



Recycling Re-Start

City Council Work Session - August 17, 2020

Recycling Catch-Up Days: **Monday**
8/17, 8/31, 9/14



Thank You for RECYCLING only these:



Plastic Kitchen, Laundry,
Bath: Bottles & Containers



Food & Beverage
Cartons



Glass Bottles
& Jars



Aluminum &
Steel cans



Cereal Boxes, Newspaper, Magazine,
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Current Situation

“Recycling Program - Suspended until further notice”

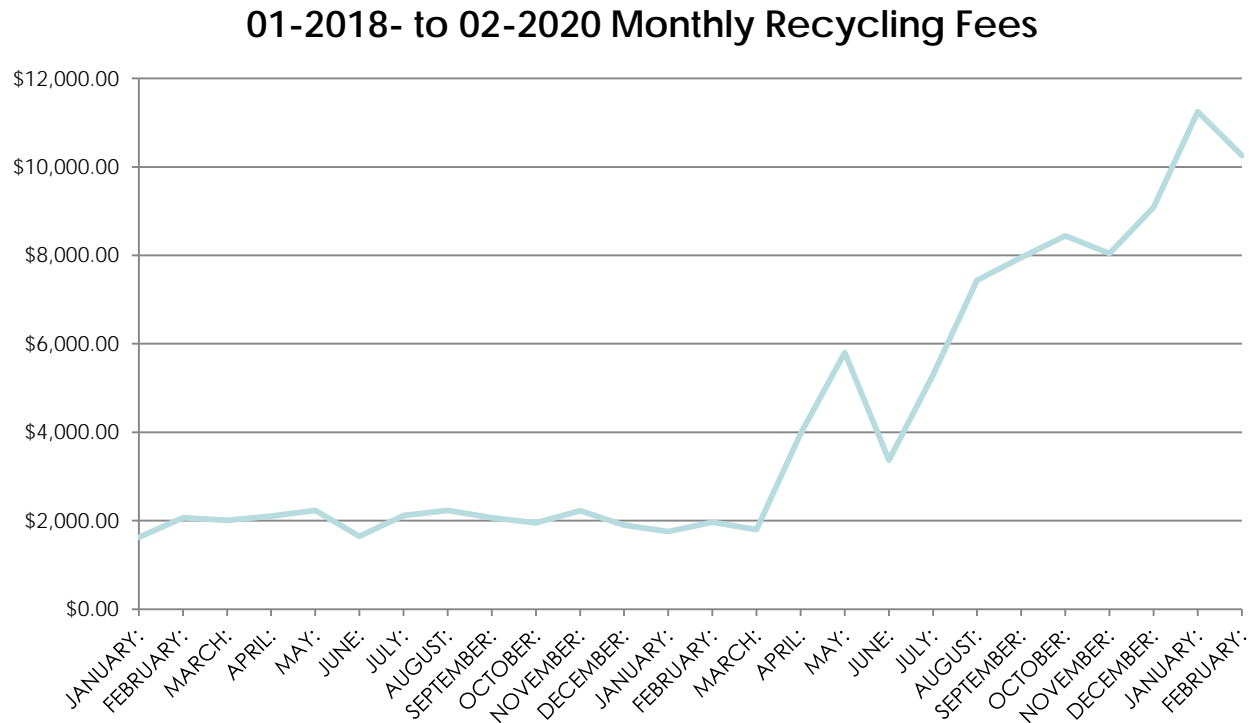
- Effective the week of March 16, 2020
 - Per our Emergency Operations Plan, to ensure our ability to continue to pick up garbage
 - Implemented to protect our personnel. Split the crew into two separate 3-person work groups to promote physical distancing
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Current Situation

- China implements 'National Sword' policy. Mixed paper and post-consumer scrap plastic imports banned January 1, 2018
- April 1, 2019. Republic Services raises our recycling processing fee from \$27.50/ton to \$57.50/ton
- July 1, 2019, Republic raises our recycling processing rate to \$70.00/ton
- July 15, 2019, Republic implements \$75.00/ton surcharge for mixed recycling deliveries with more than 15% contamination
- January 1, 2020, Republic raises our recycling processing rate to \$100.00/ton
- Recycling is now 4x more expensive per ton than landfilling

Current Situation

Recycling costs jump from ~\$2,000/month to ~\$10,000/month



Current Situation

2020 transfer from Solid Waste to Recycling is \$300,000. Adding another \$100,000 for increased recycling processing fees is not economically sustainable.

Revenue Projections.

- 3-mil property tax levy generates about \$370,000/year. Next planned renewal in May, 2021
- Refuse Multi-Year Budget projects 5% increases in Commercial Rates beginning in 2021. Commercial rates are codified. New rates are adopted by City Council.
- Refuse Multi-Year Budget projects Residential Rates will increase to \$12.50/month in 2022. The Residential Rate is based on a formula in our ordinances and is adopted with the annual budget.

Cost Savings Measures.

Recommendation #1

Mandatory Recycling becomes a Free Subscription-based Opt-in Service

- This change would be implemented by replacing C.O. 925.03(f) which reads: “Beginning July 1, 2015, residential customers are required to participate in the City’s curb-side recycling collection program” with the following new text: *“Residential customers may subscribe to participate in the City’s curb-side recycling collection program. All participants shall abide by the recycling collection rules published by the City.”* C.O. 925.04(c) is identically amended for our commercial customers.

Recommendation #2

Establish Administrative Processes for Non-Compliance

- Multi-Step Processes. Slight differences for residential refuse, residential recycling and commercial recycling.
 - ✓ Notify customer
 - ✓ Written notification
 - ✓ Written notification + \$10 admin fee. Recycling not accepted.
 - ✓ Recycling services suspended.
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Recommendation #3

Modify Fees for Commercial Refuse Collection Services

- 925.07(b)(2) would increase the demurrage fee (the monthly charge) for on-call dumpster service from \$25/monthly to \$35/month.
 - 925.07(b)(3) would institute a \$17.50 per service surcharge for all dumpsters emptied on Saturday.
 - 925.07(b)(4) would adjust the charge for a commercial 96 gallon cart proportional to the current price of \$10/month for a residential 64 gallon cart, i.e. 50% more volume at 50% higher cost.
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Recommendation #4

Modify the Yard Waste Collection Schedule

- C.O. 925.05(c) is proposed to be amended as follows: “The City will collect bagged yard waste weekly on a fee-for-service basis. Collection must be scheduled in advance and will be available *from approximately* March to November excluding holidays.

Recommendation #5

Update C.O. 925.09 – Temporary Dumpsters

- Updates Fees
- Provides a 10-yard dumpster option for disposal of building materials and large furniture and appliances

Recommendation #6

Conduct (3) Recycling Catch Up Days in August and September

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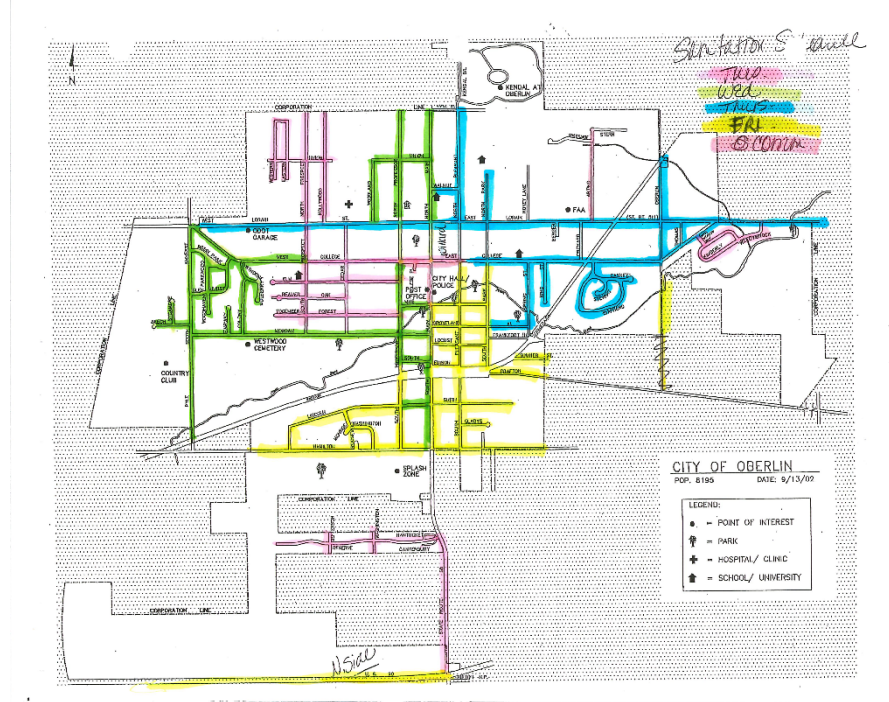
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Recommendation #7

Re-allocate the Friday Residential Route to T, W, Th



Recommendation #8

Implement Bi-Weekly Residential Recycling Services

Residential curbside recycling services would be offered every other week rather than every week. Recycling services would continue to be provided on the same day of the week as residential refuse collection service.

Recommendation #9

Eliminate Glass and/or Plastics from the City's Recycling Collection Program

- Glass processing costs between \$33,000 and \$41,250 annually. Most glass is beneficially re-used to build roads in the landfill. We have done this before in Oberlin and potentially could do it again. Either as an exclusively municipal service or as a public/private partnership.
- Plastics processing costs about \$17,500 per year. Republic Services has markets for #1 (PET) and #2 (HDPE). These represent about 55% of the plastics collected. Republic does not currently have markets for plastics #3 - #7. These materials are presently being landfilled.

