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	Agenda Item No. 27 Roll Call No. <u>15-0587</u> Communication No. <u>15-185</u> Submitted by: Jonathan A. Gano, Public Works Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Service Agreement with Metro Waste Authority (MWA) for waste drop-off at MWA Collection Center.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend Council approval of agreement between the MWA and the City of Des Moines Public Works Department. Agreement allows mobile collections of HHW at the City sponsored neighborhood Spring Cleanup to Reduce Urban Blight (SCRUB) events.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Public Works Department sponsors 11 neighborhood cleanup events known as SCRUB's annually by opening the Transfer Station and Compost Facility the third Saturday of the month March through November. Five (5) of those events include a neighborhood sites where volunteers from several neighborhoods will hold the SCRUB event.

In 2013, the Public Works Department began a pilot program with the assistance of MWA of collecting HHW at the neighborhood sites to determine if citizens would utilize such a program to remove the waste from the landfill to improve water quality. The program was well received and it was determined to continue the pilot program in the 2014 season.

Under Iowa Administrative Code 567-123, a government entity may enter into written contract with a Regional Collection Center, MWA, as part of a comprehensive solid waste program. This is allowed for the purpose of mobile collections such as the SCRUB events the City sponsors. MWA agrees to accept the materials from the SCRUB's at no cost to the City except for any costs incurred for unacceptable wastes.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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