



**TO:** Thomas R. Kneeland  
Members of Council  
City Attorney

**FROM:** Dottie A. Franey  
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**SUBJECT:** Report to Council, June 25, 2018

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**Solid Waste Collection Bid Document:** Gahanna is currently in the first extension year of our solid waste collection contract. Our current price to the resident is \$16.73/mth, which is the same as it has been since 2015. The 2018 monthly price should have gone up to \$16.82, however, we did not increase the rate because we had saved enough money in previous years through the fuel adjustment clause of the contract to cover the upcharge without raising the rate to the customer. If we choose to take the last year renewal of our current contract, the 2019 rate would go to \$17.31/mth. We would have to make a decision at that time as to how much money is in the escrow fund from the fuel reduction to buy down 2019 rates.

In the meantime, the Refuse Consortium has been making organizational changes (previously discussed in the 4-9-18 Committee Meeting) and preparing a collection bid document that opens July 25 at 3:30 pm. Gahanna and Reynoldsburg are joined on one bid document and the following are the options being bid:

**Option 1:**

**COLLECTION BID AND USE OF BLUE RECYCLABLE MATERIAL COLLECTION CONTAINERS FOR GAHANNA AND REYNOLDSBURG**

<b>FIVE YEAR TERM (1/1/19 – 12/31/23)</b>		
<b>(1) Solid Waste, Recyclable Material and Yard Waste Collection Only</b>	<b>(2) Container Price Only Contractor Provides Recycling Containers and retains Ownership of Containers</b>	<b>(3) Container Price Only Contractor Provides Unbranded Recycling Containers and City Owns at End of Term</b>
\$ _____	64 gallon container \$ _____ 96 gallon container \$ _____	64 gallon container \$ _____ 96 gallon container \$ _____

**Option 2:**

**COLLECTION BID AND USE OF COLLECTION CONTAINERS FOR GAHANNA AND REYNOLDSBURG UNLIMITED AT THE CURB**

<b>FIVE YEAR TERM (1/1/19 – 12/31/23)</b>					
<b>Cart Size</b>	<b>(1) Solid Waste, Recyclable Material and Yard Waste Collection Only</b>	<b>(2) Cart Price Only, Carts are returned to Contractor at the Conclusion of the Contract Term</b>		<b>(3) Cart Price Only, unbranded Carts become the Property of the Community at the Conclusion of the Contract Term</b>	
		<b>Solid Waste Cart Price</b>	<b>Recycling Cart Price</b>	<b>Solid Waste Cart Price</b>	<b>Recycling Cart Price</b>
<b>64 gallon</b>		\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>96 gallon</b>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

**Option 3:**

**COLLECTION BID AND USE OF COLLECTION CONTAINERS FOR GAHANNA AND REYNOLDSBURG  
CART CONTENTS ONLY**

<b>FIVE YEAR TERM (1/1/19 – 12/31/23)</b>					
<b>Cart Size</b>	<b>(1) Solid Waste, Recycling, and Yard Waste Collection</b>	<b>(2) Cart Price Only, Carts are returned to Contractor at the Conclusion of the Contract Term</b>		<b>(3) Cart Price Only, Unbranded Carts become the Property of the Community at the Conclusion of the Contract Term</b>	
		<b>Solid Waste Cart Price</b>	<b>Recycling Cart Price</b>	<b>Solid Waste Cart Price</b>	<b>Recycling Cart Price</b>
<b>64 gallon</b>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>96 gallon</b>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

### Option 4:

An addendum is current being developed that will also request a price for collection if both communities (Gahanna and Reynoldsburg) agree to the communities being split into zones for pickup days. Both Gahanna and Reynoldsburg are interested in seeing what kind of cost reduction we might see with this option and would only entertain it if the price was right. This option will only be available if **both** Gahanna and Reynoldsburg choose this option.

As you can see from the options above that mostly include a recycling cart, a main priority for SWACO is to increase recycling in an effort to extend the life of the landfill and reduce costs to the customer. While some recycling materials are not currently in demand, their processing costs are significantly lower than landfill tipping fees so recycling continues to be the best economic and sustainable option.

In addition to carts helping to increase the rate of recycling, they also go a long way in beautifying the City. The photo below is a great example of an area that would be much neater if in carts. All of the cardboard would easily fit in a wheeled recycling cart and there would be plenty of room for additional recycling that is currently in the trash cans. The remaining items in the trash cans would fit in a wheeled trash cart and the only item that would be left out would be the bulk yellow slide.



The carts do not take up a great deal of space. For example, the trash cart would take up no more room than current trash cans and the footprint of the recycling cart is extremely similar to that of the red bins. The photo below shows how these two carts easily fit in a two car garage with two cars.



Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding the collection bid options.