
SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL STAFF MEMO

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To: City Council Members

From: Jan Aramaki, Constituent Liaison and Policy Analyst

RE: Response to Legislative Action – request that the Administration re-evaluate the City’s curbside recycling program to include residential areas that do not participate in the City’s garbage collection program

CC: Rocky Fluhart, Dave Nimkin, Rick Graham, Ed Rutan, Gary Mumford, Michael Sears, Diana Karrenberg, Barry Esham, Gwen Springmeyer, and Annette Daley

On June 24, 2003, the Council approved a Legislative Action item initiated by Council Member Dave Buhler requesting that the Administration re-evaluate the City’s curbside recycling program to include residential areas that do not participate in the City’s garbage collection program, such as the Oak Hills Garden Condominiums (copy of the Legislative Action is attached).

In response to the Legislative Action request, Rick Graham, Director of Public Services Department, submitted a Council Transmittal outlining proposed amendments to Salt Lake City Code, Chapter 9.08 Garbage and Refuse. According to the Administration’s paperwork, “The Department of Public Services proposes to amend the ordinance by adding the following language: the City may collect from private streets with a signed written agreement between the Department of Public Services and the private street owner.” The Administration would like the Council to have an opportunity to hold a discussion on this issue prior to having the Attorney’s Office draft an ordinance amendment to ensure that the Administration has addressed the Council’s intent of the Legislative Action.

The Council may wish to discuss the option of holding a public hearing on this issue since there is a proposed new fee for residents living on private streets. Council policy regarding optional public hearings states:

“Optional Hearings: a) In the past, the Council has chosen to hold public hearings on issues which usually concern ordinances which either increase or establish new fees, or which will alter an existing City policy. An example would be a hearing concerning the increase in golf pass fees for senior citizens and the increase in green fees; or a hearing concerning the repeal of the ordinance prohibiting live entertainment after 1:00 a.m. b) Advertisement of these hearings has been established as once 7 days prior to the hearing with such courtesy notice mailing as the Council deems necessary at the time that they set the date for the hearing.”

The Administration’s paperwork recommends a decrease in fee from a current fully loaded fee of \$6.50 per container per month to a proposed fee of \$3.50 fully loaded. The decrease will have a very minor effect on revenue since there are currently only 98 multi-family/business participants.