



ADDENDUM II

BLOOMINGTON CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA

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ADDITION TO AGENDA

- Item 1. Solid Waste Collection Service. *Public Comment*

From: "Rich Strle"
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Date: Thu, Feb 20, 2014 4:32 PM
Subject: Trash/Recycle pickup issues/Cart sharing

Hi Jim, thanks for taking the time to speak with me about my Trash/Recycle pickup issues/Cart sharing today. I've spoken to you in the past about these issues as we try to come up with a resolution to cart sharing.

First a little background on where I'm coming from.

We pay trash pickup fee for 12 units. That's about the same revenue from the trash/recycling fee as all the houses on one side of W Seminary Ave. between N. Lee St and N. Center streets. Please see attach image from Google Maps.



I appreciate what the city is trying to do to automate trash and recycle pickup. From my discussions with you and other members of city staff, I hear a message of denial that your drivers will ever have to get out of the truck to move trash/recycle carts so they can be emptied. I understand the promise of automated trash pickup was the drivers would stay in their trucks, press a button, watch the trash/recycle go into the truck, set the cart down, and do the next one.

Unfortunately we don't live in a city where all the roads are wide and nothing is on the streets but trash/recycle carts. Due to cars parked on the street and other on street obstacles, drivers of the trash/recycle trucks will have to get out of trucks, move carts around, press a button to dump the carts. I think as soon as this fact is acknowledged we'll all be better off.

Now, all that being side, I applaud the proposed voluntary system. My only suggestion would be to round up on carts. We have 2 buildings that each have an odd number. We'd have 8 units total so we'd like 4 carts. I'm sure most of the time we would use the rounded down numbers of carts but when tenants move out, they always leave behind extra trash and I would like to contain that trash in our rounded up 'reserve' carts.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Rich Strle