



Legislation Text

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To: Mayor and City Council
City Administrator

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Consider authorizing staff to prepare Dick's Sanitation, Inc. Waste Hauling Contract Extension.

Action Requested:

The Northfield City Council considers a Motion authorizing staff to prepare a refuse contract extension with Dick's Sanitation, Inc.

Summary Report:

On June 14, 2018, the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) discussed the garbage contract with Dick's Sanitation, Inc. (DSI) representatives. EQC members provided DSI representatives with questions prior to the meeting which were answered both at the meeting and in Attachment 1. On July 12, 2018 EQC members made a *motion to have the City Council of Northfield direct staff to enter into contract negotiations with DSI for an extension of the refuse contract. Staff is to look at the current contract with modification to the following items:*

- *Work with the City of Northfield to develop an outreach program.*
- *Provide additional annual data regarding Northfield's waste stream.*
- *Keep the current language related to curbside composting in the contract.*

Staff would welcome feedback from the City Council as it relates to these modifications in service to possibly consider additions or modifications to current services. Some of these could include: added recycling pickup; added composting services; added recycling pickup services; added yard waste pickup or others.

The current contract with DSI expires on March 31, 2019. In the current contract, there is the ability to extend the contract with DSI. Staff is proposing to extend the contract by five years.

Alternative Options:

If the City Council does not authorize staff to prepare a refuse contract extension with DSI, staff will have to seek proposals from multiple contractors for hauling its refuse; however, staff does not recommend this as the EQC discussed this option and favors the service that DSI provides and would like them to continue providing that service.

Financial Impacts:

The current contract is set to expire on March 31, 2019. Staff will enter into negotiations to determine potential changes to the cost for refuse handling.

