



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
Public Works Committee Communication

Meeting Date: June 1, 2020

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Agenda Item: Disposition of the Blue City of Washington Recycling Containers

Explanation: With the new PDC Contract, recycling carts are provided to all Washington residents who chose to participate in the recycling program. The previous contract had a 95-gallon rental cart option as well as utilization of an 18-gallon blue recycling tote the City provided to residents. The totes were purchased utilizing a Recycling Grant from the Tazewell County Health Department. There are 328 totes left in the City's possession. I would propose that the City continue to sell the totes for storage or other uses not related to the PDC Contract. The City would continue to sell the totes for \$14 each. This fee includes a lid and is approximately the cost of the tote.

PDC has offered a couple options for residents to dispose of the blue totes should they no longer want to keep them.

1. Residents can put the tote out with their regular residential trash and indicate that they are looking to dispose of the tote. These totes will be taken to the landfill with the residential waste.
2. Residents who would prefer that the tote be recycled can bring the tote to a designated City location. City Staff would manage the collection of the totes and stack them for pick up. Once the totes are collected, PDC will pick up the totes and sell them to be recycled as carts. PDC would provide the City 1¢/pound received for the sale of the totes.

Fiscal Impact: \$4,592 in revenue from the sale of the totes; 1¢/pound from each tote recycled which would offset staff time to coordinate the drop off of the blue totes to a City location.

Recommendation/

Committee Discussion Summary: Staff recommends approval of the proposed options for the disposition of the blue City of Washington Recycling Totes

Action Requested: Recommend approval of the Recycling Container Disposition Plan with PDC to the City Council.

Additional Documentation: None