

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council Members
Steve Parker, City Manager

From: Rick Cortes, Deputy City Manager

Subject: Residential Solid Waste Contract Amendment

Date: June 28, 2024

On June 17, 2024, the Solid Waste committee, which consists of Councilmember's Joe Rea, Jim Lievens, and Mayor Donna Dodgen met to discuss the residential solid waste agreement. Also, in attendance were Purchasing Manager Ashley Bruns, Deputy City Secretary Kim Allison, City Secretary Kristin Mueller, City Attorney Mark Kennedy, and I.

As a result of that meeting, and at the request of Waste Connections Lone Star Inc., staff is recommending the following amendments to the current residential solid waste agreement.

- Disposal of municipal residential solid waste at the Post Oak Landfill.
- Changing operating hours from 6:30am -7pm to 6am -7pm.
- Change the current method of calculating rates to a more streamlined approach to include annual CPI rate adjustment, disposal/government fee, and operating cost adjustment.
- Creation of a community disposal site, the Citizen Convenience Center, at the Post Oak landfill.
- Utilizing a voucher system, provide Seguin residents the opportunity to dispose of waste/bulk items four times per fiscal year (October through September) at the Post Oak Landfill Citizen Convenience Center at no additional cost.
- Service Provider will collect Bulky Items from Residential Units on a quarterly basis and will inform residents at least one month in advance of the day for collection of Bulky Items; an item measuring more than either forty-eight inches in length or fifty (50) pounds in weight, including, but not limited to White Goods.
- Limit weekly pickup to only items that can be placed in the 90-gallon containers provided by the solid waste provider.
- Add one additional year to the existing agreement. The term of the new agreement will run through September of 2029.

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- The agreement provides for one five-year extension upon mutual agreement by the City of Seguin and Solid Waste provider.

Please note that the most significant change to the current agreement is the allowance of Seguin Municipal waste to be disposed of at the Post Oak Landfill. The agreement currently in place does not allow for the disposal of Seguin residential municipal waste to be disposed of at the Post Oak Landfill. As part of the decision-making process, the Solid Waste Committee members, as well as other members of the Council along with staff took the opportunity to take two guided tours of the Post Oak Landfill to see its operation and receive educational information on the processes utilized to protect the area from any contamination. Furthermore, disposal of municipal solid waste at the Post Oak landfill will allow Waste Connections to maintain rates at its current level for this upcoming year. On a side note, solid waste collected within Guadalupe County outside the city limits of Seguin is being disposed of at the Post Oak Landfill.

Based on the above information, the fees for solid waste services remain at \$14.06 and recycling \$3.55 for a total of \$17.61, excluding the 13% administrative fee. The rate of the additional cart will also remain at \$6.98 per month. The overall customer charge including the administrative fee will be \$19.44 plus taxes. Please note that the 13% administrative fee is only applicable to residential waste hauling and not recycling.

Staff recommends approval of the proposed changes and will be available to answer any questions at the Tuesday, July 2, 2024, City Council Meeting.