

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

**00-186**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**

MAY 1, 2000

**SUBJECT:**

**CURBSIDE  
RECYCLING  
AGREEMENT WITH  
METRO WASTE  
AUTHORITY**

On June 4, 1994, by Roll Call No. 94-2205, the City entered into an agreement with the Metro Waste Authority to perform the curbside collection of recyclables. When the Authority learned they no longer could finance the Curb It Program, they requested member communities to fund the program. On June 15, 1998, by Roll Call No. 98-1935, the City Council approved continuation of the curbside recycling program. As a result, staff recommends that the City's original agreement with the Authority to collect recyclables under contract be revised to be effective on July 1, 1999, the date the City commenced funding the program, and continue through June 2001.

**TYPE:**

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

None.

**RESOLUTION  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE**

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**JOHN P. BELLIZZI  
PUBLIC WORKS  
DIRECTOR**

**Approve the service contract by and between the City and the Metro Waste Authority for joint operation of a program for the disposal of recyclable materials.**

**BACKGROUND -**

The requirement to recycle was set forth in House File 753 passed by the 73rd Iowa General Assembly in 1989. Pursuant to that legislation, municipalities are required to provide recycling opportunities. In 1994, the City entered into an agreement with the Metro Waste Authority to provide contracted curbside recycling services in Des Moines. When no longer able to pay for the program, the Metro Waste Authority asked member communities, including the City of Des Moines, to fund the program.

The Metro Waste Authority has requested modification of the original contract between the City and the Authority to reflect the new arrangement. Staff from the City's Legal and Public Works Departments have finalized the provisions of the revised agreement which is now presented to the City Council for approval.

The basic provisions of the agreement stipulate that the City will collect the recyclables and deliver them to the Authority's designated recycling facility, and will distribute preprinted materials provided by the Authority. The agreement further provides that the Authority will be responsible for paying all processing charges for the recyclables, furnishing recycling collection bins, and continuing the Authority's public education program. During the life of the agreement, any contracts executed by the City with private contractors shall provide that solid waste materials other than tree debris, asphalt materials, cement concrete debris, and any other mutually-agreed-upon materials, shall be delivered by the contractor to the Authority's designated facilities as defined in the contract.