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Memo

January 23, 2018

To: City Council Transportation, Energy & Utilities Committee

From: Rob Green, Assistant Director DPW

Re: Residential Consolidated Collection

Burlington Public Works is working with Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) and our neighbor South Burlington in exploring the potential of a Residential Solid Waste Collection System. Consolidated collection is a system in which a municipality contracts with one or more haulers to provide curbside collection service for specific routes within that community, rather than having multiple haulers serve a scattering of customers in each neighborhood. CSWD has been wrestling with consolidated collection for years. In 2009 they formed a study committee, comprising haulers, CSWD board members, and CSWD staff, to direct a study. Unfortunately, after years of input, the committee was never able to reach an internal consensus or all its members to pursue. In response, in 2014 the CSWD Board decided to pause the process and provide technical assistance to individual communities interested in exploring consolidating collection.

As the CSWD Commissioner representing Burlington and the Assistant Director of DPW managing the recycling program, I believe Burlington should explore the possibility of having a consolidated solid waste collection system.

It does bring up many questions that I have, and having conversations with our neighboring municipalities and CSWD will likely bring up more. I look forward to hearing your questions and will keep the TUEC and City Council informed of any future progress.

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Why does DPW want to see a Residential Consolidated Solid Waste Collection System?

- To reduce the cost to the residents
- To reduce the heavy truck traffic in the neighborhoods by having all wastes and recyclables picked up on the same day
- To reduce the environmental and infrastructure impacts of truck traffic
- The possibility of increasing the amount residents recycle by having all residents with larger capacity covered wheeled carts
- By having consolidated collection, it could make the costs of organics collection reasonable
- It is time for Burlington Public Works to get out of the recycling collection business
 - Cumbersome Burlington recycling tax
 - High employee turnover rate
 - Expensive equipment to maintain

Questions DPW will be bringing up;

- How much should it cost the residents of Burlington to have weekly curbside pickup of trash, recyclables, and organics?
- Could the hauler offer a bi-annually yard waste collection?
- Could the hauler offer a heavy waste service?
- What is the definition of a residential customer?
- Where recycling routes are already established, could they continue for consolidated collection?
- What size carts should be offered to residents?
- Who bills the residents? Hauler directly? City GF?
- How do we design an RFP for all licensed haulers to have an equal and fair share of Burlington?
- How long should the city contract with a hauler?
- When could we start consolidated collection?



MEMORANDUM

To: City Council Transportation, Energy & Utilities Committee

From: Rob Green; Assistant Director DPW Right of Way

Date: May 1, 2018

Re: Solid Waste Collection Tax Increase Ordinance Amendment

Background

Chapter 14 of the City Ordinance regulates the collection and disposal of solid waste within the City of Burlington. Section 14-14 regulates the solid waste tax, which imposes a \$3.70 tax upon solid waste haulers and collectors per residential dwelling unit (RDU) served.

During the FY2019 budget process, Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) determined they needed to raise the tip fee on recyclables at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) from \$21 per ton to \$25 per ton effective May 1st 2018, but expects the rate to rise again in September 2018 to about \$50.00 per ton. This is in response to China's much stricter imported recyclable paper standards. This will increase the DPW Recycling budget expense by \$55,000. Raising the solid waste tax to \$4.20 per RDU will raise approximately \$74,400 to offset this expense.

Request

The Department of Public Works is requesting Chapter § 14-14(2) (b) be amended to reflect the current solid waste generation tax, as shown in the attachment.

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ORDINANCE _____

Sponsor: DPW; Bd. of Finance

Public Hearing Dates: _____

In the Year Two Thousand Fifteen

An Ordinance in Relation to

SOLID WASTE--

Solid Waste generation tax

First reading: _____

Referred to: _____

Rules suspended and placed in all stages of passage: _____

Second reading: _____

Action: _____

Date: _____

Signed by Mayor: _____

Published: _____

Effective: _____

It is hereby Ordained by the City Council of the City of Burlington as follows:

1 That Chapter 14, Solid Waste, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Burlington be and hereby is amended
2 by amending Sec. 14-14, Solid waste generation tax, thereof to read as follows:

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4 Sec. 14-14. Solid waste generation tax.

5 (II) TAXES IMPOSED

6 (a) As written.

7 (b) The tax shall be imposed upon solid waste haulers and collectors at the rate of ~~three~~ four dollars and
8 ~~seventy~~ twenty cents (~~\$3.70~~ \$4.20) per month per residential dwelling unit served in Burlington.

9 (c) As written.

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11 Balance of section as written.

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13 * Material stricken out deleted.
14 ** Material underlined added.

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