



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Bowlin and City Council Members

From: Rick C. Brown, Director of Public Works / City Engineer

Date: January 9, 2019

Re: Meridian – Proposed Modification to Curbside Pickup

Background

As previously approved by City Council, Meridian Waste Services will be implementing dual-stream recycling city-wide on February 1. This change will ask that residents remove paper, glass and cardboard from their weekly recycle bin. Thus, weekly curbside pickup would include only plastics, tin, aluminum and steel. In order to retain a curbside pickup of paper and cardboard, Meridian will be offering an additional every-other week pickup of these materials by providing residents an additional recycle bin for that purpose. Here is the pickup schedule:

Week 1: Bin 1 (Plastic/tin/aluminum/steel)

Week 2: Bin 1 (Plastic/tin/aluminum/steel) + Bin 2(Paper/Cardboard)

If residents want to recycle glass, they can utilize one of the drop-off locations, which will be ready on February 1st, otherwise they can dispose of it in the trash.

With this change, residents would see an increase of \$2.66/month for basic trash service.

Recommendation

Meridian Waste Services is recommending that the City consider a modification to the curbside pickup of paper and cardboard. They are recommending that we have only one weekly curbside recycle pickup, but the pickup would alternate weeks between the following:

Here is the proposed pickup schedule:

Week 1: Bin 1(Plastic/tin/aluminum/steel)

Week 2: Bin 2(Paper/Cardboard)

Meridian would still provide an additional recycle bin, so that residents would have two bins available to sort recyclables at home.

With this change, residents would see an increase of \$0.50/month for basic trash service.

Reasons for Recommendation

- This change would result in a lower cost to residents per month (\$0.50/month vs. \$2.66/month)
- This change would reduce the number of trucks on the streets, as there would not be an additional every-other week pickup of paper and cardboard.

This modification was discussed by the Admin/Public Works Committee at their meeting on January 8, 2019, where it was recommended to submit this to the full City Council for consideration.

Derrick Standley of Meridian Waste Services and I will be available for any questions or comments at the January 14th, 2019, City Council Work Session.

RCB