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Downtown Columbia Associations, 11 S. Tenth St., Columbia, MO 65201

Name: _____ Comments: _____

Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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Yes! I want to add a new downtown location
for cardboard recycling!



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Eleven South Tenth Street
Columbia, MO 65201

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Why Create a Downtown Solid Waste District?

A Solid Waste District is simply a group of customers who join together to accomplish a set of goals. By joining together, the group can better negotiate which trash removal services are needed and how much they will cost.

It would also give us a means to negotiate changes in our services. For instance, if we want more recycling locations downtown, this district would give us a way to negotiate these new services with the City. This plan would be reviewed once a year to ensure that our needs downtown are being met by the City.

The Solid Waste District proposed by the Board of the Columbia Special Business District would help us make a number of positive changes to downtown trash services—and would help us solve a number of problems with the current system.

Special Issue: *Downtown Solid Waste District*

Why Create an SWD?

Rates and Comparisons

Costs and Benefits

What Happens Next?

Your Comments, Please!

What's Wrong With the Current System?

Right now, there are many opportunities for improvement downtown. Creation of this district would allow us to better address problems such as:

- ◆ Dumpsters currently used downtown are messy and smelly. They also take up valuable space in alleys and outside businesses' back doors.
- ◆ Dumpsters need to be emptied more often, increasing fees and creating congestion downtown.
- ◆ Alleys full of dumpsters are unsafe and unattractive for pedestrians.
- ◆ Open dumpsters encourage scavenging.
- ◆ Recycling opportunities downtown are limited.
- ◆ Some users are not even being charged under the current plan. Others are being under- or overcharged.

What Does the New Plan Include?

- ◆ Replacement of 41 dumpsters with 7 new compactors.
- ◆ Clean-up and resurfacing of these alleys.
- ◆ Screening or relocating of unattractive grease vats.
- ◆ Added cardboard recycling area.
- ◆ Revised rate structure to ensure that everyone will now be paying for trash removal.

Creation of a Solid Waste District will allow us to review and revise our plans on a yearly basis.



Downtown Solid Waste District Rates

Businesses will be charged a monthly rate based on waste generation and type of business.



Category	Recycling	No Recycling	Category	Recycling	No Recycling
Restaurant			Production/Industrial		
Large	\$170	161	Large	606	591
Medium	84	80	Medium	196	192
Small	28	27	Small	101	97
Retail			Bank		
Large	68	60	Large	90	83
Medium	34	30	Medium	45	41
Small	11	10	Small	5	14
Office			Lodging		
Large	85	77	Large	339	330
Medium	42	38	Medium	168	164
Small	14	13	Small	57	55
Church			Residential (rate set by ordinance)		
Large	57	48		9.55	9.55
Medium	28	24			
Small	9	8			

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How Do Our Rates Compare?

As you can see, the rates we've negotiated downtown are significantly lower than rates in other areas, due to a number of factors.

- ♦ Large Downtown Restaurant: \$170 vs. Fazoli's: \$258.34 or Pasta House: \$229.52
- ♦ Medium Downtown Restaurant: \$84 vs. Pizza Hut (Clark Lane): \$94.37
- ♦ Large Downtown Retail: \$68 vs. Big O \$87.12
- ♦ Medium Downtown Office: \$42 vs. Remm LTD: \$77.23
- ♦ Small Downtown Restaurant: \$28 vs. Subway (Nifong): \$94.25

Will My Rates Increase?

With this plan, the total cost of trash collection downtown will decrease. Adding a recycling drop-off will increase the overall monthly costs because the City will be providing a new service to downtown merchants.

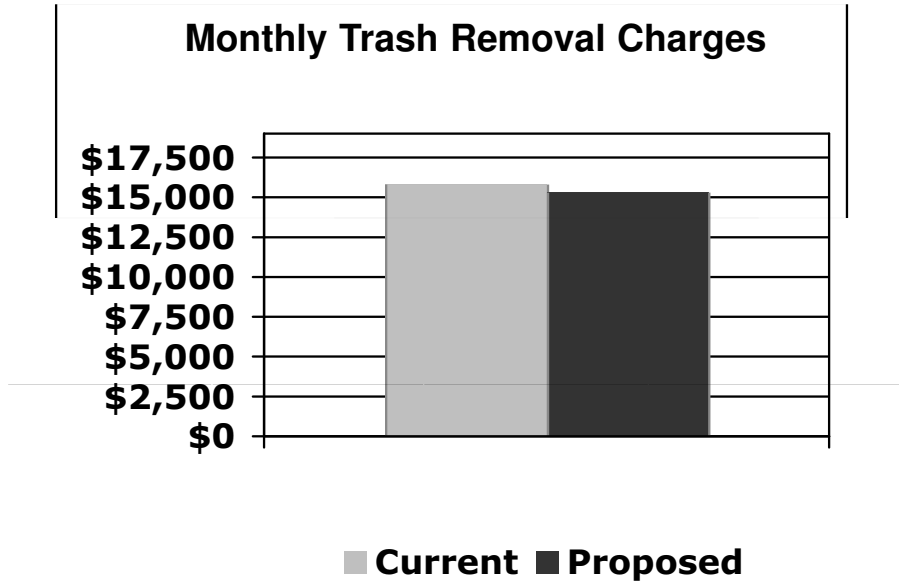
How does this affect individual rates?

Some rates will decrease. Some rates will go up, largely because the current billing system is highly inequitable. Businesses of similar size are being charged different amounts for trash pickup and some businesses are not being charged at all. Our goal was to create a fair and equitable billing system to ensure that no one gets a free ride.

For a draft copy of proposed rates for individual businesses, go on-line at www.downtowncolumbia.org and click "Downtown Update." Or call 442-6816 and we will mail you a copy.

How Much Will This Cost?

The plan currently proposed will actually cost the district \$506 less per month for trash removal.



Adding a new cardboard recycling location would increase the district's monthly charges by \$1,611.

	CURRENT	PROPOSED	ANNUAL SAVINGS
Trash Removal	\$15,795	\$15,289	\$6,072
Recycling Drop-Off		\$1,611	
TOTAL	\$15,795	\$16,900	

What's the Next Step?

The Board of the Columbia Special Business District believes that establishing a new Solid Waste District downtown and implementing this plan will significantly benefit downtown businesses by enhancing our trash removal services, reducing costs and making downtown safer and cleaner.

If you need any other information, check out our website at www.downtowncolumbia.org and click on "downtown update."

Although we've been working closely with the City on this plan, we still need to gain the approval of the City Council. Before then, we'd like to hear your thoughts. Included in this newsletter is a form that you can fill out and send back to us with your comments. You can also e-mail us at dtcolumbia@socket.net.