



City of Apache Junction
Development Services Department



**Council Direction to Staff
Solid Waste and Recycling**

DATE: May 1, 2018

TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Bryant Powell, City Manager
Matt Busby, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Larry Kirch, Director of Development Services 

SUBJECT: Direction to staff to proceed with developing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the provision of coordinated solid waste and recycling services for residential properties.

BACKGROUND:

The city does not require residential curbside solid waste collection, yet the State Department of Environmental Quality regulations and the Pinal County Health Code require curbside collection of solid waste and recycling. To staff's knowledge, Apache Junction is the only city in the Valley that does not have a robust solid waste and recycling program. This is likely because of the city's proximity to the Apache Junction Landfill and the city's more "rural" nature.

The city has partnered on three research projects with Arizona State University related to solid waste and recycling. All three of those reports recommend that the city require solid waste collection along with recycling. There is a demonstrated correlation between our code enforcement efforts and the city's current approach to solid waste and recycling. There are also negative consequences with regard to street wear and tear with up to five different trucks operating on some neighborhood streets. Additionally, there are environmental consequences from the same trucks with regard to air quality as well as the concern of open burning, and vector control from the lack of an overall system of solid waste management. There are three companies currently providing solid waste collection services with two of those companies also offering curbside single stream recycling. City staff was previously given direction to staff to draft changes to the solid waste portion of city code Volume I, Chapter 9, Health and Sanitation.

PROPOSED PROCESS:

The city manager's office proposes work to with appropriate city staff to draft a request for proposals ("RFP") for the provision of coordinated solid waste and recycling services for residential properties. The RFP would be brought back to the mayor and city council at a work session for review and comment:

1. Review the contents and recommendations of the three reports from ASU
2. Review recent RFPs and their procurement processes of Valley communities
3. Review approaches for curbside collection of solid waste with regard to container size for different sized households and seasonal residents
4. Review approaches and options for large/bulky item pickup, white goods, and electronics
5. Review approaches and options for collection/composting of yard waste
6. Draft proposed RFP for mayor and city council consideration and approval
7. Once approved, the RFP would be posted using the city's procurement process

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully asks for mayor and city council's support for the preparation of a draft RFP for residential solid waste and recycling services. Staff intends to bring a draft RFP for initial review by December of 2018.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

I move that the following direction be given to staff regarding drafting an RFP for residential solid waste and recycling services and that the city manager along with appropriate city staff conduct further research of other metro-region municipalities along with MAG's recent Best Practices for solid waste management report and draft an RFP for a coordinated residential solid waste and recycling program for further consideration by the mayor and city council at a future meeting.