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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 7, 2021

TO: Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu
Board of Public Works

FROM: Raymond A. Rogozinski, P.E., Director of Public Works

RE: Solid Waste Barrels

The DPW is currently experiencing an extreme shortage of solid waste barrels. DPW's current supply of 95 gallon, standard issued, City barrels consists of: 6 grey rubbish, 30 blue recycling and 5 green yard waste barrels. In addition to 95 gallon barrels, DPW has a supply of 65 gallon barrels consisting of: 30 trash and approximately 30 recycling barrels. (A picture of barrels size difference is attached).

The Department received BOF approval and ordered 549 barrels in May. An additional 549 barrels were ordered in June, as part of the FY 2021-22 budget. The Department was originally notified that the barrels would be delivered July, then August and now a partial delivery (green barrels only) is anticipated next week. The manufacturer has stated that the delays are a result of plastic resins and labor shortages. DPW has spoken directly to the manufacturer, although they appear to be making progress in filling the City's orders, the follow various other options are being investigated and/or actions have been taken to obtain barrels:

1. DPW is purchasing 30 grey, un-labeled barrels from current supplier. DPW staff will manufacture City labels and install upon delivery. The manufacturer has indicated delivery the week of 9/13/21.
2. Distribution of smaller 65 gallon barrels to residents if/when the supply of 95 gallon barrels runs out. Smaller barrels will be replaced upon the delivery of larger barrels.
3. To contact the second supplier from City's previously issued bid to potentially purchase alternate barrels.
4. To purchase barrels directly from retailers. Barrels cost of \$110/ barrel exceeds current supplier cost of \$57/barrel. In addition, supplies from retailers are limited.



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Although the Department is pursuing use of alternate barrels (alternate models from existing supplier and alternate barrels from alternate suppliers) the use of a single supplier/barrel does enable the City to maintain a single inventory supply, which facilitates barrel repairs.

Please feel free to contact me with any question at 860-584-6113.

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