

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COLLECTION

BACKGROUND:

Since 1998, the City of Ames, through the 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 pick-up. 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 are required to take 24 hours of Hazardous Waste Operations training before accepting HHW and eight hours of yearly continuing education to maintain their certification

Several agencies across Iowa are participating in this program to keep costs at a reasonable level. **The FY 2013/14 through FY 2016/17 contract costs were \$0.87 per capita or a total of \$76,431.24 annually. The proposed one-year contract continues at the same rate, for a total cost of \$76,431.24.**

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

<u>FY YEAR</u>	<u>CUSTOMERS</u>	<u>TOTAL WEIGHT (LBS)</u>	<u>LBS/CUSTOMER</u>	<u>\$/CUSTOMER</u>
2014/15	412	20,209	49.05	\$185.51
2015/16	407	22,832	56.10	\$187.79
2016/17	440	22,374	50.85	\$173.70

National averages indicate that average drop-off is 20 pounds per customer, and the Resource Recovery System's rate is well above that level. Over one-half of the material is oil-based paints or paint-related products. The relatively high cost per user is offset by the knowledge that the materials are properly disposed of in an environmentally safe manner. In addition, 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 agreement remain the same. The City Attorney and Risk Manager have reviewed the agreement and approve it as to form.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the proposed FY 2017-2018 intergovernmental agreement with MWA for a satellite HHM collection and disposal operation at an annual cost of \$76,431.24.
2. Do not approve the proposed agreement.

CITY 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 NPDES stormwater permit.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the proposed FY 2017/18 intergovernmental agreement with MWA for a satellite HHM collection and disposal operation at an annual cost of \$76,431.24.