


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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	Agenda Item:	73	Roll Call:	22-1476
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AGENDA HEADING:

Amending Chapter 42, Article VIII of the Municipal Code regarding the Snow Dump to remove the permitting process and public access to the snow dump.

SYNOPSIS:

A large portion of the area designated for depositing snow hauled from the downtown area has been requested for construction staging for the Water Trails project. Therefore, permits will no longer be sold to private snow haulers to use this deposit area.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The snow dump is located east of the Compost Center at 1500 Harriett Street. Beginning in late 2022 and through 2025, the Water Trails project is anticipating construction staging needing a large portion of the area designated for depositing snow hauled from the downtown area. Following the Water Trails project, the relocation of the levee along the Des Moines River, near the snow dump, will permanently reduce the available storage.

For over 20 years contractors who haul snow from parking lots throughout the city have been able to purchase permits to deposit snow at the snow dump.

The reduced area will only allow adequate space for snow collected from downtown during City snow loading activities. Therefore, it is necessary to end the process of allowing private snow haulers from depositing snow at this location.

There have been 25 permit holders in the last three (3) years, with 18 last year. Past permit holders were notified in August of this proposed change that makes the snow dump unavailable and allowed time to either incorporate new dumping locations into their bids or adjust their prices before the season started if they were already under contract. The notice generated a few phone calls where further explanation was provided.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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