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Dear Property Owner/Resident:

Ordinance #50, Solid Waste Ordinance has been in effect for nearly five years. This Ordinance regulates solid waste/garbage service in **residential** properties permitting a single hauler for a 5-year contract.

The City receives proposals from private firms and then a decision is made on which hauler to go with. This Ordinance was created for three main reasons 1) Better purchasing power, to keep rates lower for everyone 2) Reduce the number of large noisy trucks traveling through neighborhoods and 3) to protect our local streets from the wear and tear and damage large trucks do to local streets by only having one hauler in on one day per week.

The current contract is set to expire December 31st 2011 and the new contract will be through 2016. The City sent out an RFP to 6 different companies and received two proposals back, Allied Waste and A-Waste. The RFP was the same as the current service with the addition of the option for residents to add curb side recycling.

City staff has prepared a side by side comparison of both proposals with the size of container, fuel surcharges, cost with recycling and without. Because there is quite a difference in fuel surcharge and recycling, the City is requesting that each residential customer review the spreadsheet and respond with a preference to which company is preferred. This survey information will be used by the City Commission along with the same spreadsheet to make a decision on which company will have the solid waste contract starting in January.