



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Discuss low-volume residential solid waste collection option

MEETING DATE: December 16, 1992

PREPARED BY: Assistant City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council hear a presentation from California Waste Removal Systems regarding a proposed low-volume collection option and give consideration to the attached draft uncodified urgency ordinance.

BACKGROUND: City staff has received an enormous number of calls regarding the new three cart collection system. Over 90% of these calls have been from single, elderly residents stating they generate less than half a can of trash per week, and have no need for three carts.

In response to this sentiment, CWRS has devised an alternate collection mechanism comprised of a 20 gallon waste cart at a reduced rate. By the time this issue is discussed, Dick Warner of Casa de Lodi and CWRS will have made presentations to Council regarding options for low-volume producers at a shirtsleeve session held December 15, 1992.

It has also been proposed that the City and Franchisee offer for sale specially-marked tags which could be affixed to trash bags. These would be used by residents when a large volume of refuse is occasionally generated. Trash bags would be tagged and placed at the curb for collection with routine service.

The attached urgency ordinance regarding the 20 gallon waste cart option and pre-paid collection tags is presented to the City Council for Consideration.

FUNDING: Not applicable.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry L. Glenn
Assistant City Manager

Prepared by Kirk J. Evans
Administrative Assistant to the City Manager

THOMAS A. PETERSON
City Manager



ORDINANCE NO. 1564
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AN UNCODIFIED URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LODI
ESTABLISHING OPTIONS FOR REFUSE COLLECTION AND SETTING
RATES FOR LOW-VOLUME RESIDENTIAL WASTE GENERATORS

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WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lodi on October 21, 1992 adopted Ordinance No. 1558 establishing services and providing rates for residential waste collection including mandatory recycling; and

WHEREAS, it now appears reasonable and necessary to offer and provide an option for low volume generators of residential waste; and

WHEREAS, it also appears reasonable and necessary to offer prepaid tags for occasional collection of additional refuse generated by residences;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LODI AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Lodi Municipal Code Chapter 13.16 - SOLID WASTE - as it relates to residential solid waste collection monthly rates is hereby amended by adding the following language thereto:

Rates.

1. The rate for once weekly collection of a 20-gallon waste cart shall be ten-dollars (\$10.00) per month.

2. Any residential customer may also purchase from the City or the franchisee for the price of five dollars (\$5.00) each specially marked tags for affixing to trash bags which will then be collected with routine waste removal service. Such tags may not be used in lieu of other required waste removal services for residences.

3. The City Council of the City of Lodi hereby finds and declares pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080 that such rates are necessary and reasonable for the usual operating expenses of the franchisee, including employee wages and benefits and for the purpose of purchasing facilities, equipment and materials necessary to implement and carry out a Council-mandated recycling program.

SECTION 2. This is an urgency ordinance under Government Code Section 36934, and is based on health, safety and welfare considerations arising from the need to collect appropriate fees for waste removal.

SECTION 3. This urgency ordinance shall be published one time in the "Lodi News Sentinel", a daily newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the City of Lodi and shall be in force and take effect immediately.

Approved this 16th day of December 1992



PHILLIP A. PENNINO
Mayor

Attest:

(Alice M. Reimche)

ALICE M. REIMCHE
City Clerk

State of California
County of San Joaquin, ss.

I, Alice M. Reimche, City Clerk of the City of Lodi, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 1564 was adopted as an urgency ordinance at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held December 16, 1992, and was thereafter passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

Ayes : Council Members - Mann, Sieglock, Snider and
Pennino (Mayor)

Noes : Council Members - Davenport

Absent : Council Members - None

Abstain: Council Members - None

I further certify that Ordinance No. 1564 was approved and signed by *the Mayor* on the date of its passage and the same *has* been published pursuant to law.

(Alice M. Reimche)
ALICE M. REIMCHE
City Clerk

Approved as to Form

(Bobby W. McNatt)

BOBBY W. McNATT
City Attorney

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Dear Sir

I AM A 75 YR. SR. CIT. LESS THAN 5 FT. TALL WITH A PERMANENTLY INJURED ANKLE WITH HARDLY ANY GARBAGE TO SPEAK OF. MY YARD MAN HAULS AWAY THE GRASS CUTTINGS ETC. HARDLY ANY GLASS OR CANS TO SPEAK OF. PERHAPS ONE OR 2 A WEEK SINCE I DON'T DRINK ANYTHING FROM ALUMINUM CANS. AND MY NEWSPAPERS ARE GIVEN TO ONE OF MY NEIGHBORS I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH GARBAGE TO FILL A 30 GAL. CAN. I'VE LIVED ALONE FOR 23 YRS. SINCE MY HUSBAND'S DEATH AND BEFORE THAT JUST THE TWO OF US. YET I'M CHARGED THE MAXIMUM OF \$10.80 FOR WATER AND MORE FOR SEWAGE SIMPLY BECAUSE I LIVE IN A HOME WITH 3 SMALL BEDROOMS. SO PLEASE EXPLAIN THE JUSTIFICATION FOR ALL THIS. BESIDES DOUBT I CAN HANDLE ANY 90 GAL CONTAINERS.

I AM UNABLE to attend ANY meetings
Because I do NOT drive.

What AM I supposed to do with 3-90gal
containers with hardly anything in
them? We Sas. with limited income
ARE VERY UNJUSTLY treated. Please
Explain Why? I appreciate your
ANSWER.

KATIE K. PERRY
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Dec. 16, 1992 City of Lodi Council Meeting

Mr. Mayor; Councilmen

First, I'd like to clear one issue. When the Task Force was asked to meet and hear Mr. Warner's proposal, there was little time to properly consider his proposal and certainly no time to consider the ramifications of another cart (the 20 Gal. one). At the called meeting, there were only five voting members present. Of the four to one vote, I voted SG.

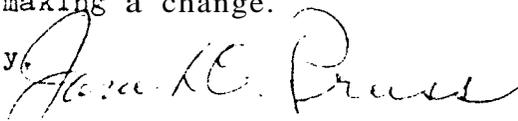
My first feeling was one of inadequacy. Not in the work we had done to come up with the three cart system, but in not being able to better communicate with the public for the **need** of the system as established. Perhaps few really understand that the profit from the recycling and sale of compost is credited back to the city, which **keeps** the rates down as low as possible. **This**, in turn, **keeps** those with no need for more than one cart. In fact, they get this **bonus**, while others clutter up their yards, etc. to do the **RIGHT** thing for not only all of us, but **for** all who come in the future.

In taking it upon myself to further investigate this 20 gal. option, I called Asst. Mgr. Jerry Glem who worked out the Rate Methodology which was approved by council some months ago. (Worked out, I might add, with the assistance of two consulting firms, one for the City and one for Cal Waste.) I asked him how this 20 gal. option would affect the financial side of the picture. He properly said without figures he could not give me an answer. **So**, I gave him a figure I feel could be realistic. **What** if 50% of the Lodi residents chose to take the 20 gal. cart. How would that affect the rest of the residential customers? He quickly corrected me **saying** that any such change would have to be made up by an increase of rates for ALL customers (residential). For example, the \$10.00 cart would wind up **8s** \$11.35 (not much **less** than the \$12.83) and the \$12.83 rate would be \$14.18. Is this what we really want? And I do believe the 50% figure I used would be a close call. The point is, the mechanism is in place to adjust to the **same** amount of income.

I for one do not need a 38 gal. cart, nor do many of my friends. We just haven't complained and know the cost has to be spread about. My conscience is clear since there **is** an Advisory Board in place to help those who need financial assistance. **But** if the 20 gal. cart were adopted, I would feel free to promote it to all. **But**, you **see**, we would be defeating our own purpose since the more who accept the 20 gal carts, the more they will have to pay per month, and the more the others will pay also. Someone else will have to pick up the **tab**, and if you expect to have the Calif. Waste pick it up, then I think we are in for another long session on the methodology. I urge the council to take the time to study any changes presented, and not to make a hasty decision tonight due to the pressure of a petition. I can think of other options, and would be glad to present them at another time.

My background is insurance, and I am well aware of how the cost of insurance is determined in part by the number of people who subscribe to the coverage. This helps everyone to have an essential protection. The same is true of garbage service. As I said, those who are using the carts and I mean the recycling and composting, are helping the rest of you in keeping the rates **down**. I urge you to give the system a chance and to take the time to research more fully before making a change.

Sincerely,



Janet C. Pruss, concerned Citizen and
Member of Solid Waste Management Task Force