



CITY OF DURHAM | NORTH CAROLINA

**Date:** May 15, 2015

**To:** Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager

**Through:** Bo Ferguson, Deputy City Manager

**From:** Donald Long, Solid Waste Director

**Subject:** Councilperson Question Re: Contract for Roll-Cart Purchase

A Councilperson posed the following question regarding the purchase of roll-carts:

Item 47: Purchase of rollout carts. For our \$300,000 how many carts are we buying? I see in the contract that we are ordering 10,000 green and 10,000 blue carts. I didn't see the brown yard waste cart numbers. What is the per cart price we are paying?

The following response was provided:

The City of Durham is piggybacking off of a City of Monroe, NC cart purchase, which included only green and blue carts, but we are able to purchase brown carts as well, at the same cost. The initial price per cart under the City of Monroe bid was \$47.50, with price adjustments up or down based on the price of plastic resin. The purchase price for carts paid by the City of Durham under this contract has varied between \$45.60 and \$46.35 per cart from July 2012 to present. Carts are purchased as needed, based on the number of new and replacement carts delivered to residents. During FY 12-13, approximately 5,780 carts were purchased and approximately 5,695 were purchased during FY 13-14. The majority of carts purchased are green garbage carts (58% of total purchased in FY 12-13 and 47% in FY 13-14). Approximately 20% of carts purchased in FY 12-13 were blue recycling carts, and 22% were brown yard waste carts. During FY 13-14, approximately 27% of purchased carts were blue and 27% of the total were brown.