

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council Members
Steve Parker, City Manager
From: Rick Cortes, Deputy City Manager
Subject: Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) service for residential households within the City of Seguin
Date: December 22, 2025

Historical Background

On July 24, 2025 and December 3, 2025, the Solid Waste committee, which consists of Councilmember Joe Rea, Councilmember Jim Lievens, Councilmember John Carlsson, and Mayor Donna Dodgen met to discuss the residential solid waste agreement. Also, in attendance were City Manager Steve Parker, Purchasing Manager Ashley Bruns, Deputy City Secretary Kim Allison, City Secretary Kristin Mueller, City Attorney Mark Kennedy, and I.

As a result of those meetings, staff is proposing an amendment to the existing Exclusive Franchise Agreement for the Collection, Hauling, and Disposal of Municipal and Residential Solid Waste between the City of Seguin and Waste Connections, Inc. to add a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) service for residential households. The City currently contracts with Waste Connections Lone Star, Inc. for municipal and residential solid waste services.

To provide this service, Waste Connections has entered into an exclusive subcontractor agreement with Doliver Enterprises, LLC, dba HHW Solutions, a licensed and insured Household Hazardous Waste service provider. HHW Solutions would perform HHW collection, hauling, and disposal services in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, while Waste Connections would remain the City's primary franchise contractor under the existing Agreement.

If approved, HHW services would commence on March 1, 2026. The subcontractor agreement between Waste Connections and HHW Solutions is structured to run concurrently with the City's existing franchise agreement, with an initial term through September 2029.

Under the proposed amendment, Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) services would be provided to single-family residential units within the City's corporate limits.

HHW collection is limited to household-generated hazardous waste only. Weekly collection would be available by appointment, coordinated through Waste Connections. Collection of HHW placed at the residence no later than 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled collection day.

Accepted materials include common household hazardous items such as paints, automotive fluids, batteries, pesticides, cleaning chemicals, fluorescent bulbs, electronics (up to 50 pounds), and similar materials. Excluded materials include commercial or business-generated waste, medical or biological waste, radioactive materials, explosives, and other items prohibited by law.

All collected HHW would be transported to properly permitted Household Hazardous Waste processing, storage, or disposal facilities, in compliance with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Texas regulations.

HHW Solutions would be responsible for customer service related to HHW collection inquiries, with coordination between Waste Connections and the City as needed.

Pricing and Billing

The proposed amendment would add a monthly HHW service charge of \$1.50 per residential household. The charge would be billed in the same manner and cadence as existing waste collection services. The charge would apply to all single-family residential units with active water service, regardless of whether the household uses the HHW service in a given month. The charge would not be subject to the franchise fee, but is subject to applicable taxes, surcharges, and future adjustments as allowed under the existing franchise agreement. Billing would begin with the billing period that includes or commences on March 1, 2026. Under the subcontractor agreement, Waste Connections would compensate HHW Solutions for HHW services provided. The City would continue to bill and collect fees as part of its existing utility billing process.

Recommendation

Staff recommends consideration of the proposed amendment to add Household Hazardous Waste services to the existing Waste Connections agreement. This service expansion provides residents with a safe, compliant, and convenient method for disposing of hazardous household materials while minimizing environmental risk, at a modest monthly cost.