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TO: Chair Triem and Assembly Finance Committee

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RE: Anticipated Trash Cleanup

This memo is submitted at the request of information from the Mayor.

Waste Management, Inc. has recently amended rules at the landfill by limiting public access to the landfill face, limiting available hours that the public may dispose of trash and more or less tripling the minimum charge for disposal of waste.

Without getting into the merits of why they made those changes, all of our long time facility and land managers expect an increase of dumped garbage at the ends of roads, on remote properties and in facility dumpsters. We are all quite certain that the cost of waste disposal will drive poor behavior from some citizens.

WMI has reported some extremely poor public behavior at their facility, generally inconsistent with CBJ's experience with our citizens and has used that as partial justification for their changes. Citizens have called and found out that access and fees at the landfill are not regulated by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska. I have confirmed this fact with RCA staff.

We will monitor the situation throughout the spring, but I expect to propose increase budgets for Parks & Recreation, the Lands Division and Streets Maintenance. I'm guessing around \$50,000 to pay for staffing, vehicle time and disposal fees. It would be more economical if people would take their trash directly to the landfill, but we have to be realists, some people will respond inappropriately to the reduced hours of operation and pricing increase.