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CITY COUNCIL
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01-589

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

AGENDA:

SYNOPSIS -

NOVEMBER 19, 2001

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 that member communities fund the program. This agreement and program have operated successfully. Therefore, staff recommends that this agreement be renewed through June 30, 2004, the date proposed to Council for review of curbside rates.

SUBJECT:

RENEWAL OF
CURBSIDE
RECYCLING
AGREEMENT WITH
METRO WASTE
AUTHORITY

FISCAL IMPACT -

None.

TYPE:

RECOMMENDATION -

RESOLUTION

ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

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.

SUBMITTED BY:

BACKGROUND -

WILLIAM STOWE
PUBLIC WORKS
DIRECTOR

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. On June 15, 1998, by Roll Call No. 98-1935, the City Council approved continuation of the curbside recycling program. On July 1, 1999, bi-weekly curbside collection was adopted to reduce recycling costs. On May 1, 2000, by Roll Call No. 00-186, the City Council approved a revised agreement with the Authority.

The Metro Waste Authority 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 finalized the provisions of the revised agreement which was approved by the City Council on May 1, 2000. Staff now recommends renewal of the previously approved service contract through June 30, 2004.

The basic provisions of the original service contract 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.
