

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
DES MOINES, IOWA

ITEM 101

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-499  
OCTOBER 6, 1997 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT STATUS AND REQUEST BY METRO WASTE AUTHORITY TO HAVE "CURB IT" SURVEY FORM DISTRIBUTED	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	JOHN BELLIZZI PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

**SYNOPSIS —**

On September 12, 1997, the City Council was informed that the Metro Waste Authority (MWA) had requested the City of Des Moines distribute a survey form on recycling to Des Moines residents. The purpose of the survey, according to MWA, is to determine public support for alternate funding of the "Curb It" Program. To assist Council in answering questions which may be raised by constituents regarding recycling, staff has prepared a status report (see roll call) on the City of Des Moines' solid waste management program. MWA Executive Director Tom Hadden is prepared to briefly discuss the Authority's request and to answer any questions the Council may have regarding the "Curb It" Program.

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

No increase in fees at this time.

**RECOMMENDATION —**

Receive and file status report on the City's solid waste management program and direct the Public Works Director to commence with distribution of MWA's "Curb It" Program survey forms.

**BACKGROUND —**

On January 1, 1976, the City took over solid waste collection service from MWA with the goal of improving quality of service and controlling costs. Over the years, the City has enhanced service and implemented multiple waste stream reduction programs. In 1994, the City was awarded a bid to provide collection services to Des Moines residents for MWA's curbside recycling program. Although the City's agreement with MWA extends through June 15, 1999, funding remains a concern. Presently, the program is funded from landfill tipping fees which are no longer competitive. Therefore, MWA is currently seeking an alternate funding source for their "Curb It" Recycling Program and has asked the City to distribute a survey form to obtain public input.