



Date: July 27, 2015

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager

Through: W. Bowman Ferguson, Deputy City Manager

From: Marvin G. Williams, Director of Public Works

Subject: Interlocal Agreement with Durham County

Executive Summary

Durham County (County) proposes to purchase sodium chloride (Salt) from the City of Durham (City) during the winter months of fiscal year 2015-2016. This proposal is based on the County’s need to purchase Salt for use during winter weather events at various County owned and maintained facilities. In order to sell City owned materials (Salt) to the County for use during winter weather events, a formal Interlocal Cooperation Agreement must be approved by the City Council.

Recommendation

That the City Manager be authorized to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Durham County to allow the County to purchase sodium chloride (salt) from the City during winter weather events for use around various County owned facilities.

Background

Durham County proposes to purchase Salt from the City during winter weather events for use around various County owned facilities during snow and ice weather events. In accordance with N.C. Gen. Statute 160A-274, the City of Durham is authorized to sell property to the state governmental units. The terms of the sale are incorporated in the attached interlocal agreement.

During previous fiscal year, the City sold approximately 70 tons of salt to Durham County for their use during various winter weather events around various County owned facilities. In prior fiscal years, the City has provided varying quantities of salt to the County for their use during various winter weather events. During the winter of 2013-2014, the County requested that the City provide in excess of 100 tons off salt for the treatment of sidewalks, driveways, parking lots and entryways around various County owned and maintained facilities. Due to the volume of salt requested by the County, and the severity of several winter events during the 2013-2014 winter, Public Works was unable to satisfy this request from the County. In addition, Public Works identified the need to have a formal agreement in place with the County for the sale of City owned materials in large quantities.

Issues/Analysis

The Department of Public Works currently purchases salt from an outside vendor for use on City streets and facilities during winter weather events. There are currently two (2) storage locations within the City where salt is stored for winter weather use (Camden Ave. and Martin

Luther King Jr. Parkway). Durham County does not currently have a contract in place for the purchase of salt from an outside vendor, or the ability to store or handle this material at any of their current facilities. In effort of cooperation and to assist Durham County with an operational challenge that may impact residents of the City who may visit County facilities before, during or after winter events, Public Works has discussed purchasing, handling and storing additional salt during the current winter months that will be sold and used by the County during winter weather events. The amount of material that will be purchased for resale to the County is minimal (up to two hundred (200) tons) and will not impact the ability of Public Works to respond to winter weather events. In addition, any unused salt that was purchased for use by the County, will be used on City streets and/or facilities during winter weather events

Alternatives

City Council can choose not to approve the request.

Financial Impact

The County will be responsible for payment to the City for the purchase of Salt that is used during winter weather events, at a cost that reflects the City's cost for the purchase of this material plus an additional mark-up for storage, handling, and distribution of the material.

SDBE Summary

No SDBE implications have been identified for this matter.