

# Columbus Consolidated Government Council Referrals

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1	In Progress	3/15/2024	Tyson Begly	<b>Crime Dash Board</b> Councilor Begly is requesting a Crime Dashboard be created with the metrics from the report so that they can have the information readily available.	Police	
2	In Progress	3/15/2024	Charmaine Crabb	<b>Fund Balance</b> Requests that the fund balance be broken down into days since the data on the slide prior was in days.	Finance	
3	In Progress	3/15/2024	Tyson Begly	<b>Expenses Chart</b> Requests a slide that explains expenses the same way that the FY23 General Fund Budget vs Actuals (Revenue) slide does. He would like to see them side by side.	Finance	
4	In Progress	3/15/2024	Joanne Cogle	<b>Revenue Division Update</b> Request that the Revenue Division Update be emailed to Council Members	Finance	
5	In Progress	3/15/2024	Joanne Cogle	<b>Future Plans for Revenue</b> Requests a report of the future plans for the Revenue Division. The report should include 30 days, 90 days, and 120 days moving forward.	Finance	
6	Completed	4/2/2024	Charmaine Crabb	<b>Legacy Terrace</b> Requesting an update on the results after the work was done on Legacy Terrace	Deputy City Manager of Infrastructure and Financial Planning Community Reinvestment	Community Reinvestment: The Housing Authority entered into a construction construction contract with Weber

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						Construction for the termite repairs. The final payment to Weber Construction was completed in October 2022. Upon restoration, a resident moved into Unit B on 11/3/2022 and Unit C on 11/8/2022. Both residents still reside in these units as of today, 3/29/2024.
7	In Progress	2/21/2024	Glenn Davis	<b>Budget for the Stadium</b> Councilor Davis would like an explanation of how staff came up with the \$50 million dollar budget for Golden Park.	Deputy City Manager of Infrastructure and Financial Planning	
8	Completed	2/21/2024	Tyson Begly	<b>Landfill Cost Savings</b> Would like to see what the cost savings would be if we used a contractor's landfill instead of our own.	Integrated Waste Management	Integrated Waste Management: The Solid Waste Collection Request for Proposal is in process, it has been finalized and should

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						<p>be advertised shortly. The submitted proposals will provide collection and disposal costs.</p> <p>To provide you with an idea of what current landfills are charging for disposal, I have attached a Landfill Cost Comparison Chart to this document. Attachments Included: LANDFILL COMPARISON FOR COUNCIL REFERREL 04032024.docx</p>
9	Completed	4/9/2024	Glenn Davis	<b>Integrated Waste - Phenix City</b> Requests a comparison with Phenix City.	Deputy City Manager of Operations	Integrated Waste Management: The notable difference

## LANDFILL COMPARISON

Category	Columbus	Montgomery, AL *	DeKalb County	Dougherty County
Household/Garbage Waste	\$42.50 Per Ton	\$42.00 Per Ton	\$95.00 Per Ton	\$38.97 Per Ton
Construction Waste	\$42.50 Per Ton	\$7.50 Per Cubic Yard	\$95.00 Per Ton	\$38.97 Per Ton
Special Handling Waste	\$60.00 Per Ton	\$42.00 & Up \$450. Per CY	\$200.00 Per Ton	N/A
Metal	\$30.50 Per Ton	\$42,00 & Up	\$200.00 Per Ton	\$43.26 Per Ton
Organic Waste	\$34.00 Per Ton	\$7.50 Per Cubic Yard	\$95.00 Per Ton	\$38.97 Per Ton
Concrete, Dirt, Rock	\$42.50 Per Ton	\$42.00 Per Ton	\$95.00 Per Ton	\$38.97 Per Ton

\*Montgomery Al states some loads may incur a \$100. Service charge and is dependent on load contents and mode of transportation.

\*\* Transportation Cost are not included.

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					Integrated Waste Management	outside of the cost for these two cities, is the categories in which they have identified their customers. Therefore, I have placed Columbus Customers in the same category and the note to apply is the CCG Ordinance categorizes multi-family dwellings as any location with four to ten (4-10) Sec. 13-167.2 (2) (c) or more units. Attachments Included: PHENIX CITY vs COLUMBUS GF COMPARISON.docx
10	Completed	4/8/2024	Glenn Davis	<b>Integrated Waste - Citizen Involvement</b> Suggests getting the citizens involved and placing stations around town or creating a centralized place for citizens to take their yard	Deputy City Manager of Operations	Integrated Waste Management: Though "Drop-off"

## *PHENIX CITY, ALABAMA VS COLUMBUS, GEORGIA*

Type	Phenix City, Alabama	Columbus, Georgia
Residential/Single Family	\$21.09 per month	\$18.00 Per month
Additional Cart Fees	\$12.24 per month	\$55.00 One Time Fee
Disable Assistance	Not Offered/No charge	Offered/No additional Charge
Apartments/Multi Family Res.	\$21.09 per cart per month	Bulk/Private Collection
Office Buildings/Professional	\$27.00 per tenant	\$20.00 Curbside Collection
Mobile Homes/containers	\$21.09 Per trailer	\$18.00 per trailer
Business/Commercial Establishments other than those listed above	\$27.00	Bulk/Private Collection
Business/Commercial Establishments requiring bulk pickup in addition to container service	\$67.00 per bulk pick up	Bulk/Private Collection

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				waste without charging them extra	Integrated Waste Management	<p>locations are great ideas in theory, they can be costly and problematic if not managed correctly. If we were to venture in this direction, we would have to identify the area (s) to house an open-top container, purchase the open-top containers, and a roll-off truck to transport these containers to and from the landfill. To provide you with an estimate of what the start-up cost for just the equipment would cost, I have listed it below:</p> <p>(3) Open Top Container Estimated Cost: \$30,000. (per</p>



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						<p>site) (2) Roll-Off Truck Estimated Cost: \$334,082 each The designated location would have to be identified and large enough to accommodate this truck. The area would require enough space to allow this truck to be fully functional. Again, this site has to be staffed (2 employees per site) and secured to ensure we are only taking debris from Muscogee County. Often counties make the mistake of thinking they can create these sights without staffing the</p>

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						<p>location becomes a dump site for illegal items such as hazardous waste, scrap tires, and out-of-county waste. Staffing this facility would be the only way we can ensure we are only taking waste from Muscogee County and will prevent it from becoming a dump site for anyone who knows it exists.</p> <p>We do not recommend setting up Drop Off Stations.</p>
11	Completed	4/9/2024	Berry Henderson	<p><b>Integrated Waste - Incentive Program</b>  Suggests creating an incentive program by putting a barcode on containers to track how often they are used. If a family recycles twice a month, then they qualify for a discount on their bill.</p>	Deputy City Manager of Operations Integrated	Integrated Waste Management: We have reached out to contacts in this

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					Waste Management	industry to determine eligibility and availability of companies that could implement a program of this nature. It's called a Recycling Rebate in which residents would opt to participate, and based on their recycling collection as well as our minimums would determine a rebate to that customer's cost. I will continue to follow up as more information becomes available. An RFP would be necessary.
12	Completed	4/9/2024	Tyson Begly	<b>Animal Control - Animal First Customizations</b> Requests to see what customizations that animal first offers compared to the other companies.	Deputy City Manager of Operations	Animal Control : The comparison was provided during the

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					Animal Control	presentation given to the Council on February 13, 2023. Attachments Included: CACC Presentation 02132024 (004).pptx
13	In Progress	2/20/2024	Joanne Cogle	<b>RFP Process</b> Would like to have the RFP process explained to the public again.	Deputy City Manager of Infrastructure and Financial Planning Finance	
14	Completed	4/9/2024	Glenn Davis	<b>Animal Control Information Sheet</b> Requests that Public Works create an information sheet for citizens to explain their rights in animal-related situations. Especially for “vicious dogs.”	Animal Control Deputy City Manager of Operations	Animal Control : Attached are frequently asked questions, flyers, that we distribute along with other informational documents. Attachments Included: Animal Control frequently asked

# SHELTER SOFTWARE COMPARISON CHART

	ShelterLuv	Chameleon	Shelter Pro	AnimalsFirst
Adoption Management	X	X	X	X
Animal Database	X	X	X	X
Case Management	X	X	X	X
Foster Management	X	X	X	X
Fundraising/Donation Management	X	X	X	X
Intake Management	X	X	X	X
Kennel Management	X	X	X	X
Medical Records	X	X	X	X
Volunteer Management	X	X	X	X
Mobile Management	X	X	X	X
Customization				X
Data Import				X
Adopter's Portal				X

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15	In Progress	2/12/2024	Judith Thomas	<b>Additional Flier for Call Centers</b> Requests that Animal Control create a flier to describe procedures regarding animal attacks and sightings be sent to 911 and 311 operators.	Animal Control Deputy City Manager of Operations	
16	In Progress	1/12/2024	Glenn Davis	<b>Tyler Technologies Representative</b> Councilor Davis has requested a representative from Tyler Technologies to come before the council to discuss the finance software.	Information Technology Deputy City Manager of Infrastructure and Financial Planning Finance	
17	In Progress	1/12/2024	Tyson Begly	<b>Finance Audit Information Request</b> Requests a list containing the following: Renewal Notice, whether or not they paid, and whether they were shut down. In other words, combining the renewal list with the license year that it's being renewed, a delinquency list, a lockbox list, and a closed list.	Finance Deputy City Manager of Infrastructure and Financial Planning	
18	In Progress	1/12/2024	Joanne Cogle	<b>Rigdon Park</b> Requests that we purchase a gate at Rigdon Park similar to the gate that we installed at Carver Park.	Deputy City Manager of Operations Parks &	Parks & Recreation: The gates have been ordered and will be installed by

## Frequently Asked Questions

Question: **What permits do I need for my animal in Muscogee County?**  
Answer: Your dog must be current on rabies vaccinations through a licensed veterinarian and registered for a city permit issued by Animal Care and Control.

Question: **My dog's vaccinations were done by a veterinarian in another city/state? What do I need to do?**  
Answer: Provide proof of rabies vaccination when registering your animal at Animal Care and Control.

Question: **Can dogs run loose in Muscogee County?**  
Answer: No. In Muscogee County animals must be restrained or contained on their property. Containment includes property fence or proper tethering.

Question: **Do I need a leash to walk my dog?**  
Answer: Yes. Muscogee County has a leash law that requires pet owners to control their animals on a leash or lead while in public places.

Question: **What do I do if a dog bites me or someone I know?**  
Answer: You should contact Animal Care and Control and/or 911 immediately. You should always seek medical attention immediately. The Animal Control Officer will come to where the victim is to complete a bite report.

Question: **What are the procedures for a bite investigation?**  
Answer: An Animal Control Officer will take a bite report from the victim and pet owner. If the victim wishes to press charges, citations will be issued to the pet owner and a summons will be given to the victim to appear in court on a specified date.

Question: **What if the owner of the biting animal is unknown?**  
Answer: Animal Control will make every effort to apprehend the biting animal. If we are not able to apprehend the biting animal, an animal trap will be set to trap the biting animal.

Question: **Where is the biting dog or animal held?**  
Answer: If the biting dog is current on vaccinations and registration and the bite was provoked, the pet owner will be allowed to home quarantine the dog for 10-days under the supervision of Environmental Health.

If the biting dog is not current on vaccinations or registration and the bite was unprovoked, the animal will be taken by Animal Care and Control for the 10-day quarantine period and evaluated under the supervision of Environmental Health.

If the biting dog is a stray with an unknown owner, the animal will be taken and held at Animal Care and Control for the 10-day quarantine period and evaluated under the supervision of Environment Health.

Question: **What if a biting dog bites again?**  
Answer: CACC will complete a bite report from the victim and pet owner. Citations will be issued, and the dog removed from the pet owner and held at CACC. The Division Manager of CACC will review documentation for possible classification of the animal.

Question: **What does classifying an animal mean?**  
Answer: A biting domestic animal can be classified as Potentially Dangerous or Dangerous depending on the severity of the bite and circumstances surrounding the incident. Classifications are designated by the Animal Control Advisory Board.

Question: **My neighbor's dog barks all the time. What can I do?**  
Answer: Contact CACC to make a nuisance complaint. An Animal Control Officer will be dispatched to speak with the complainant and the neighbor. If the complainant wishes to press charges, a citation will be issued to the neighbor and a summons given to the complainant with a specific date to appear in court. A citation can only be issued if the complainant wishes to press charges and is willing to go to court. If the complainant does not want to appear in court, then the citation will not be issued.

If the complainant goes to court, they will need to be able to provide:

1. Dates and times of disturbances
2. Audio and/or visual proof of the disturbances

Question: **My neighbor's dog keeps knocking over my garbage cans. What can I do?**  
Answer: Contact CACC to make a complaint. An Animal Control Officer will be dispatched to speak with the complainant and the neighbor. If the complainant wishes to press charges, a citation will be issued to the neighbor and a summons given to the complainant with a specific date to appear in court. A citation can only be issued if the complainant wishes to press charges and is willing to go to court, or if the responding Animal Control Officer witnesses the animal unattended. If the complainant does not want to appear in court, then the citation will not be issued.

If the complainant goes to court, they will need to be able to provide:

1. Date and times of the disturbances
2. Visual proof of the disturbances

Question: **What can I do about my neighbor's dog tearing up my fence?**  
Answer: Contact CACC to make a complaint. An Animal Control Officer will be dispatched to speak with the complainant and the neighbor. If the complainant wishes to press charges, a citation will be issued to the neighbor and a summons given to the complainant with a specific date to appear in court. A citation can only be issued if the complainant wishes to press charges and is willing to go to court. If the complainant does not want to appear in court, then the citation will not be issued.

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Question: **My dog was attacked by my neighbor's dog? What do I do?**

Answer: Seek immediate medical attention for your dog. CACC will complete an incident report. If the owner of the injured animal wishes to press charges, citations will be issued to the pet owner and a summons issued to the victim to appear in court on a specific date and time.

CACC cannot assist in monetary reimbursements for damages (i.e. medical expenses) therefore, the victim should seek legal representation.

Question: **My neighbor's dog keeps pooping in my yard? What can I do?**

Answer: Contact CACC to make a nuisance complaint. An Animal Control Officer will be dispatched to speak with the complainant and the neighbor. If the complainant wishes to press charges, a citation will be issued to the neighbor and a summons given to the complainant with a specific date to appear in court. A citation can only be issued if the complainant wishes to press charges and is willing to go to court. If the complainant does not want to appear in court, then the citation will not be issued.

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Question: **I saw a pet owner kicking/punching their dog? What can I do?**

Answer: Contact CACC or 911 to make a complaint. An Animal Control Officer will be dispatched to the scene to investigate, with the assistance of the Columbus Police Department to determine any acts of cruelty.

Question: **My neighbor's dog is constantly outside with no shelter, food, or water. What can I do to help this dog?**

Answer: Contact CACC to make a formal complaint. An Animal Control Officer will be dispatched to do a welfare check on the dog. If any violations are identified a warning or citation will be issued depending on the level of severity. A follow-up visit will be conducted within 7-14 days.

Question: **It looks like my neighbor's have moved and left their animals behind. What can I do?**

Answer: Contact CACC to make a formal complaint. An Animal Control Office will be dispatched to do a welfare check on the animals. A 72-hour notice for removal of the animals will be left on the door. A daily check will be conducted. If the animal(s) are still present after 72-hours and no contact with the owner has been made, the animal(s) will be removed and brought to CACC by an Animal Control officer.

Question: **Can I let my dog outside to use the bathroom without a leash if I do not have a fenced yard?**

Answer: Yes. However, you must properly tether the dog to ensure they do not leave the property. A proper tether includes a cable (not a chain), five times the length of the dog's body that is placed into the ground.

Question: **Is it okay for me to leave my dog in my car if the windows are down?**

Answer: You can leave your dog in a vehicle if the temperature inside the vehicle does not exceed 80-degree Fahrenheit or 27-degrees Celsius.

Question: **How often do I need to clean my dog's outside kennel?**

Answer: The kennels or pens must be cleaned weekly on all hard surfaces with which the dogs come into contact. There cannot be an accumulation of fecal matter, trash, or waste at any given time.

Question: **How many chickens can I have in my yard?**

Answer: Yes. You may have domestic fowls for accessory use on any lot two (2) acres or more in size. You may have fowl on a given lot not to exceed the ratio of bird unit per one acre, with a bird unit defined as follows:

32 chickens equal one bird unit

16 ducks equal one bird unit

8 turkeys equal one bird unit

8 geese equal one bird unit

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					Recreation	the vendor once the gates are fabricated.
19	In Progress	1/12/2024	Glenn Davis	<b>Integrated Waste Numbers</b> Requests the following information: 1. What is the total operational cost of the recycling center? 2. The annual Cost of what we have to do on maintenance, excluding heavy equipment (EPD maintenance of landfill). 3. What is the total cost to mitigate the closure of portions of the landfill?	Deputy City Manager of Operations Integrated Waste Management	Integrated Waste Management: Update 12-5-23: The Item was delayed, and will return for the Work Session on 1/30/23
20	In Progress	1/12/2024	Bruce Huff	<b>Community Meeting</b> Would like to have a follow-up community meeting with staff and the people in his district from the meeting that took place before COVID at M.L. Harris United Methodist Church	Deputy City Manager of Operations	Deputy City Manager of Operations: Deputy City Manager Goodwin, I have spoken with Councilor Huff and waiting for him to provide a date for the meeting.
21	In Progress	1/12/2024	Charmaine Crabb	<b>Parks &amp; Recreation Update - Clean Up</b> Requests that a day of work or weekend of work be coordinated for citizens in Heath Park	Deputy City Manager of Operations Parks & Recreation	Parks & Recreation: Councilor Crabb sent Holli an email on 9-18-23 stating that she had reached out to the

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						<p>homeowners association and would get back to us. As of 9-20-23, we have not heard back from Councilor Crabb.</p> <p>Update 10/24/23 Councilor Crabb is working on getting a grant from the Georgia Association of Realtors to fund the upgrades.</p> <p>12/12/2023 No other response can be provided by Parks and Recreation. Resources will be provided when the homeowner's association contacts the department to schedule a date.</p>

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22	Completed	4/9/2024	Tyson Begly	<p><b>Integrated Waste - Holidays</b></p> <p>How will we account for holidays where we will have large pick-ups, such as Christmas? Also, suggest a financial analysis of fees and why they will increase.</p>	Deputy City Manager of Operations Integrated Waste Management	<p>Deputy City Manager of Operations:</p> <p>Residents will be able to obtain additional carts once approved by Council. Financial Analysis on rates based on privatization or internal services is being done by our consultant. An RFP to advertise has been sent Purchasing and is being vetted for advertisement, various options will be listed:</p> <p>Option A: Yard Waste Collection Only</p> <p>Option B: Household Waste</p>

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						<p>Collection Only  Option C: Recycling Collection Only  Option D: Household and Recycling Waste Only  Option E: Bulk Waste Only  Option F: All Collection Services (Household, Recycling, Yard Waste and Bulk Waste)  Integrated Waste Management:  Residents will be able to obtain additional carts once approved by the Council. Off-site recycling trailers are available for our residents to use whenever they have</p>

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						<p>excess cardboard, paper, etc.</p> <p>Financial Analysis on rates based on privatization or internal services is being done by our consultant. An RFP to advertise has been sent to Purchasing and is being vetted for advertisement, various options will be listed:</p> <p>Option A: Yard Waste Collection Only</p> <p>Option B: Household Waste Collection Only</p> <p>Option C: Recycling Collection Only</p> <p>Option D: Household and Recycling Waste</p>

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						<p>Only  Option E: Bulk Waste Only  Option F: All Collection Services (Household, Recycling, Yard Waste and Bulk Waste)</p>
23	In Progress	1/12/2024	Toyia Tucker	<b>Crime Prevention Grants</b> Requests a breakdown and definition of the cost of personnel.	Crime Prevention	
24	In Progress	1/23/2024	Tyson Begly	<b>Fire &amp; EMS</b> I had two follow-upsg from slide 7 of the Fire EMS PowerPoint in the last meeting: <a href="https://mccmeetingspublic.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/columgameet-9989af2150264ee3a984571dda5c6614/ITEM-Attachment-001-97400da668ce4bf79d68029ba871e2ef.pdf">https://mccmeetingspublic.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/columgameet-9989af2150264ee3a984571dda5c6614/ITEM-Attachment-001-97400da668ce4bf79d68029ba871e2ef.pdf</a> : - Numbers on the Medicare/Medicaid clearing house, to know how much to put in and the additional level of coverage received. Numbers of how much a private billing service would cost, and the amount of money it would save, and the potential impact to our acco	Fire and EMS Deputy City Manager of Infrastructure and Financial Planning Finance	Fire and EMS: See the Attachment