

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COLLECTION**

**BACKGROUND:**

Since 1998, the City of Ames through its Resource Recovery System has contracted with Metro Waste Authority (MWA) for operation of a satellite Household Hazardous Materials (HHM) collection operation. The MWA owns the small building where the collected materials are received and stored for pickup. The collected materials are then transported to MWA's facility in Bondurant, Iowa, and are safely processed in accordance with State and Federal regulations. Resource Recovery staff members receive HHM handling training and work with the customers when they make appointments to drop off HHM.

Several agencies across Iowa are participating in this program to keep costs at a reasonable level. The 2013 to 2015 contract cost was \$0.87 per capita or a total of \$76,431.24 annually. Metro Waste Authority is proposing a one-year extension of that contract, after which they will reevaluate the program and costs and determine a new per capita fee.

Over the past three years, our usage has been as follows:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CUSTOMERS</u>	<u>TOTAL WEIGHT (LBS)</u>	<u>LBS/CUSTOMER</u>	<u>\$/CUSTOMER</u>
2013	382	21,167	55.41	\$200.08
2014	412	20,209	49.05	\$185.51
2015	407	22,832	56.10	\$187.79

National averages indicate that average drop-off is 20 pounds per customer, and the Resource Recovery System's rate is over 2.5 times that level. Over one half of the material is oil-based paints or paint-related products. Contracting this service provides the knowledge that the materials are being properly disposed in an environmentally safe manner. Also, **providing the HHM service is a requirement of the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater permit.**

The general provisions of the proposed one-year extension remain the same. The City Attorney and Risk Manager have reviewed the agreement language and approve it as to form.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the proposed 2016 intergovernmental agreement with Metro Waste Authority for a satellite Household Hazardous Materials collection and disposal operation at an annual cost of \$76,431.24.
2. Do not approve the proposed agreement.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

It is important for the City to continue this service in order to provide an easy, proactive means for the public to dispose of hazardous materials. **In addition to providing a means for keeping these pollutants out of the environment, this service is a requirement of the City's Iowa Department of Natural Resources storm water permit.**

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manger that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the proposed 2016 intergovernmental agreement with Metro Waste Authority for a satellite Household Hazardous Materials collection and disposal operation at an annual cost of \$76,431.24.