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Robert J. Donchez
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From: Robert J. Donchez, Mayor
To: President Reynolds
Date: June 11, 2015
Re: Zone Hauling Pilot Program

Attached is an informational memorandum regarding the Zone Haulers Pilot Program for zone Bethlehem.

In addition, there is an ordinance that would change the pick-up time in South Bethlehem from 6 AM to 5 AM.

I would appreciate it, if this would be placed on the July 7, agenda.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me anytime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert J. Donchez".

Robert J. Donchez
Mayor

CC: City Council
Dept. Heads
M. Conway
J. Porembo

Solid Waste Pilot Program
South Side

Solid Waste is currently one of the largest areas of concern, both as a Health nuisance and visually in the City of Bethlehem. This is not the fault of the haulers but lies with a minority of the residents not having haulers and illegally dumping. The city has averaged 907 solid waste violations per year of the last 5 years consisting of No Hauler, Garbage Stockpiling, Illegal Dumping, and Cans out consistently or wrong days.

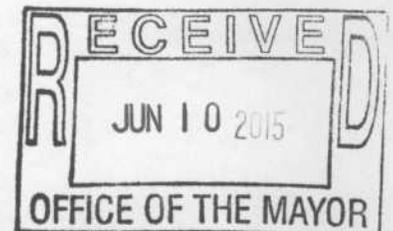
Over the last 10 months we have been meeting with a group of Bethlehem Haulers discussing ways we can work together to alleviate these problems. The administration has 2 main goals in under taking these meetings. One is to work to correct the Solid Waste problems in the city and two is how to do this while maintaining the freedom of choice for the residents of the city and avoiding any type of contract hauling.

With much input from this group of haulers during these meetings, the City of Bethlehem is looking to implement a Zone Hauling pilot program on the South Side of Bethlehem to help identify households without haulers and/or illegal haulers. The Solid Waste will be picked up on the south of the Lehigh River on **Mondays and Tuesdays** only. This does not restrict the pick up solid waste in any other area of the city. This pilot program also only applies to residential and Multi-Family units pick ups and has no bearing on commercial pick ups.

We are looking to start this pilot program on October 5th, 2015 and will run for 1 year at which time we will evaluate the results of the program. The city will request you notify your customers of the change of pick up days. We have an example of a notification letter you can use to notify your customers. Notices will also be available on the city's website and social media pages.

During the pilot program, the city, with the approval of City Council will move the allowed start time to 5am on the south side for ease of the haulers.

The current Solid Waste ordinance will stay in effect. The Director of Community and Economic Development will release rules and regulations to cover this pilot program.



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During the transition period, the city will work with the residents that have their solid waste out on the wrong days ensure they know their correct pick up day.

Your point of contact at the city will be:

Michal Conway
Director of Recycling
City of Bethlehem
610-868-3752
mconway@bethlehem-pa.gov

XXX XX, 2015

Dear Valued Customer,

The City of Bethlehem and the Solid Waste haulers that service the city are working together to try to help alleviate some of the solid waste problems in the city.

We have joined together on a Solid Waste pilot program. The city is requesting that we pick up all of our customers in zip code 18015 on Monday or Tuesday.

To accommodate this request we will have to change your pick up day to (Monday or Tuesday) beginning Oct 05, 2015. Please have your trash out the night before in order to be ready for XXXXXXXX's Pick up.

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX appreciates your business and look forward to serving your needs in the future. Please do not hesitate to call our office at XXX-XXX-XXXX if you have any questions.

Thank you,
XXXXXXXXXX Disposal