COUNCIL BILL 2018-045 RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING City staff to continue to pursue enhancements and stable funding for the Integrated Solid Waste Management System (“Solid Waste Management System” or “system”) by enacting the necessary procedures to fully fund the system, up to and including the direction of some or all trash to the Springfield Landfill; to cease efforts related to the collection of information from licensed Springfield trash hauling companies for the purpose of evaluating residential trash collection options; and to cease activities related to the compilation and presentation of educational information to the citizens of Springfield regarding reorganization of residential trash collection.

WHEREAS, in 1991, voters approved the Solid Waste Management System in Springfield that provides for operation of the Springfield Sanitary Landfill, the Yardwaste Recycling Center (“YRC”), recycling drop-off sites, the Household Chemical Collection Center, and public education and outreach in the Springfield community; and

WHEREAS, the voter-approved Solid Waste Management System is funded through the per ton charge to dispose of trash at the City-owned landfill (called a ‘tipping fee’); and

WHEREAS, direction of a certain tonnage of Springfield’s trash to the City-owned landfill is necessary to fund the Solid Waste Management System (including the Springfield landfill and recycling centers) and has historically been accomplished through agreements with haulers, which need to be renewed; and

WHEREAS, there is an established City Code Section 94-11.-Filing of rates by haulers and collectors that will be strictly enforced; and

WHEREAS, it is the decision of City Council that the consensus of the community prefers to keep residential trash collection service as it currently exists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, as follows, that:
Section 1 – City Council reaffirms its resolve to enact procedures necessary to fully fund the Solid Waste Management System and directs the City Manager, or his designee, to negotiate hauler agreements for Council approval on or before April 7, 2019, (the date on which current agreements expire) or present City Council with a flow control ordinance for the City of Springfield.

Section 2 – City Council resolves that Springfield’s existing system of residential trash collection, whereby citizens select the trash hauler for their trash and recycle collection, shall remain unchanged and there will be no further action taken to collect information from licensed trash hauling companies for the purpose of evaluating options for residential trash collection reorganization, nor further action taken to compile and present educational information to the citizens of Springfield for the purpose of evaluating options for residential trash collection.

Section 3 – This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after passage.

Passed at meeting: ______________________

_____________________________ Mayor

Attest: ________________________________, City Clerk

Filed as Resolution: ______________________

Approved as to form: ____________________, Assistant City Attorney

Approved for Council action: ____________________, City Manager
EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL 2018-045

FILED: 01-24-18

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: City Council

PURPOSE: Reaffirming direction to city staff to pursue enhancements and stable funding for the Integrated Solid Waste Management System (“Solid Waste Management System” or “system”) by enacting the necessary procedures to fully fund the system, up to and including the direction of some or all trash to the Springfield Landfill; directing staff to cease efforts related to the collection of information from licensed Springfield trash hauling companies for the purpose of evaluating residential trash collection options; and to cease activities related to the compilation and presentation of educational information to the citizens of Springfield regarding reorganization of residential trash collection.

BACKGROUND

In 1991 voters approved an Integrated Solid Waste Management System in Springfield that provides for operation of the Springfield Sanitary Landfill, Yardwaste Recycling Center, recycling drop-off sites, Household Chemical Collection Center and public education and outreach in the Springfield community. The voter-approved Solid Waste Management System is funded through the per ton charge to dispose of trash at the City-owned landfill (referred to as a ‘tipping fee’). Direction of a certain tonnage of Springfield’s trash to the City-owned landfill is necessary to fund the Solid Waste Management System and its services, and has historically been accomplished through agreements with haulers. The current hauler agreements expire in April, 2019, and must be renewed.

Council has received feedback that the consensus of the community prefers to keep residential trash collection service as it currently exists. Therefore trash and recycling collection, whereby citizens choose their preferred trash hauler for their trash and recycle collection, shall remain unchanged. Gathering of information for the purpose of evaluating options for residential trash collection reorganization is no longer necessary. Compiling and presenting educational information regarding options for reorganizing residential trash collection is no longer necessary. City staff need take no further action regarding either gathering information or presenting educational information about options for residential trash collection reorganization.

The City code has a requirement that Springfield licensed haulers “shall file and maintain with the director of public health and welfare a current listing of the prevailing charges established by the licensee for the various services usually offered by the licensee” (See City Code Section 94-11.-Filing of rates by haulers and collectors.). City staff is directed to strictly enforce City Code §94-11 to allow citizens to have notice of trash collection rates and services on an annual basis.
Submitted and Approved by:

Greg Burns, City Manager