City of WHITEWATER	Public Works Agenda Item
Meeting Date:	November 10, 2026
Agenda Item:	Downtown Garbage Collection
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BACKGROUND
(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

At its October 13, 2026, meeting, the Public Works Committee discussed the potential use of one or two parking spaces in Lot C for a garbage dumpster enclosure to serve downtown residents and property owners.

At its October 20, 2026, meeting, the Common Council introduced an ordinance requiring all trash placed at the curb for collection to be contained in an appropriate trash or refuse container. The ordinance passed its first reading; however, the Council requested that the matter be reviewed by the Public Works Committee at its November meeting before returning to the Council for consideration of the second reading.

The Community Development Department plans to send letters to property owners along Center Street who have been identified as frequently placing loose garbage bags at the curb or who currently use individual refuse carts. The purpose of the outreach is to gauge their interest in participating in a shared dumpster arrangement.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
(Dates, committees, action taken)

The Public Works Committee gave the go ahead to continue to look into adding dumpsters in Lot C. As noted above, the Council passed the first reading of the introduced ordinance.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
(If none, state N/A)

The estimated cost to have an 18’ x 18’ chain link privacy fence installed is between $6,000 and $8,000 depending on height. This estimate is good for 30 days and the company is expecting a 30% increase in steel costs in the coming months. Construction more than likely would not be able to occur until spring.

Weekly service on a 2-yd dumpster for trash is $115/month and for recyclables is $95/month. If service was provided twice a week, the cost for the trash dumpster is $205/month and $115/month for recyclables.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff does not have a recommendation at this time.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED
(If none, state N/A)

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