

# Garbage/Recycling Approach & Options

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# Waste Service History

## 1990s-2023

Econowaste provided City pickup service for 30+ years

## March 2023

Notice to discontinue service July 1, 2023. City given ownership of all current recycling bins – helping to reduce costs in shifting providers

## April 2023

City RFP Process with outreach to all known area providers

## May-June 2023

Republic the single-submitting entity, contract negotiated and approved

## July 1, 2023

Republic service start date – generous given the very tight timeline for needing to secure service

# Current Figures

2,389

Trash & recycling  
utility accounts

5,742

Total trash &  
recycling bins

1.3%

Existing fleet replaced  
since January 2024 –  
75 bins total

15 years

Estimate average  
age of bins

# Trash & Recycling Bins Comparison

## Rotational Molding

\$133.00 per bin

- Larger size, existing fleet
- Compatibility challenges with pickup equipment
- 5-year replacement warranty

## Toter

\$80 per bin *\*Varies based on order size*

- Smaller size, replacement fleet
- More compatible with pickup equipment
- 12yr Body 10yr components

## Republic Supplied Bins

\$95 per bin

- Smaller size, replacement fleet
- More compatible with pickup equipment
- No warranty

# Analysis

## *Current Approach*

**\$133** – Cost for single bin replacement, excluding X cans. Approach has been to have the homeowner responsible for entire replacement costs – this has been distributed 50/50 with the utility prior. Residents have individually paid for replacement as needed, this changed from a 50/50 split and back to a total over time. Personal responsibility and care for carts are considerations in this approach. If both cans need replacement, this totals to **\$266**.

**\$1.16** – Monthly rate increase per-customer account if distributed to all utility accounts. There is a cost for replacement that must be paid somewhere. In a 20-year period (the average age of cans) this increase totals to **\$278.36**.

## *Alternative Approach*

**\$80** – Cost for single bin replacement, excluding X cans. This may result in more frequent replacement depending on the quality of the cans and warranty. If both cans need replacement, this totals to **\$160**.

This is based on the current rate of pay shared from a different municipality. The number of customers serviced, and the quantity of bins utilized are also likely factors that would impact rates.

**\$0.70** – Monthly rate increase per-customer account if distributed to all utility accounts. In a 20-year period (the average age of current cans) this increase totals to **\$167.43**.

*All figures above are based on current cost structures and assumptions that bins will be replaced at a rate consistent with the present replacements. These are anticipated to adjust over time.*

# Options

- ◆ Retain current approach
- ◆ Adjust the breakdown of replacement costs – full customer coverage, rate adjustment to cover costs, etc.
- ◆ Currently approach has limited staff support for garbage and recycling, if an expanded role is desired consideration to expand staff to support this
- ◆ Further evaluation of other bins – consideration of full-fleet replacement or incremental transition to new bins
- ◆ Communication with Residents
  - ◆ Utility Bill Notice, Newsletter, Website, etc.
  - ◆ If questions arise, **please direct residents to Public Works Staff**. Recycling and garbage cans are different, X cans are different, some cans can be repaired while others are a complete loss – Every situation is unique!

# Questions

