

City of Eatonton Solid Waste RFP Questions

1. Page 1 under #2, Background “The City does not guarantee the number of residential or commercial carts”. For clarification purposes, please confirm that curbside service for the City residents is not mandatory as residents may choose to use the County’s Convenience Centers instead of curbside service.
It is not mandatory at the time of this response.
2. Page 1 under #2, Background “100 commercial customers” are currently serviced through 95 gallon carts not front end load dumpster service. Please confirm that commercial dumpster service is an open market in the City.
The city does not provide nor require dumpster service that is a business decision that businesses make. The choice of vendors is also the businesses to make.
3. Page 1 under #2, Background RFP reads “90 gallon roll out carts”. Can the City make a clarification to be consistent with current service level which is “95 gallon roll out carts”?
A 90 gallon roll out cart was the minimum size. A 95 gallon roll out cart is certainly acceptable.
4. Page 1 under #3, General Information # 2, is it acceptable to email questions to City?
Yes, all email questions (and all questions and answers) will be posted on the website. Email questions will receive an email response.
5. Page 2 under D, Projected Timetables, can the City conduct a mandatory pre-bid meeting for all bidders for clarification purposes?
The time table is pretty self explanatory. A mandatory meeting is not seen a necessary. Since the entire RFP is down loadable from the website, the City does not know who the potential bidders are.
6. Page 7 under #2, Commercial Customers, the current situation is where residential customers are at the same rate as commercial cart customers. Does the City desire to continue this pricing structure since commercial solid waste is heavier than residential solid waste?
No rate differential between commercial and residential is anticipated.
7. Page 10 # 9 under A and B, can the City provide monthly tonnage estimates for bulk trash household furniture and appliances and yard trimmings and debris?
These amounts are not known. Some yard waste is chipped or shredded and given to resident in both the City and the County.
8. Page 10 # 9 under A and B, are the bulk trash household furniture and appliances and yard trimmings and debris subject to free disposal similar to solid waste?

The question is not clear. The city charges a surcharge per cart on top of the amount it is billed from the contracted collection company to cover bulk goods waste, white goods waste and yard waste. Disposal is not free. It is a portion of the property tax that property owners pay to Putnam County.

9. Page 10 # 9 under C, does the City desire monthly invoices or quarterly invoices for billing if the City asks Contractor to take over these services?

Monthly Invoices to customers would be the method if the City selects this option.

10. Page 11 # 9 under D, please provide some details for the Convenience Station Option such as operating hours, manned or unmanned, gated or not gated, etc.

An unmanned but gated and fenced gated bulk goods and yard waste station open on the weekends is what is envisioned.

11. Page 11 # 10 under Bids and Rates, Optional Services, instead of “per cart”; can the City change wording to “per home” for Billing, Bulk Items, Yard Debris, and Convenience Center?

Currently everything is computed per cart. While some few addresses have multiple carts, the City feel per cart remains the most reasonable measure. Otherwise there would be some addresses at one rate and some with another.

12. Page 11 # 10 under Bids and Rates, Optional Services, to compare apples to apples, can the City change wording to “once a week service” for Basic Service Each Cart, Bulk Items, Yard Debris, and Convenience Station?

No. The basic service is for once a week service. The add on optional services price is a per cart add on. By extension this is a per week add on item but Items 9A and 9B says the bidder is to propose a time and method for optional services of bulk goods and appliances and yard waste. Currently citizens in Eatonton get multiple pickups of these items during the week. It does not make any sense to make a convenience station “a one a week service” add on.

13. General Question – does the City have a local preference ordinance or policy where the City leans toward Local Vendors for purchasing services or products?

No, the City does not have a buy local ordinance or policy. We are not aware of any garbage collection contractors headquartered in Eatonton.

14. General Question - what is the rate the City residents’ pay the City for solid waste service?

\$10.00 per month.