelling across the street getting a break on trash pickup and, from what I see in the news, is my trash pick up costing me an extra \$150-\$200 per year.

What I also see happening is the loss of the personal relationship that we have with the trash hauler that we have had for many years. I am not sure who the 15 trash haulers that have signed onto this proposal are, but I am sure that I didn't chose them. Being at the mercy area specific trash haulers would make us just another insignificant number, with no recourse available. Small business and competition is the backbone of our country.

Another consideration is that this would not only affect homeowners but would have a devastating effect on the many independent small haulers around our city.

Please vote no on this proposal. I believe it would be harmful to our city residents as well as small business. I want a voice in what I am buying.

Thank you once again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ken Kastner
690 Ohio Street
St, Paul, MN 55107

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1; #CI-StPaul_Ward2; #CI-StPaul_Ward3; #CI-StPaul_Ward4; #CI-StPaul_Ward5;
#CI-StPaul_Ward6; #CI-StPaul_Ward7
Subject: Trash Proposal Concerns

St. Paul City Council Members,

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1) I am concerned that with centralized trash pick-up, the selected hauler for my area will not come down my private gravel road. It would be inconvenient at best to haul my trash can more than 1/8 mile to a location where it could be picked up. I live on a private gravel road (Highwood) and my current carrier (Highland Sanitation) will still come down and pick it up.

2) I see no indication of the ability to stop service/charges for vacations and time away from Minnesota. I reside in Florida for 5 months every year and my current hauler (Highland Sanitation) will allow me a vacation stop (no charges) for that period.

Regards,
Mark Drutowski

Peggy Hilger –
Called – She is opposed to trash proposal.

Theresa Lauber - 2191 Wellesley – Trash

Called voicing her displeasure of the proposal. She like the hauler she has; getting rid of current bins and replacing them is wasteful; she doesn't get rid of Christmas trees and recycles or donates other items – people who do need them removed are the only ones who should be charged and might be more supportive if that were the case; feels she is on the losing side because it sounds like a decision has already been made.

From: Mark R.Drutowski [<mailto:mrdrutowski@comcast.net>]

Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 10:15 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1; #CI-StPaul_Ward2; #CI-StPaul_Ward3; #CI-StPaul_Ward4; #CI-StPaul_Ward5; #CI-StPaul_Ward6; #CI-StPaul_Ward7

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Regards,
Mark Drutowski
1043 McKnight Rd. S.
St. Paul, MN 55119

From: Deborah Anderson [mailto:pivotpt@me.com]
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 8:04 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Cc: Macalester-Groveland Community Council
Subject: Macalester Groveland Organized Trash Collection - please support
Hello Chris Tolbert

In my opinion we desperately need organized trash collection. For years I have been thinking why do we have all the trash trucks driving up and down the streets and alleys every day and often several haulers at the same time.

The plan looks good to me - please support Macalester Groveland Organized Trash Collection and vote to make it happen.

Thank you!

Deborah Anderson
1809 Lincoln Avenue
St. Paul, MN

From: John Gappa [mailto:JohnGappa@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 8:21 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: Opposed to Trash Hauling Plan

Dear Councilmember Tolbert,

We are writing today to voice our opposition to the proposed plan organize trash collection in St. Paul and urge you to vote against this proposal. We believe that this plan will eliminate our free choice over our services, reduce our service levels and ultimately lead to higher costs to us as homeowners. Given the ongoing problems with the changes recycling, we believe that this change will create significant disruptions to a system that has worked well for us and the city. We also fail to understand the problem this is attempting to solve. If there was a concern over large trucks in our alley, then we should not have added two trips per week of the large recycling trucks through our alley.

Once again, please vote no on this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

John & Suzanne Gappa
1480 Edgcumbe Road

From: Jan Phillips [mailto:mrjanphillips@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 8:19 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Re: Garbage Collection

I am opposed to a city-managed system. I receive excellent service at minimum price right now, through local competition model. Please vote against the city-managed system. Jan M. Phillips, 1800 Jefferson Avenue, St Paul 55105.

From: Julie Groshens [mailto:julie@trainingmag.com]

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 8:23 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Cc: Ben Kaplan; julie@trainingmag.com

Subject: Organized Trash Collection

Hello Chris,

We live at 1425 Lincoln Avenue and are pleased to know progress has been made on organized trash collection. Thank you.

For years we've been frustrated with the wasteful (no pun intended) St. Paul system. It's especially noticeable to me, Julie, as my home office overlooks our back yard and alley so I see and hear the trucks up and down the alley on a daily basis.

We're all for the change and we applaud the effort that has gone into making the new system fair to collectors.

Go, go garbage...

Julie Groshens and Ben Kaplan

P.S. Next up, alley plowing? As current alley 'collectors' of plow money, we know that the neighborly factor would increase in our alley if we could all just pay the city for that service. Sounds silly, but the non-contributors do cause issues. Hmmm as I type this, I realize our neighborhood issues are minor... and for that, we are grateful! Thanks again.

From: janet wilebski [mailto:janet.wilebski@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 8:35 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Proposed city trash hauling

Dear Mr. Tolbert,

We have been following the progress of the proposed trash hauling agreement over the past couple of years. We had attempted to organize all our alley neighbors to agree on one hauler to reduce alley traffic. Some changed. Some had two year contracts (but planned change once the contract expired) and some were loyal to their present hauler. So we did not get to a single hauler. We have 7 in our alley now.

We still disagree with the City taking charge of the hauling industry:

Here is what we see:

The main problems as we see them:

1. Many trucks driving the alleys (6-8 seems common). Bad for several reasons.
2. Some citizens were dumping garbage and tossing large items in other persons' yards rather than hire a regular hauler.

3. Uneven charges between haulers.

The city's solution might resolve the above issues, but create more:

1. Cost burden: We are retired and struggle under ever-rising property taxes. Under the City's proposal, we will pay an additional cost for hauling of \$101.68 per year (increased monthly fee, plus the City's admin/maint. fee).

This on top of likely property tax increases.

2. Business burden: This hurts small family owned hauling businesses who can no longer expand their client base. The hauler we use gave us great service for 25 years and kept their fee lower than any other and used smaller trucks. Our neighbors were waiting for their current contracts to expire so they could switch to Pete's for these reasons. But now that is precluded.

3. A tax: While we agree all citizens should have a trash service (to reduce the dumping issue), those who live in areas most oppressed by this problem are low or no income. I doubt they will be able to pay for the service. I guess it will be added to their property tax. Or will this be placed on the citizens at large? Another tax? Landlords increasing already unbearable rents?

4. Unused service: Some of us never need to have large items hauled. But, regardless, we would be paying for that extra service.

4. Dumping: Will it really stop those who have the habit of dumping on someone else?

Some suggestions:

1. Cancel all hauler contracts effective the end of this year. This would free up property owners (who are locked in a contract) to choose a new hauler.

2. Give all property owners notice that they have one year (by Dec 31, 2018 - or an earlier date if that is feasible) within which to select one hauler for their one-block alley. If 2/3rds of the owners (that about the alley one block long) agree on a hauler, that hauler is chosen. If at least 2/3rds do not agree, then the city assigns a hauler to that alley. This would result in only one truck going down all one-block stretch of alley.

3. Haulers may advertise to the property owners, attempting to gain the business. If they do so, and if a hauler is chosen by the alley property owners, that hauler must keep that rate for 5 years. No increases except for fees and taxes that are imposed on the hauler.

4. The city should publish (in the newspaper and on-line) the fees of all the current haulers. Then the property owners can choose a hauler based upon the service and the fees they charge. Again, if haulers advertise, they must also offer a 5-year-long fixed rate.

5. Any property owner who does not pay the chosen hauler should have his/her property assessed at the hauler's highest fee, plus a substantial penalty for causing the city to apply the assessment and process payment to the hauler.

Alan and Janet Wilebski

From: janet wilebski [mailto:janet.wilebski@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 12:27 PM

To: Kelley, Pattie (CI-StPaul)

Subject: Re: Proposed city trash hauling

Thank you, Kelley

It is not an easy issue. It would be optimal if the haulers could agree among themselves the hauling areas and the fees. It would avoid the need for City supervision at an extra cost.

Jan

From: Leslie Brandt [mailto:brandt.leslie.a@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 8:51 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: I support organized trash collection!

Dear Mr. Tolbert,

I am writing to express my strong support for organized trash collection in St. Paul. This is the right thing to do for our environment and will reduce wear and tear on our alleys.

Leslie Brandt

1650 Juno Ave.

From: David Pasiuk [mailto:davepasiuk@msn.com]

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 8:57 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Trash Hauling

Mr. Tolbert,

Please support the Organized Trash Hauling proposal that is before. About 10 years ago Joan and I organized our block so we could have one hauler instead of eleven trucks traveling through our alley. This lowered our cost by half, cut pollution and reduced the wear and tear on our alley surface.

Do the right thing and support the proposal.

Dave Pasiuk

From: jeff.quinn@phxend.com [mailto:jeff.quinn@phxend.com]

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 9:25 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

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I've used the same hauler for 16 years and never once had the need for any maintenance on my garbage can. Additionally, I've never been charged for christmas tree disposal or any other over sized item disposal. This is an insane overreach by the city, and great example of poor negotiating on our behalf.

Jeff Quinn

1245 STANFORD AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: Andrew B [mailto:andrewpbarry@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 8:57 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: Organized trash collection
Thumbs up for a single hauler.
So long as there is competition at some level.
I'm less worried about cost, than I am about quality of service.
Andrew Barry
1650 Juno Ave.

From: Sharon Barthel [mailto:barth004@umn.edu]
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 9:40 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: trash hauling proposal addition
I just noticed the cost estimate chart and with this city-wide trash service being proposed my costs would go up about \$10.00 a month! The ones who save are those who have the most garbage!
This makes me feel like moving back to Minneapolis if it should pass.
Sharon Barthel
593 Griggs Street South

From: Mark and Beth Hamel [mailto:hamel_mb@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 10:11 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: Garbage Collection: Yard Waste
Hi Chris,
We've been following the coverage of the Coordinated Collection program. One of the things that hasn't been included is an option for yard waste pick up. For example, we contract with Aspen Waste, which allows us to pay for weekly yard waste pick up from April - November. Is there a way that the collection program can retain and offer the option of a yard waste cart? Many Saint Paul residents nurture beautiful gardens, and/or participate in the urban gardening movement, which is great for the neighborhoods and the environment. Both also require a lot of pruning, cutting, preparation and clean-up that generate considerable yard waste. The ability to order a yard waste cart makes it much easier to maintain these gardens.
Thank you,
Beth and Mark Hamel
1771 Eleanor Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55116

From: heatherpwesterlund@gmail.com [mailto:heatherpwesterlund@gmail.com] On Behalf Of Heather Parker

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 10:31 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Organized Trash Collection

Hello Mr. Tolbert,

I'm writing to share that I support organized trash collection in the City of St Paul. Will I be sad to potentially lose my local trash collector, Berquist & Sons? Yes. But I feel that the advantages of organized trash collection far outweigh this potential downside. Thank you for working towards improving our city.

Cheers,

Heather Westerlund

Wellesley Ave

From: Christine Leali [mailto:nonnileali@ymail.com]

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 10:32 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Organized trash collection

PLEASE VOTE NO! I am opposed to the current plan for organized trash collection! I currently pay \$17.33 per month. Under the new plan my rate would more than double! I don't believe government should choose my trash hauler. When I have large objects to dispose of, I am capable of taking care of disposal on my own. I either recycle, give it away, or take advantage of the yearly neighborhood clean up program. Regarding the trash that is dumped in alleys, I believe most of it is dumped by tenants from rental properties who do not want to be charged a fee from their landlords, or from people who are too ignorant or lazy to figure out proper disposal options. I don't want subsidize other people's trash removal. Our neighbors have already worked together, so the majority of neighbors in our alley share the same trash hauler. Please consider a NO VOTE on the existing plan. Thanks!

From: Vincent Allia [mailto:vgallia@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 10:42 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Organized Trash Collection

Dear Mr. Tolbert,

I have been a St. Paul resident since 1979 and urge you to vote no on this agreement for the following reasons:

- 1) my monthly costs would nearly double;
- 2) I lose the ability to choose my own hauler (I have changed haulers over the years to lower my costs and/or to improve service);
- 3) This service should remain privatized...no need for the city to be involved;
- 4) I don't believe environmental impact or alley safety would be improved *significantly* with this agreement.

Sincerely,

Vincent Allia
322 Brimhall Street

From: Christopher Long [mailto:octaneboy@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 11:55 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: Managed collection comment

Hello Mr. Tolbert,

I wanted to add my opinion on managed collection. Overall, I don't like the principle of the city taking over something the market has been able to adequately provide. After seeing the plan, I'll be paying more for service, and paying more to the city to manage the program, all while having my choice as a consumer taken away.

The MacGroveland Community Council sent me a list of virtues of managed collection which I find quite dubious. I already had consistent, high quality service, easy billing, stable rates, large-item options, etc. I do not feel it's my job to prop up an artificial wage through my need for garbage removal, or pay for city-coordinated education on how garbage hauling works, nor am I distressed at the number of trucks in my service alley.

I feel managed collection is a solution to non-problematic problem, and a result of what I chalk up to fashionable politics.

Thanks for your service to the city.

Christopher Long
388 Snelling Ave. S.

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Please stop. Property taxes are insane here, and yet the city claims it does not have the funds needed to address their obligations. I have a great garbage company that I pay for the services I need. The city has not proven to be a responsible steward of the citizens money. This is proving to be another misuse of funds. Garbage service is not broken, stop trying to break it. Focus on the things the city is responsible for and improve those.

Heather Guggemos
1217 JAMES AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: Kerry Furtney [mailto:kjfurtney@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 7:46 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Organized trash hauling

Hello,

I live on St Clair and I am strongly in favor of organized trash collection. Less pollution, less noise, less traffic... it would be a positive change in the city.

Thank you,

Kerry Furtney

From: mepaja@comcast.net [mailto:mepaja@comcast.net]

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 7:36 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

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Why not use existing carts that the haulers have in place.

Patrick Meyer

1380 HARTFORD AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55116

From: Karen Schmit [mailto:karen.schmit@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 7:33 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Garbage Pick-up Plan

Good morning.

I have been a resident of this ward since moving to the Twin Cities in 2010 from Chicago. I love the neighborhood and have been a proud home-owner here since 2013. I am writing to you for the first time as I have concerns over the proposed garbage plan.

The costs that were released would more than double what my family and I currently pay for garbage pick-up. We are more than satisfied with the current system and do not see any reason for it to change.

To be forced into a plan that we did not choose, that we did not ask for seems beyond unnecessary and the city council could be spending its time on larger issues such as maintaining

the alleys so water doesn't build and cause moss to grow, pothole and sidewalk maintenance so its safer for children to ride their bikes.

I know my voice is only one, but feel it matters to be heard just the same.

Please consider voting down the proposed plan and let each home decide what works best for them. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Karen Schmit

380 Hamline Ave S.

From: Grant Hoglund [mailto:granthoglund@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 7:06 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: organized trash collection

Dear Mr. Tolbert:

I just want to express my support organized trash hauling in St. Paul.

One question...

The pdf called "COORDINATED COLLECTION BY THE NUMBERS" is showing collection every other week. This won't do for me and I don't think anyone wants rotting garbage sitting around on hot August days any longer than necessary. The stench is already bad enough. Can you please confirm if this is the case?

Thanks,

Grant Hoglund

1723 Montreal

Key highlights of the deal include:

- All current, local and small haulers will provide service
- Consistent, and high quality customer service throughout city
- Large item collection is included in the base rate which includes 3 bulky items per a year and holiday tree collection which should result in a reduction in illegal dumping
- Easy and consistent billing process
- Wage standards that include a \$20 per hour minimum wage for drivers
- Stable, uniform, and reasonable rates
- Less truck traffic – 1 hauler will be providing service to each neighborhood
- Resulting in less noise and air pollution and safer alleys
- City coordinated education and outreach with attention to ESL needs.

Walk up service will be available for the elderly and people with disabilities

From: Karsten Steinhäuser [mailto:karsten.steinhaeuser@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 7:08 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Organized Trash Collection

While we are principally in strong favor of the consolidated collection to reduce alley traffic, noise, and wear on the roads, we are also very happy with our current hauler (Aspen Waste). In particular, they provide yard waste collection at a flat rate for the year (I believe \$90 from April 1 to Thanksgiving, plus one Christmas tree). Will this be an option with the consolidated plans?

Thanks for your consideration.

Karsten Steinhäuser

Osceola Avenue

From: Tbird6363@msn.com [mailto:Tbird6363@msn.com]

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 6:26 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

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I'm a retired senior on a fixed income ... no pension. This program will be doubling my bill. Please vote NO. Thanks.

Judy Mason

1654 NILES AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55116

From: Benjamin Root [mailto:rootbenjamin@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 5:03 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Cc: Claudia Root

Subject: In Favor of Organized Trash Collection

Councilman Tolbert, we are in favor of organized trash collection for the primary reasons of the environmental impact benefit and less traffic (wear and tear) in our alley.

Thank you!

Ben & Claudia Root

2150 Pinehurst Ave

From: Sharon Barthel [mailto:barth004@umn.edu]

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 1:19 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: trash hauling

Dear Councilperson Tolbert:

At this time, I use Highland Sanitation Service and they have been excellent in allowing me to have a small container and only pickup every other week (and even that is too much for the amount of garbage I have). Also they do not charge when I am out of town. They offer senior rates and I feel I have been able to really reduce my garbage pickup rates substantially because of all of the above. I am worried about not having those choices with a city-wide trash pickup service and that I will end up paying a lot more besides feeling like I am subsidizing others who have lots more garbage, Xmas trees, large items, etc. Highland Sanitation Service also answers the phone personally whenever I have a question or concern.

I hope you are addressing these concerns for those of us who are on a fixed budget....

Respectfully,

Sharon Barthel

593 Griggs St. So.

From: Vicky Sandberg [mailto:vsandberg@comcast.net]

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 12:22 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Garbage collection

Dear Councilmember Tolbert,

I know that a citywide trash collection program is inevitable, but as a constituent I do want to register my opposition to it. St Paul is a big city, too big for centralized garbage collection like Maplewood. I appreciate the current system where I am able to choose a hauler. I appreciate that this motivates a hauler to provide good customer service and a competitive rate. I don't think the city should be in the business of "helping" citizens get the best rates—we are free people and can do that ourselves. Plus, in many instances, the new contract is not a savings.

One adjustment that you could consider making would be to permit 2-3 haulers in each "section" of the city. This would reintroduce the concept of choice for residents, and provide motivation to the haulers to do their best to retain business.

Another adjustment you could make would be to leave it an open system, but designate specific days for each section. Then, at least residents would only have 1-2 days that garbage trucks would be on the street each week. Roseville used to do this, maybe still does.

Thank you,

Vicky Sandberg

846 Deer Park

From: Emily Lagace [mailto:elagace@faughnanlagace.com] On Behalf Of Emily Lagace

Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 11:21 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: organized trash collection

Mr. Tolbert,

I am against organized city-wide trash collection. I live in your ward in St. Paul, and I am very happy with the current trash collection that I have, with a hauler that I chose myself (Highland Sanitation). I had another previous hauler for many years; after the company was sold to a larger regional firm the service became poor. I was able to change haulers and find a better rate in addition. The thought that my previous substandard company might be picking up my trash again, and that I would not have recourse to change my hauler if I am unhappy, makes me unhappy now. The current system is not perfect, but I think it will be worse if there is no competition to keep service good and prices reasonable.

Thank you,
Emily Lagace

From: Mary Cerkenik [mailto:mary@sandlake.org]

Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 11:11 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Please move forward with organized trash collection!

Council member Tolbert,

Please support the move to organized trash collection. Don't let this initiative get struck down by a few. It's time to move forward and eliminate the damage in our alleys (our driveway has been destroyed by the various trash haulers), the economic and environmental inefficiencies of the current system, and bring calmness to our mornings.

I hope the council will step up with the staff to find a reasonable concession to those that want to share trash bins, but don't let that one very solvable issue bring this proposal down.

And when you finish with this, take on alley snow plowing! Another vestige of the past that needs to go. Thanks,

Mary Cerkenik
1622 Palace Avenue

From: Henry Harris [mailto:stpaulboy@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 10:29 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Organized Trash Collection

As a resident of Ward 3, I want to whole heartedly endorse the proposal for having only 1 trash hauler for my area. It seems like a no-brainer to reduce wear and tear on our streets and alleys, improve safety and reduce pollution and noise. I hope that you feel the same and will vote to proceed with this plan.

Sincerely,
Henry Harris

From: JULIAN SELLERS [mailto:juliansellers@msn.com]

Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 10:26 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Cc: Barbara Sellers

Subject: Please ORGANIZE the trash hauling

Dear Councilman Tolbert:

Please do not let the effort to organize trash hauling fail. The current system is a travesty.

Sincerely,

Julian and Barbara Sellers

1875 Juliet Ave

St. Paul

From: Rita Johnson [mailto:ritabeejohnson@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 10:21 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Trash collection

I support organized trash collection

Verner Johnson: sonverner@gmail.com

From: Mrkcozz@msn.com [mailto:Mrkcozz@msn.com]

Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 9:33 PM

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David Kozlowski

895 LEXINGTON PKWY S

Saint Paul, MN 55116

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Joe Rubbelke

2000 STANFORD AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: RJTragMN [mailto:rgtrag@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 7:10 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Cc: jsoucheray@pioneerpress.com

Subject: Let's talk trash

Chris,

I remained foolishly quiet while the guiding hand of the city devised a plan to remove another one of my freedoms. Though it may now be too late to effectively voice my concern and disagreement of the projected path I felt I should at least make a statement to the council.

You are attempting to direct the operations of businesses that do not need or want your 'assistance'.

You are attempting to remove choice from all Saint Paul citizens at the fancy of a small group of narrow visioned fools.

While it may seem obviously inefficient to have a multitude of garbage haulers running down the same streets of Saint Paul it unleashes competition amongst these haulers for my dollar, it gives me the freedom to switch haulers at my discretion if I am unsatisfied with any part of their service (which I have done), it lets 'blocks' of residents get together and select a particular carrier and get a better rate, it allows neighbors to share a trash container to cut costs (this is especially valuable since recycling was changed to take about 80% of what used to be my garbage). This last saving tactic will disappear as you are about to force all addresses to pay for collection.

I do not need and will not use the 3 'free' bulky items per year, we have multiple neighborhood/city collection weekends to dispose of those products that are run by volunteers, my Christmas tree is taken to the city compost which I am already paying taxes to run.

Kris Hageman from Public works department has said she is pleased that the 'rates under the new program will provide an incentive for people to recycle more and throw away less', sorry but this incentive is already in play as I get the smallest garbage container available from my selected carrier due to the recycling. She should therefore already be pleased.

The extremely LAME argument 'providing more consistent pricing' is shameful. Why is consistent better if it removes my right to change haulers and receive a better price, that is my job as a consumer, I do not need you 'watching' out for me, it is my responsibility and if I choose not to exercise it, it is on me.

Wait till the complaints come in next summer when people on a 2 week collection have rotting chicken parts, ripe dog excrement and other putrid offensive odors feeding maggots and wafting down the alley on a hot summer night... of course then maybe the council can get together and create another new law, maybe we could hire city deodorizers.

You have already informed me that my taxes may jump as much as 20% due to the courts removing nonprofits from the street maintenance fee collection. I do not want to give you another \$5 a month (cart maintenance) for something I do not need or want while you force a hauler on me with my voice

administratively silenced and I am forced to pay more for a service I currently have, that I chose, and am very happy with.

Leave it alone, PLEASE.

Regards,

Roger Traeger

From: Ken Kastner [mailto:kenkas46@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 4:35 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Council

Subject: Trash Collection.

St Paul City Council Members,

I am sorry that I am becoming a pest. I recently received a notice in the form of a post card survey regarding a city wide, area specific, trash pickup proposal. I see from the news that the decision is yet to be made. Not unlike the alarm license proposal I feel this action would force all residents to be put into the same fee paying basket once again. Even in that, I am allowed to chose my own alarm vender. This is not so with the proposed trash pickup.

As you may remember I have been a resident in my St. Paul home for 47 years. I have seen many changes come and go. The change that usually causes huge problems is removing the power of free choice and competition from the market place. A prime example of this is cable TV. I remember that cable TV was touted as commercial free pay TV. Obviously that did not happen. What did happen was area specific monopolies that allow cable companies to totally control a market place, where they are allowed to raise prices at will, either outright or with hidden charges that the average person can not even detect. Recently, CenturyLink was caught in some billing shenanigans.

At one time the city picked up our trash. Perhaps you should see why that was discontinued.

Specific vender trash pickup would not only create area trash monopolies but also, a one size fits all, pricing structure. We have only two people living in my home and being retired we eat out a lot and have very little trash. What I see in this program is the multiple dwelling across the street getting a break on trash pickup and, from what I see in the news, is my trash pick up costing me an extra \$150-\$200 per year.

What I also see happening is the loss of the personal relationship that we have with the trash hauler that we have had for many years. I am not sure who the 15 trash haulers that have signed onto this proposal are, but I am sure that I didn't chose them. Being at the mercy area specific trash haulers would make us just another insignificant number, with no recourse available. Small business and competition is the backbone of our country.

Another consideration is that this would not only affect homeowners but would have a devastating effect on the many independent small haulers around our city.

Please vote no on this proposal. I believe it would be harmful to our city residents as well as small business. I want a voice in what I am buying.

Thank you once again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ken Kastner

690 Ohio Street

St, Paul, MN 55107

From: lee gjorvad [mailto:leevgjorvad@live.com]

Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 4:22 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: trash collection

Mr. Tolbert,

The question I have on this whole trash collection business is. If the trash hauler is giving me a free cart, and billing me directly, what is the city charging me \$52 a year for? If the concern is really too many trucks in the alleys than Eureka needs to switch to a different style truck because now they go down alleys twice.

Lee Gjorvad

From: lee gjorvad [mailto:leevgjorvad@live.com]

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 12:08 PM

To: Kelley, Pattie (CI-StPaul)

Subject: RE: trash collection

I don't understand if truck traffic is a concern why is Eureka using trucks that have to go down alleys twice to get all the recycling?

Lee Gjorvad

From: ozz@usfamily.net [mailto:ozz@usfamily.net]

Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 3:25 PM

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Competition keeps prices down and service up. The city's proposal is way more than I am paying now for excellent service. I am retired. Where am I supposed to get all this extra money from? I am perfectly capable of hiring my own hauler

janet llerandi

2036 MAGOFFIN AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55116

From: Jkvasnik@hotmail.com [mailto:Jkvasnik@hotmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 1:35 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

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1670 BEECHWOOD AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55116

From: JAMES ROLLAND [mailto:jnrolland@icloud.com]

Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 11:46 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Trash Collection Issue

Good Morning Mr. Tolbert,

As longtime Highland Park residents, we'd like to add our comments to this issue.

We might be in support of the proposal IF - it would eliminate the noise every weekday and often Saturdays, sometimes as early as 6:30am.

IF - the old, loud, stinky trucks (esp. A&W haulers) would be properly maintained. It's doubtful they meet emission standards.

We DO NOT support a yearly maintenance fee. This is a bogus red herring. No way is the city going to "maintain" my cart.

Lastly, we do not want to be forced to pay for services we never use, such as picking up additional items (couches, etc).

Thank you,

James & Carol Rolland

661 Fairview Ave. So.

St. Paul, 55116

From: Miller, Denise M [mailto:Denise.Miller@UNISYS.com]

Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 10:15 AM

To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council; #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Trash Rates

Currently I have 2 trash containers – a 96 gallon and a 32 gallon. I have a disabled child who is an adult that requires 24 hour nursing care. Due to having extra people in my house all of the time and his needs, I need the extra 32 gallon container. Currently with fees, I pay \$30 a month

for both containers. With the new plan, I would be paying \$55.95. That is almost double!!! Please do not pass this trash plan. The cost is way too high!

From: VK [mailto:seeredred@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 9:42 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: trash

Dear Councilman Tolbert,

At least 4 "issues" within the City's proposed City-administered trash program are directly offensive and financially predatory to thousands of St. Paul residents.

1. The 52 dollar annual administrative fee proposed for the proposed City Trash Collection Program is a predatory fee. If that administrative fee proposed was to have been set at a suggested 10 or 20 dollars a year, it would not have been an offensive fee amount. It strikes me as yet another "way" the City is predatory in its attitude to "make money" for its coffers. In contrast, if the City spent more time ticketing aggressive speeders on Ayd Mill Road, a great amount of revenue for the City could be made. I never see any speeders being ticketed on Ayd Mill. That lack of ticketing is an example of the City's disregard for earning revenue in a proper method. Note/ If Ayd Mill Road is not a road "owned" by the City, my point is still valid. Also, the recent issue of 5,000 alarms a year, and the low fees having been charged to "alarm - holders", is yet another example of the City's disregard for properly managing its expenses. The existing "alarm fee" of 28 dollars, etc, have been excessively low for years and years, thereby straining the budgets of City services. Even the low amount of suggested Fee increases are too low an amount, in my opinion.

2. I currently pay my neighbor 10 dollars a month to share garbage collection. That's 120 dollars a year. I am a low income resident and this has worked well for me and my neighbor. However, In your suggested "new" program, because of its punitive suggestion to remove the Opt Out option, my annual trash expenses would increase from 120 dollars a year to 22 dollars month x 12 = \$264 plus 52 = \$316, which is a 164 percent Increase annual increase for trash collection imposed upon my poverty level income.

In other words, the reason I receive SNAP nutrition assistance is because my discretionary income is too low to be able to buy enough groceries without SNAP assistance. In other words, the City now wants to suggest that I will need to spend 164 percent more annually just for trash collection. Because the Opt Out Option is being suggested for removal, it shows me the City is hostile to low income residents who live in a home.

3. The fact that the proposed City Trash program suggests removing the Opt Out Option is a predatory strike against low income residents such as myself who need every dollar every month to simply cover basic and ever increasing expenses such as increased heating costs, water bills, increased transportation expenses, increased property taxes. The fact that I can now share trash expenses is a mandatory requirement for managing my low income.

4. I make about 30 to 40 annual trips a year to the compost sites. I also make use of the organic recycling option, which is an incredible hassle. Most of my neighbors are not making use of organic recycling. Note/It was much more convenient to throw food remnants into trash collection. For years, I have also made regular use of the curbside paper / container recycling. Note/ only about 40 percent of my neighbors were making use of curbside recycling.

But now, the City wants to mandate that I increase my expenses by 164 percent a year to pay the City for me to put out 3 grocery size bags of garbage each month.

5. The poverty level of City residents in St. Paul, as per the City Council's awareness last fall, 2016, was at least 25 percent. The poverty level of seniors living in St. Paul is likely much higher than 25 percent. Isn't it peculiar.....Several of your City Council members just spent the last 6 months and more, "studying" "what and how" to "alleviate" poverty of residents of the City. Yet the City seems to not now blink an eye at its "suggested rules" for its proposed Trash program, yet another indication of Mayor Coleman's disregard for poverty, low income families, low income seniors, and overly stressed homeowners.

Please think more clearly about how this City is becoming a money pit of aggression from the City towards its *People*. The suggested Trash Administrative Fee, the discontinuance of the Opt Out Option, and the failure of the City to properly respect how poverty is a very real status is a regrettable lack of regard.

In the meanwhile, Councilmember Tolbert, maybe you could look into why Police presence on Ayd Mill Road is nonexistent, and maybe you could get some Police activity on Ayd Mill Road to properly ticket offensive speeders.

Sincerely, Veronica Kraft

From: Carol Wilcox [mailto:ilmlp29364@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 9:01 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Organized trash

Mr. Tolbert,

We are out of town so unable to attend the public hearing on organized trash but wanted to weigh in.

We have been and still are opposed to this. As empty nest seniors we generate very little trash and the requirement for homeowners to now purchase trash services is onerous and excessive. I still do not understand why this is such a pressing issue that elected officials feel they have to deal with when we clearly have more important issues for our city and society.

Seniors are voters and will remember this come election time especially when it imposes such a burden.

Carol Wilcox

From: Valerie Petit [mailto:val22lamberts@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 7:23 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: St Paul Organized Collection

Hello

Please help in negotiating lower rates for the St Paul Organized Collection.

I fully agree with the fact we need to reduce the number of trucks going through our alleys but not when charges will almost double from \$180 to over \$300.

My current rate is for a small bin picked up each week.

thank you for your support

Valerie Petit

St Paul Resident

From: Valerie Petit [mailto:val22lamberts@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 11:39 AM

To: Kelley, Pattie (CI-StPaul)

Subject: Re: St Paul Organized Collection

Thank you Pattie

I appreciate your response.

As mentioned before I am totally agreeing with the entire concept. But not such a much higher cost. A slight increase is acceptable thought. One line item I recall reading was the negotiation of large items removals such as mattresses, furniture.... My question is whether all residents need this service each year? Personally I have not needed that service for 4 years. So would it be better to have this line item removed and let residents paid for that, reducing monthly payments?

Thank you

Valerie

From: Alisa Lein [mailto:alisalein@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 4:59 PM

To: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram; #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Cc: Alisa Lein

Subject: Against Organized Trash Hauling in St. Paul

Hi -

I know the city council is meeting today so I'm not sure if this will make it in time for that meeting or not. Either way, please submit it to the record as a voice against the organized trash proposal in St. Paul.

I live in Mac-Groveland. Two years ago our very long time hauler went out of business because he didn't want to deal with the hassles of this upcoming debate about organized trash hauling in St. Paul. We were not at all happy with the company who took over his business:

The pickup service was unreliable, many weeks were missed, the cart was put back directly in front of the garage door and not off to the side where we placed it that morning for pickup, the cart wasn't completely emptied every week, I had to wait on hold for over 15 minutes to file a complaint every time, etc.

We shopped around for a new hauler and found one. What a luxury to be able to switch haulers! The new hauler has been great. I AM NOT looking forward to having zero other options of haulers if there are any issues with my trash collection, billing, etc.

We currently pay **\$19.53/mo** (includes taxes & fees) for a 35 gallon bin picked up weekly. No annual fee. No bulk item pickup. No xmas tree pickup.

If we compare apples to apples with what the Pioneer Press published about the new organized rates in St. Paul:

$\$24.40/\text{mo} + \$4.33/\text{mo}$ (\$52 annual monthly fee divided by 12) = **\$28.73/mo.**

This is an immediate 3.2% increase to my trash hauling bill each month. Sure, that doesn't sound like much. In one year that calculates out to an increase of \$110.44.

For the "free" bonus of getting 3 bulk items and a xmas tree hauled away, it's not free. I am happy to haul my xmas tree "for free" to the compost site myself and if we need to throw away bulk items we haul them ourselves and pay a whole lot less than \$110.44 to do so. Please understand it may not seem like a big deal to many folks to organize trash but it is a huge deal to me. Let the tax payers choose who they want to haul their trash, keep rates competitive and keep haulers honest & reliable because as I learned a long time ago in Economics class, a monopoly is the worst thing to happen for cost control and good customer service. Thank you! Alisa Lein
1467 Grand Ave

From: Millberg, Laura (MPCA) [mailto:laura.millberg@state.mn.us]

Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 4:43 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Cc: McMahon, Melanie (CI-StPaul); Kelley, Pattie (CI-StPaul)

Subject: Support Organized Collection!

Importance: High

Councilmember Tolbert,

As a resident and homeowner in Ward 3 and an Environmental Planner for the State of Minnesota, I urge you to support the City of Saint Paul's move to organized trash collection as currently proposed and on the agenda for tonight's Council meeting. Organized collection will have many benefits including:

- Provide uniform collection in underserved areas of the city which already are environmentally burdened.
- Reduce wear and tear on city streets and alleys.
- Decrease vehicle carbon emissions in all Saint Paul neighborhoods which currently are crisscrossed by multiple waste hauler truck routes every weekday.
- Improve air quality by reducing vehicle pollutants in all Saint Paul neighborhoods which currently are crisscrossed by multiple waste hauler truck routes on every weekday
- Eliminate the randomness and disparities among trash hauling charges to residents, which has required the ongoing vigilance and valuable time of residents to monitor bills (when rates are raised in explicable) and continually compare rates among a large number of haulers, and which is also an environmental justice issue for people who do not have the time/education/language skills/etc. to do this.
- Direct all the waste to the Newport RDF facility which is a higher use of the resource instead of allowing haulers to choose to landfill the waste.

Free market forces are not always most efficient for individuals or communities because they give more market power over pricing to companies than residents, and they do not account for the externalities of products/services such as pollution, wasted resources, infrastructure wear and tear, etc.

Please vote to support the implementation of organized trash collection for the City of Saint Paul!

Sincerely,

Laura Millberg

1504 Summit Avenue

From: Tgallig@gmail.com [mailto:Tgallig@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 3:44 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

Dear Council Member Chris Tolbert,

A city takeover of the garbage 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!

We don't need city dictating garbage services. We have been very happy with berquist and sons since 1986, price and service are just fine. We want choice of who we use and don't need another city dictated container!!

Tom Galligan

1830 BERKELEY AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: Dee Walsh [mailto:walshshack@aol.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 2:11 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Council

Subject: City wide Garbage hauling

I am unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a recent total knee replacement surgery, but I do wish to voice my opinion on this issue.

I will be spending more money for garbage hauling if this issue is passed then what I pay now and why is there an annual fee along with it? To me this is not fair. I will have no option but to pay this and have to figure out how to come up with the extra money in order to pay this bill. As far as the yearly fee is concerned, what is this for? Where and what will this fee be used for? I think this is very unfair and leaves us residence with absolutely no other options. Thank you for your time. Dee Walsh

From: Tom [mailto:tgallig@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 2:03 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Trash proposal

We are strongly against the proposed trash proposal. We have had Ken Brequist & Sons since we moved back to St Paul in 1979 and they have been great, responsive and price sensitive.

Don't need the city involved!

Tom Galligan

From: Matt%20Anfang [mailto:mranfang@comcast.net]

Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 10:48 AM

To: Tolbert, Chris (CI-StPaul); Brendmoen, Amy (CI-StPaul); Stark, Russ (CI-StPaul); Prince, Jane (CI-StPaul); Thao, Dai (CI-StPaul); Noecker, Rebecca (CI-StPaul); Bostrom, Dan (CI-StPaul)

Cc: Hageman, Kris (CI-StPaul)

Subject: Organized Collection

Greetings.

Please accept my email into the record associated with the July 19, 2017 Public Hearing Resolution 17-203 on Organized Collection Options.

While I agree there may be some merits to an organized collection program in the City of Saint Paul the current proposal does not meet what I would agree is sound public policy. Personally I will see a rate and fee increase that will total more than \$160 annually. \$52 of this amount will go to the city to fund 4 new and unnecessary employees and an ongoing City obligation of over \$700K annually. The remaining dollars will go for the purchase of new carts. We already have carts, carts I have paid for already via my fees to my selected hauler.

Undoubtedly there will be some that default on their fees to haulers. Please share with us how the city intends on compensating haulers for unpaid accounts, what amount is estimated to accrue on an annual basis and the source of those funds.

It has been said that this is the last chance for the haulers to proceed with a plan that will not result in an outcome where an RFP will be issued which may result in a single, national company, providing service city wide where 14 small businesses may lose their livelihood. This threat to these businesses is wrong. After decades of responsibly serving customers, negotiating rates and carrying out responsible waste stream practices these small businesses, the employees and the customers do not deserve being told that they can no longer do business in St. Paul.

In my opinion, the city has failed, to date, despite paying a contractor (May 2, 2016 Foth Infrastructure Contract #881) over \$300,000 to manage this process and establish a communications plan to city residents, to qualify or quantify the cost / benefit of implementing this plan. There are anecdotal preferences both for and against but when taxpayers are asked to contribute more the burden should lie with the city to justify the cost. I have not seen a benefit analysis that supports your initiative.

To me, numbers presented for illegal dumping (\$250,000) do not justify creation of a new city program costing \$850-700K per year plus another \$6-8 Million dollars for new plastic carts. Can you commit that once implemented the \$52 annual fee will never go away after the carts are paid off? I understand you cannot commit to the actions of future councils but I am confident you probably don't believe it will ever go away.

You know, there are a lot of businesses that frequent our neighborhoods, distributors driving trucks, shipping / receiving companies, restaurant delivery and others. As it should be, none of these other users of our infrastructure are faced with the city telling them where and how they can do business. Our overall "traffic" will see minute reductions by forcing one industry to experience over-regulation all the while forcing an increase in cost to residents for a negligible return. It does not make sense to target one industry.

You're creating a new tax at a time the city budget is stretched razor thin. You could justify to me reasons why we need to invest in parks, libraries, poverty reduction and public safety. Instead you're choosing to invest in four new staff and 78,000 plastic carts we already have.

This proposal is not ready for prime time and simply unnecessary. To me the cost of this proposal does not substantively change the livability of this city in a meaningful way. Thank you,

Matt Anfang
1635 Bayard Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55116 (Ward 3)

From: Mary Wagner [mailto:mmwagner@stkate.edu]

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 12:27 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Trash collection

I live on Niles Avenue between Cleveland and Cretin. This morning there was yet another, and new, trash hauler coming down the street. Please, please adopt a system of organized trash collection. Thank you.

Mary Wagner
2108 Niles
St. Paul, MN 55116

Joe Palumbo re Trash –

Called/Left VM - He is very much opposed to the proposal. Say nay to it. Very much appreciated.

Kieran Wells

Called – In opposition to the trash hauler proposal.

Ron and Marilyn Schaaf - 1234 Eleanor

Called and left VM – Very much in opposition to the trash proposal; sees no benefit.

Janet Moran – Trash

Called – Very much opposed to trash proposal. She is a Sr Citizen and this would be a hardship.

From: Andy Singer [mailto:andy@andysinger.com]
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 12:40 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Cc: #CI-StPaul_Ward4
Subject: organized trash collection opt-out provision
Dear Council Member Tolbert,

I don't have strong feelings on organized trash collection. As an environmentalist, I support it. As a homeowner, I'm concerned that the price will go up and selection options and quality will go down. If you haven't already, I suggest you allow people to opt out. An opt-out provision will allow neighbors who produce very little trash (like us) to share a can and save some money. If someone's house is vacant for many months, they could also cancel their garbage service for the period when they're away and save money. Allowing people to opt out would also soften the psychological transition. Reading the Villager and other comments, more conservative/anti-government people complain that organized trash hauling would become just another mandatory fee or tax, like their water bill or right-of-way assessments ...back when we had them (sigh). Also, I've become aware that a few folks in my neighborhood haul their own trash. An opt out would allow them to keep doing that. Anyway, that's my two cents. Thanks for your service to the city.

Andy Singer
2103 Berkeley Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55105

Ann Browkaw – Berkeley

Called – Left VM – She's thinking about moving out of St Paul – between the bike lanes and now forced trash hauling it's too much. You have upset her and all of her neighbors. Rethink. She hopes you take this to heart.