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To: City Council and Mayor
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Mayor, Council, and City Manager's office,

I am aware that changes may be coming in the future so I even hated to bother with an email but I have spoken with City Manager's office and they encouraged an email. I am also wondering about a short term solution that could work for all.

As a resident of Ames you and I can for a fee drop off many items that we no longer need at the RRP (Resource Recover Plant). This is a benefit and greatly appreciated.

As a resident of Ames and local business owner I have had a business account at RRP for as long as I can remember. It is frustrating to me that if I take carpet from my house I can pay a fee and drop it without any issue. If I choose to change out the carpet out of my rental unit and I am driving my work vehicle and want to drop carpet to RRP, I sometimes can and I sometimes can't. I don't take things there daily or even weekly. I believe as long as it is coming from the City of Ames it should be taken care of. If it comes from your house or mine or from my rental we all pay property taxes and the benefit should be for owner of any property, whether owner occupied unit or not. Please assist with making this a simple procedure and not debatable. We are either accepting carpet or we are not? We are accepting tires or we are not? We are accepting old couches or we are not?

As a business owner and not in the business of professionally hauling nonaccepted items at RRP we have been taking items to Boone County for many years. I understand moving forward this is no longer an option. It is cost and time prohibitive for me to do this with at least 3 hour start to finish for a truck and 10x16 trailer to Metro Waste in Altoona.

As a member of the community I am aware that council is working on a Waste to Energy Plan/Study currently. I would ask that we please continue to look at all options and weigh public input, stakeholders from garbage waste companies, and find ways to reinvent ourselves to being more efficient as City.

If the City of Ames is committed to being green and creating less carbon footprint I think the City will need to provide and option (Not a free service) where we can have a drop off and transfer for items. We previously used to drop in the City of Ames at the old landfill and most recently to Boone County Landfill and now to Metro Waste Altoona.

I believe as a potential solution even if temporary is to use some of the land at 309 Carnegie Avenue or any other potential sites as a place to filter that refuse for Ames residents and then haul out refuse to Altoona using more commercialized hauling.

I appreciated each of you and thank you for your commitment to making Ames such a great place to live.

Sincerely

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