



## City of Shorewood Council Meeting Item

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MEETING TYPE  
REGULAR

**Title / Subject: Organized Solid Waste Collection**

Meeting Date: April 9, 2017

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Attachments: City Priorities, Resolution, and Public Notice

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**Policy Consideration: Should the City Council declare a 60-day negotiating period with the present solid waste collectors for the purposes of considering an organized collection system?**

**Background:** The City Council has discussed organized solid waste collection for more than a year. More recently, at the 2018 retreat and at the March 12 Council work session, the council reaffirmed support for initiating the process of negotiating with the licensed solid waste collectors to move toward an organized collection system.

The process for undertaking this discussion is described in MN Statute 115.94, Subd. 4d:

Prior to establishing a committee under subdivision 4a to consider organizing residential solid waste collection, a city or town with more than one licensed collector must notify the public and all licensed collectors in the community. The city or town must provide a 60-day period in which meetings and negotiations shall occur exclusively between licensed collectors and the city or town to develop a proposal in which interested licensed collectors, as members of an organization of collectors, collect solid waste from designated sections of the city or town. The proposal shall include identified city or town priorities, including issues related to zone creation, traffic, safety, environmental performance, service provided, and price, and shall reflect existing haulers maintaining their respective market share of business as determined by each hauler's average customer count during the six months prior to the commencement of the 60-day negotiation period. If an existing hauler opts to be excluded from the proposal, the city may allocate their customers proportionally based on market share to the participating collectors who choose to negotiate. The initial organized collection agreement executed under this subdivision must be for a period of three to seven years. Upon execution of an agreement between the participating licensed collectors and city or town, the city or town shall establish organized collection through appropriate local controls and is not required to fulfill the requirements of subdivisions 4a, 4b, and 4c, except that the governing body must provide the public notification and hearing required under subdivision 4c.

As stated in Statute, the city is required to identify priorities that become the basis of negotiations. The first attachment to this memo outlines the city's priorities.

**Financial or Budget Considerations:** There are no city budget considerations when making the decision to enter negotiations.

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**Mission Statement:** *The City of Shorewood is committed to providing residents quality public services, a healthy environment, a variety of attractive amenities, a sustainable tax base, and sound financial management through effective, efficient, and visionary leadership.*

**Options:** The council can amend, add to, accept, or reject any or all the proposed priorities.

**Recommendation / Action Requested:** The council action tonight is simply deciding whether to enter negotiations with the licensed solid waste haulers. Staff recommends that the council make a motion to approve the attached Resolution - entering negotiations with the stated priorities as the basis of negotiating.

**Next Steps and Timeline:** Staff will publish notice in the same manner as other public notices and contact the licensed haulers to begin discussions.

**Connection to Vision / Mission:** An efficient and cost-effective solid waste and recycling collection that benefits residents, protects the city's infrastructure, and minimized impact to the environment.

# Solid Waste Hauler Organized Collection 60-day Negotiations

City of Shorewood  
5755 Country Club Road  
Shorewood, MN 55331

## **CITY PRIORITIES** (as adopted April 9, 2018)

The City of Shorewood will use the priorities listed below as the basis of negotiating with the licensed collectors for an organized collection system. Should an organized collection options committee be established for evaluating organized or alternative collections structures, these priorities shall also be used in their evaluation of collection methods. The list is in alphabetical order.

### **Ensure all residents have adequate trash and recycling services.**

The City will ensure that solids waste and recycling services are provided to all residential dwellings to ensure the levels of service comply with Minnesota Statutes and Hennepin County rules.

### **Improve public education and awareness**

Public education is critical to the strategy to achieve waste reduction and improve recycling.

### **Improve safety**

Limiting the number of trucks and/or truck trips in residential areas will improve neighborhood safety. The City will look to reduce the number of truck miles driven in the City to collect solid waste.

### **Improve standardization of service options**

An organized collection system must provide residents with standardized collection options to best fit their needs. These include, but are not limited to: trash service levels, yard waste collection, bulky item pick up, and walk-up collection.

### **Improve value of services**

Of particular importance to the City will be striving to increase the value of solid waste collection without increasing the average costs to the customer. The city will work to lower the average cost to residents, while seeking to improve the value and options of services.

**Increase recycling and reduce waste**

In compliance with Hennepin County requirements, organic recycling and collection shall be included in any agreement. The City will continue to work for improvements to the recycling programs.

**Lessen environmental impacts**

Reducing air pollution emissions, truck fuel consumption, and noise generated from garbage trucks is in keeping with the city's leadership in protecting and enhancing the environment.

**Minimize disruption to residents**

The City recognizes that limiting the amount of disruption to the resident is paramount. The city will work to minimize changes in how service operations are done – for example day of week or frequency of pickup.

**Minimize impact on licensed solid waste collectors**

The City recognizes that the present haulers provide a necessary service to properties in the City, and the City will consider their recommendations for system improvements.

**Minimize truck traffic on city streets/Reduce garbage truck wear on city streets**

The investment made in streets by the city's property owners is substantial, and the City will view preservation of that asset as a principal guide during negotiations. The City will work with the solid waste haulers to reduce road wear impacts of the collection trucks.

**CITY OF SHOREWOOD  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION 18-  
RESOLUTION APPROVING INITIATION OF 60 DAY NEGOTIATING  
PERIOD WITH SOLID WASTE HAULERS**

**WHEREAS**, Shorewood City Council has discussed the concept of creating an organized solid waste collection system with the intention to improve service options, reduce cost to customers, reduce road wear, and protect the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes Section 115.94, Subd. 4d provides a specific process for considering such a system; and

**WHEREAS**, The first step in the statutory process is to enter a 60-day negotiation period with the present licensed haulers that will provide the city an opportunity to present the priorities and services the city desires in any system. The interested haulers, as a group, develop and present a proposal for the city to consider; and

**WHEREAS**, Initiating this process does not guarantee an agreement will be reached. Any decision regarding moving to an organized system will be made at a future, duly-called public hearing.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Shorewood City Council, pursuant to the statutory process, hereby approves entering a 60-day negotiating period with the licensed haulers effective April 30, 201, and that staff is hereby directed to publish and post the notice attached to this Resolution, or in substantially the same form, and to notify the current city-licensed solid waste haulers of the City Council decision.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL** of the City of Shorewood this 9th day of April 2018.

**ATTEST:**

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**Scott Zerby, Mayor**

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**Sandie Thone, City Clerk**

## NOTICE

### Published:

Pursuant to Minnesota Organized Collection Statute, M.S. 115A.94 (“Statute”), notice is hereby given that the City has decided to initiate a 60-day period of meetings and negotiations exclusively with its currently licensed residential collectors to develop a proposal for the organized collection of solid waste and recyclables from all residential properties up to and included three units. The 60-day period will commence April 30, 2018.

### Posted and website:

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If you have any questions, please contact Greg Lerud, City Administrator at [glerud@ci.shorewood.mn.us](mailto:glerud@ci.shorewood.mn.us) or (952) 960-7905.