



Waynesboro City Council Agenda Briefing

Meeting Date:	November 14, 2022	Staff/Council Member(s): Mike Hamp, City Manager
Agenda Item #	12	
Resolution#		
Department:	Public Works Operations, Refuse Division	
Subject:	Amending City Code Chapter 66- Bulk Refuse Collection	

Background: The City of Waynesboro has collected bulk items and yard debris from single-family residences for decades. The program of collection has evolved over time and is now commonly regarded as the knuckle-boom collection. Under the current program, which is codified and budgeted in the Refuse Fund, refuse customers are provided two free collections annually. Subsequent collections are provided on a fee for service basis. Fees for collection depend on the number of collections and material collected.

Through the years and with each revision of program design, collecting the piles in a timely manner has remained the recurring challenge. The periods of persistent inability to collect, in a timely manner, increases dissatisfaction among residents and frustration for both staff and customers. Reliable equipment and adequate staff are essential for an enduringly successful program.

Preserving the program in some form has value for the municipal organization and the community. The knuckle-boom equipment is essential to facilitate clean-up following ice and wind storms and responding to noncompliant dumping. As such, eliminating entirely the ability to collect bulk items is not regarded by staff as a reasonable consideration.

The provision of two free collections creates a service demand that cannot be met consistently with current and previous resource levels. Accordingly, eliminating the “free” collections is essential to recommendations to reform the program and restore it to efficient and effective function. Part of the immediate corrective action will be a concerted effort to bring collections current (catch-up so to speak).

In Summary, Program Revisions Involve:

- 1) *Eliminating of the two free collections annually.***
- 2) *Establishing a two-tiered fee for service structure***
 - a. *Customers of City Refuse Service \$75.00 per load***
 - b. *Non-Customers \$115 per load***
- 3) *Establishing a drop-off (no charge) location for grindable yard waste.***

Staff will explain in more detail and context the bulk collection program history, current state, and recommendations to reform the program. City Council is asked consider introducing the ordinance.

City Manager’s Recommendation: Receive the information and consider introducing the ordinance.

Suggested Motion(s): Move introduction of the ordinance amending Chapter 66 of the City Code as it pertains to Bulk Collections.

Attachments:

History of Bulk Pickup

Bulk Collection Proposal

Bulk Collection Program Change Outline

Ordinance Amending Chapter 66