

City of the Village of Clarkston  
375 Depot Road  
Clarkston, Michigan 48346

Motion - Establishment of a Single Trash Hauler Committee

There are currently five (5) separate companies providing trash pickup services in the City.

The City hosted a Community Conversation on this topic in November at the Clarkston Independence District Library (facilitated by CIDL), which was attended by over 30 people.

The City Manager has met on this topic with the City of Rochester Hills (has a single hauler contract in place), Orion Township (currently implementing a single hauler contract) and The City of Ortonville (investigated and decided against).

Based on the Community Conversation and feedback from other communities, the advantages and disadvantages of a single trash hauler are summarized as follows:

**Advantages:**
1. Once-a-week Pickup: reduced truck traffic, reduced road wear, quieter & safer streets, less street clutter
2. Reduced Cost: 10% to 50% consumer savings, multi-year competitively bid contracts with price lock-in, senior and pre-pay discounts
3. Improved Service: expanded pickup (trash + yard waste + recycling + bulk items) and new, standardized carts
4. Stronger Voice: City-wide contract provides a stronger voice and faster responses to complaints and issues

**Disadvantages:**
1. Loss of Freedom of Choice: residents cannot pick their own provider and all residents must participate
2. City Staff Workload: increased burden on the City staff, at least initially

If the City Council wishes to further investigate the possibility of a single trash hauler contract in Clarkston, it is recommended that a committee of residents, business owners and subject matter experts be established.

Motioned by ______________________ and Seconded by ______________________ to establish a Single Trash Hauler Committee to investigate the possibility of a single hauler and make a recommendation to City Council.

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☐ Motion is Adopted

☐ Motion is Defeated

Jennifer Speagle, City Clerk  
February 24, 2020  
Date