



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor Collins and Town Council Members

FROM: Kevin Burke, Town Manager

DATE: April 14, 2016

DEPARTMENT: Town Manager

AGENDA TITLE:

Community Conversation - Discussion of Alternatives for Solid Waste and Recyclable Collection Services

Council Goals or Other Policies / Statutory Requirements:

Quality of Life - Maintain and improve the Paradise Valley quality of life.

CIP - Maintain, repair and add critical infrastructure in the Town

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive presentation from staff on alternatives; receive feedback from members of the public on alternatives; provide staff direction on next steps.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

As part of the Mayor & Council Quality of Life Initiatives, the Town is exploring alternatives to the current system of trash and recycling collections. The discussion is framed by a series of problems or conditions that the Town is seeking to either resolve and/or preserve juxtaposed against a list of possible scenarios. The confluence of these problems and solutions is articulated in the attached matrix.

This Community Conversation will commence with an overview of the matrix. Mayor & Council will be afforded the opportunity to ask clarifying questions. The meeting will then be open to community participation. The Manager will walk around the audience with the microphone and receive feedback. At the conclusion of the public participation, the discussion will turn back to the Mayor & Council for next steps. Examples of next steps include adding or deleting solutions from the matrix; prioritizing the problems/conditions in order of most important to least important; and/or requesting further information, experts, or proposals on a particular topic to be presented after the summer recess.

By way of background, Mayor & Council requested additional information during the March 24, 2016 Study Session on the same topic.

- **Wear & Tear on Streets** - Public Works Director and Town Engineer Jim Shano prepared a memo regarding his research on wear and tear on roads from trash trucks. This shows that

one pass of a trash truck is the equivalent of 1,000-1,300 cars in terms of wear and tear (see attached).

- Single Day Pick-up - The original Problem & Solutions Matrix suggested “Require hauler to seek single day pick-up.” To clarify, the Town could probably not require a single day pick-up because it would conflict with state statute, but it could remove the Town’s current requirement for twice a week pick-up. This would enable haulers to seek a waiver from the County Health Department for twice a week pick-up.
- Single Hauler Solution - Public Works Director Jim Shano found a great PowerPoint online from the Town of Atoka, TN describing their conversion from an open market to a single hauler. It sounded very similar and thought was worth inclusion.
- Require Buried Bins - After further research, we are able to confirm that buried bins and the solid waste collection industry in general, does experience very high Workers Compensation claims. Such a requirement, while improving the aesthetics issue, would likely lead higher rates for customers.
- Pay as You Throw (PAYT) - Please see the attached memo from Duncan Miller, Town Clerk, regarding this solution.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

None at this time.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Problems-Solution Matrix 4-7-16
Atoka Residential Solid Waste Program PowerPoint
Pay as you Throw Memo
Wear & Tear Trash Memo