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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

To: Board of Public Works  
From: Jake Van Gompel, Street Superintendent  
Date: May 19, 2025  
Re: Agenda Item 2a, Disposal Site Discussion

### **Background information:**

Disposal site usage has been on the incline since opening in April of 2023. Currently there are 1,932 active site users. Staff have been informing site users by Facebook posts, website updates, updated signage, increased enforcement with fees and personal conversations to help reduce the violations. Significant non-compliance with the Disposal Site rules continues. Refuse dumpsters continue to see violations of building materials, furniture, metal, appliances, electronics, and overfilled containers. The bulk of violations are after 5pm on weekdays and throughout the weekend.

Unauthorized materials pose a safety risk to employees. Building materials can shatter and become flying objects, cabinets and furniture get stuck in dumpsters and become arial hazards from falling and shifting. There have been two recorded injuries to staff and countless verbal close calls.

With continued concern about the safety of employees and violations of allowable garbage at the Disposal Site, we need to evaluate operational changes to help keep the site open and safe.

**Strategic Plan:** N/A

**Budget:**

Disposal is budgeted in the refuse disposal operating account.

**Recommended action:**

There are several options to consider and discuss. A decision does not have to be made today but limiting hours and further restrictions will need to be considered to keep the site operational

Below is a list of options to start the discussion.

1. Alter dumpsters with locks on lids to not allow disposal of garbage materials from Friday at 1pm to 7:30am on Monday.
2. Change operating hours on weekends to 7am-12pm on Saturday and close the site completely on Sunday, while staffing the disposal site on Saturdays from 7am-12pm.
3. Change operating hours to 7am-3:30pm Monday through Thursday and Friday 7am to 1pm. Closed on weekends.
4. Further restrict garbage items to be bagged garbage only.
5. Remove garbage as accepted material at this site and remove dumpsters.



