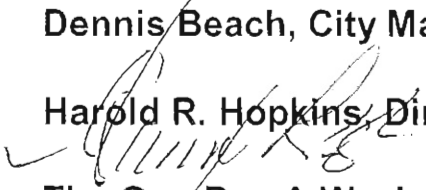


M E M O R A N D U M
DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE

TO: Dennis Beach, City Manager

FROM:  Harold R. Hopkins, Director of Solid Waste

SUBJECT: The One-Day-A-Week Collection Theory

DATE: August 25, 2008

There is a general consensus that if we were to reduce residential garbage collection from two days to one day each week that the obvious savings would be 50%. Those of that opinion fail to comprehend that our residential services encompass many more activities than just the act of dumping a 90 gallon container. The activities that would retain the status quo are bulk junk collection, bulk horticulture collection, 90 gallon horticulture collection, container maintenance, equipment maintenance, management and office staff, support vehicles and the physical plant.

The attached sheet details these items. The bottom line remains that the savings would only be about \$1.20 per month per customer.

HRH/sdr

Factors to consider

RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE WASTE COLLECTION ACTIVITIES

Rate is \$19.25 per month ---- for 11,804 active customers
less \$3.46 for disposal (fixed)

\$15.79

less \$1.20 savings if 1 day garbage collection initiated (7½%)
3 fewer people, 2 fewer trucks & 35% fuel reduction
\$14.59

Less \$7.06 to provide \$1,000,000 to General fund

\$6.91 Left to Collect curbside residential waste:

Garbage 90 gal. cont.	1 - time week
Bulk Junk	1 - time week
Bulk Horticulture	1 - time week
Horticulture 90 gal. Cont.	1 - time week

Burden that would remain in place after change to 1 day (automated)

Salary of 3+1½ drivers to collect garbage

Salary of 4+1 drivers to collect Bulk (Hort & Junk)

Salary of 1 driver to collect containerized Hort.

Workmen Comp. Etc.

Expense of O & M 3+2 Automated collection trucks

Expense of O & M 4+2 Bulk Grapple truckst

Expense of maintaining 24,000 90 gallon containers

Capital for replacing collection vehicles

Capital for replacing 90 gallon containers

Directors salary

Operations Manager salary

Salary of 2 ½ mechanics

Salary of 2 maintenance repair workers

Salary of 2 office personnel

Cost of physical plant Utilities, Insurance, etc.

Support vehicles expense