



DeKalb County Government

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Decatur, Georgia 30030

Agenda Item

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Walk-On Item

10/27/2020

Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Board of Commissioners

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

To add an item to the agenda

Information Contact: Commissioner Jeff Rader

Phone Number: 404-371-2863

PURPOSE:

To add an item to the agenda.

NEED/IMPACT:

Commissioner Rader seeks to add an item to the agenda.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the addition of an item to the agenda.



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A Resolution to Suspend the Sanitation Division 95-gallon Garbage Roll Cart Exchange Project to Await Guidance from the National Institutes for Occupational Safety and Health

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PURPOSE:

The National Institutes for Occupational Safety and Health has agreed to evaluate the Sanitation Division's 95-gallon Garbage Roll Cart Exchange Project to determine if the new carts constitute a substantial risk to older, physically weaker, and smaller customers, taking into account the ergonomics of the containers and environmental factors including local topography. The evaluation will yield important information that should inform the structure of the program and potentially identify alternatives to the current structure.

NEED/IMPACT:

Since advancing the automation of residential sanitation collection with "Rolling Forward to One", DeKalb County has increased the amount and weight of garbage accumulated for collection by shifting to a weekly cycle, and has standardized collection in larger roll cart containers. While these practices have resulted in increased operational efficiency and occupational safety for sanitation collectors, the larger roll carts collected less frequently have increased the physical burden of residential customers in moving the roll carts to the curb on the one remaining collection day per week. With another increase in roll cart size to 95 gallons, it is imperative to evaluate the ergonomic and safety implications of the larger carts for customers. The National Institutes for Occupational Safety and Health has agreed to evaluate the equipment and departmental policies and make recommendations, and the Exchange Program should be temporarily suspended to obtain NIOSH's advice before proceeding.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the temporary suspension of the Sanitation Division's 95-gallon Garbage Roll Cart Exchange Project until recommendations are received from NIOSH.