



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

AGENDA BILL

Monday, May 13, 2024

Subject: Republic Services Solid Waste Survey Results

Category: City Council Business

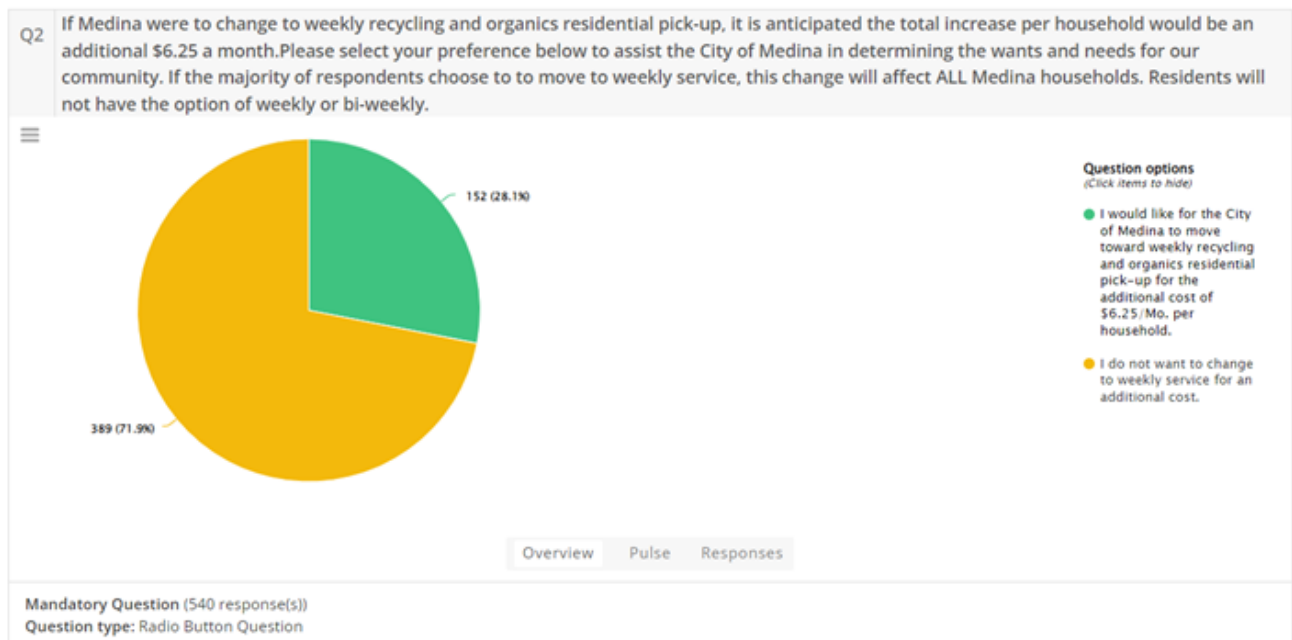
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Summary

The Council directed staff to research the possibility of moving to weekly recycling and organics pickup. Currently, Republic Services picks up garbage weekly, with recycling and organics every other week. A survey was sent out to Medina residents in April to determine the level of interest in making the switch to weekly pickup for all three services. The survey opened on Monday, April 1st and closed at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, April 28th.

The City had a total of 540 respondents with 389 (71.9%) opposing the change while 152 (28.1%) supported it.

Below are the results of the survey:



Cost increase for Medina residents to switch to weekly services:

- For weekly service, recycling collections rates will increase 24% or \$2.70/month (from \$11.15/month to \$13.85/month)
- For weekly service for those who subscribe, organics collections rates will increase approximately 35% or between \$3.54-\$4/month (depending on how the current rate case concludes; current increase from \$9.99/month to \$13.53/month)
- Total increase for both R/O weekly service at today's UTC rates are: \$6.25/month increase (or \$1.56/week)

Staff is looking for the Council to provide direction on whether the Council wants staff to work with Republic Services to begin the process of switching to weekly garbage, recycling, and organic pick-up.

Republic Services Recycling meets and supports Council's priorities 1, 4, and 5.

Council Priorities:

1. Financial Stability and Accountability
2. Quality Infrastructure
3. Efficient and Effective Government
4. Public Safety and Health
5. Neighborhood Character and Community Building

Attachment

None.

Budget/Fiscal Impact: N/A

Recommendation: Discussion and direction.

City Manager Approval: 

Proposed Council Motion: "TBD"

Time Estimate: 15 minutes