



**CITY OF MARSHALL**  
**AGENDA ITEM REPORT**  
**WAYS & MEANS – 05/13/2025**

<b>Presenter:</b>	Jason Anderson
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday, May 13, 2025
<b>Category:</b>	NEW BUSINESS
<b>Type:</b>	INFO/ACTION
<b>Subject:</b>	Tree Dump Site - Comparable Cities
<b>Background Information:</b>	<p>The City tree/leaf dump site is seeing a considerable expansion in use. Currently, there is no cost to use the site and it is open to any and all users. With the Emerald Ash Borer being present in our county and our community, we have seen a significant increase in site utilization.</p> <p>To manage the site, the City Street Department has a staff person that needs to spend time moving material with a front end loader, nearly daily in the warm season months.</p> <p>Included in the packet is a summary of sites that are operated by other communities. The summary doesn't explicitly cover cost to use, but more focuses on type of facility, operating hours, and permit requirements.</p> <p>The commercial operators are bringing the majority of the material, and they are doing so at a cost to the general public. Therefore, City staff recommend that we start requiring a permit for commercial operators who are benefiting from the use of the city's dump site. City staff could send out notice to all known commercial operators within the area to inform them of the change and required payment. Additionally, staff could post information at the site regarding the required payment for use by commercial operators. Staff would recommend that city residents' use should continue to remain free of charge. Because the site is always unmanned and open, it would be difficult to institute a fee for all users.</p>
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	Adding an annual fee for commercial use of the public tree/leaf site will generate a small amount of revenue. Staff believe that a fee could, at a minimum, cost \$1,000-\$3,000 annually for commercial use of the site.
<b>Alternative/Variations:</b>	
<b>Recommendations:</b>	Recommend to City Council the implementation of a fee for commercial use of the city tree/leaf dump site.