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# AGENDA ITEM

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TO: Mayor McNeill, Lansing City Council  
FROM: Tim Vandall, City Administrator  
DATE: December 13, 2024  
SUBJECT: Update from Waste Management

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John Blessing, a representative from Waste Management, will be in attendance Thursday evening to give the City Council an update on our service. Our current contract with Waste Management expires February 28, 2025. The contract does allow for a one-year renewal, but Waste Management would prefer a three-year extension to provide consistency. The level of service has improved in recent years.

Financial Consideration: Waste Management's current rate is \$18.27/month, when including administrative costs, totals an even \$19/month for our residents. Due to rising costs, Waste Management is proposing a rate of \$21.65 for the same service to our residents (potentially more with administrative costs).

As a means to reduce costs, Waste Management is proposing a \$1.08 increase to \$19.35 if we switch to every other week recycling. Staff had expressed hesitation when this idea was broached in the past, as it would result in recycling bins being excessively full and we anticipate scores of phone calls monthly asking which week recycling pickup would be. While that would be a way to reduce costs over \$2.30/month, it would result in more staff time fielding phone calls. If the City decided to switch, Waste Management is willing to offer some residents a 95 gallon recycling bin (same size as trash bins) for residents whose recycling containers would be excessively full after two weeks.

Below is a summary of what other nearby jurisdictions pay for trash service:

Lansing Option to Keep Weekly Recycling:	\$21.65
Lansing Option to Every Other Week Recycling:	\$19.35
Tonganoxie (recycling optional, adds \$4.50/month):	\$16/\$20.50
Leavenworth (trash only, no recycling):	\$19.31
Fort Leavenworth	\$21.77
Basehor	\$21.60

Action: No action required, but guidance, feedback, and direction is needed.