
CITY OF PORT LAVACA

COUNCIL MEETING: AUGUST 10, 2026

DATE: 07.17.2026

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: JODY WEAVER, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FROM REPUBLIC FOR CONSIDERATION OF CITY-WIDE RECYCLING

As you now we have been undergoing a pilot recycling program in Bay Vista and Jade Bay for a year now. It has been very successful and those participants seem to like a appreciate this service.

Bob Bradley with Republic will be here to make a brief presentation about how we can move to a curb side recycling program throughout the City and answer questions about recycling.

Basically, if Council is interested in establishing curb side recycling for the citizens of Port Lavaca it can be accomplished by amending the contract with Republic in the following way with a 3-year contract extension.

Convert Residential Trash collection to 1 time per week + Residential Recycling every other week

The monthly rate will reduce to \$17.95 per home including the brush and bulk service we currently have (12 cy per mo). (Our current rate is \$21.96, so this is a savings of \$4.01/mo.)

extra containers will be @ \$10.00 per month and no increase in commercial dumpster rates for 1 year. (currently extra containers cost \$17.42 ea. So this is a savings of \$7.42/mo)

So for comparison:

- Currently 1 tote is picked up 2 x a week = \$21.96 and no recycling tote
- With recycling, most people do not require 2 x a week trash service, but a customer that still wants the capacity of 2 carts, could purchase a second trash tote for \$10, so their cost would be

\$17.95 + \$10.00 = \$27.95 which adds \$6.01 to what they are currently paying plus they'll have a recycle tote that is picked up every other week.

- For customers that currently have 2 totes, they are currently paying = \$21.96 + 17.42 = \$39.38/mo

If they wanted to maintain equivalent trash capacity they could probably get by with 3 totes for 1x a week pick up (since all their recyclables would go in the recycle tote) then that cost would be = \$17.95 + 10 + 10 = \$37.95 which is \$1.43 less than what they currently pay.

-OR- if Council is not interested in recycling, but would like to reconsider a 3 -year extension to Republic's contract, Republic is offering a new rate for all the services we currently have (2 x week trash service) of \$19.95 per home including brush and bulk at current service level and no increase in commercial dumpster rates for 1 year. This is a reduction of \$2.01 from our current rate of \$21.96.

Again Bob will be here to answer questions.