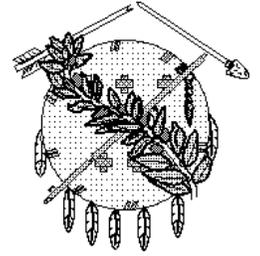

**Broken Arrow City Council
Meeting of: 06-04-12**



To: Mayor and City Council
From: Office of the City Attorney
Subject: Approval to Direct staff to incorporate citizen input from Ward Meetings on Refuse Collection Plan into a comprehensive report and scheduled for presentation to the City Council after January 2013

Background: At the December 20, 2011 meeting, the City Council directed the staff to prepare a draft refuse collection plan incorporating collection carts, use-based charges, once a week pickup, implementation of single stream recycling as soon as possible and ultimate transition to a fully automated system. The directive also included posting the proposed plan on the city website and holding five ward meetings to seek citizen input. The staff was to present a final plan for review and City Council action in June.

Over six hundred participants attended the five ward meetings. A great deal of input was received. Given the volume of public input and the public sensitivity to this subject, it has been requested that staff compile all comments received and conduct additional research of changes to the system with citizen input in mind. Delaying presentation of a comprehensive report would give Staff additional time to observe the strengths and weaknesses of the City of Tulsa's new program, as well as a better timeline on the availability of single stream recycling. It has been suggested that staff begin the process of preparing the comprehensive report and be prepared to present its results sometime after January 2013.

At the ward meetings, numerous citizens requested that this matter be placed on the ballot for voter consideration. That would be an option available by Resolution approved by the Council and submitted to the Tulsa County Election Board.

Cost: None

Prepared By: Beth Anne Wilkening, City Attorney

Reviewed By: General Services Division

Approved By: Russell Gale, Acting City Manager

Attachments: None

Recommendation: To direct Staff to incorporate citizen input from Ward Meetings on Refuse Collection Plan into a comprehensive report and schedule for presentation to the City Council after January 2013

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ACTION: APPROVAL: ____ **APPROVAL W/ CONDITION:** ____ **DENIAL:** ____ **TABLED:** ____ **VOTE:** ____