

Public Works Committee

STAFF REPORT



SUBJECT: Household Hazardous Waste – Interlocal Agreement – First Amendment
MEETING: Public Works Committee Meeting - 17 OCT 2023
DEPARTMENT: Public Works
STAFF CONTACT: Nick Williams

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement to continue the annual program providing residents the ability to responsibly dispose of household hazardous wastes at no direct cost.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Stephenville has maintained an interlocal agreement with the City of Fort Worth Environmental Collection Center (ECC) for over two decades to provide an annual household hazardous waste collection event and the ability for city residents to utilize the Fort Worth Environmental Collection Center at no direct cost to the resident.

The agreement allows residents a means to dispose of products which can be environmentally harmful to groundwater and the operations at the wastewater treatment plant if disposed of improperly. Paints, oils, household cleaners, batteries, light bulbs, and fertilizers are commonly received at disposal events. There are currently over 50 municipalities listed as participating cities with the City of Fort Worth ECC.

PROPOSAL:

The existing interlocal agreement, initiated in 2017 with the City of Fort Worth, is self-renewing. However, Section 14 of the agreement provides the city the right to terminate the agreement for any reason, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days written notice. Also, any future agreement modification, including cost of service, requires council approval. A copy of the existing interlocal agreement, the proposed First Amendment, and the transmittal letter are attached.

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY:

The First Amendment proposes a per household, per visit, fee of \$95, which is an increase from the previous cost of \$50 that was in place from 2017 through 2023. The cost from 2009 through 2016 was held at \$47 per person.

The average cost of the City of Stephenville local collection event has been approximately \$2,000 per event over the past six (6) years. Minimal hourly and volunteer staff hours are used to assist with the annual event.

This year's mobile collection event was held on August 19, 2023 at the Municipal Service Center. A total of 26 vouchers were issued with 20 actual participants attending the event, yielding a \$1,000 total event cost.

The approved FY23-24 budget allocated funds for this program. The total event cost would be capped at a maximum of \$4,000 by limiting the amount of vouchers issued. The total cost of the event would be dependent on the number of actual participants.

ALTERNATIVES: The following alternatives are provided for consideration:

1. Do not approve the interlocal agreement amendment.
2. Identify an alternate disposal and/or cost recovery solution.

ADVANTAGES:

1. Approval of the proposal continues an established service provided by the city.
2. Approval provides residents a legal and safe disposal method at no direct cost.
3. Funds are appropriated in the adopted FY23-24 budget.

DISADVANTAGES:

The cost to the city to provide the service would increase from \$50 to \$95 per household.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[First Amendment – Interlocal Agreement ECC HHW Program](#)
[Transmittal Letter – Fort Worth Environmental Collection Center](#)
[Interlocal Agreement ECC HHW Program](#)