

Environmental Hazmat Services Contract Extension

Safety, Housing, Education & Homelessness Committee
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Introduction

- Background
- Existing Agreement
- Resolution #21-0982
- Financials



Background

Contract Purpose

- Protect public health of all residents & city employees
- Disposal of hazardous waste by properly trained and equipped hazardous waste management professionals
- Cleaning of public space
- Collect, inventory, store, and secure items

Agency Utilization

- DDPHE sponsoring agency
 - Hazardous waste management
- Also utilized by
 - Parks & Recreation
 - Dpt. of Safety
 - DOTI

Current Agreement

- Expires Oct. 10, 2021
- Amended in 2020 to include rapid response services

Hazardous waste is...

Household hazardous waste



CORROSIVE
Batteries
Drain Cleaners
Oven Cleaners



TOXIC
Pesticides
Rat Poison
Pharmaceuticals
Cleaning Fluids



REACTIVE
Pool Chemicals
Ammonia
Bleach
Aerosols



FLAMMABLE
Paints, Solvents
Oils, Gasoline
BBQ Starter
Propane Cylinders



Hazardous waste is...

Chemical and medical waste



Additional materials collected...

Sharps & drug paraphernalia



Additional materials collected ...

- Human & animal waste
- Food waste
- Soiled bedding
- Hazardous consumer goods
- Unusual collected items- refrigerants, industrial chemicals

Public areas cleaned:

Alleys, sidewalks, near city buildings, parks & adjacent areas, riverbanks



Contract Extension and Amendment Changes:

Extend End Date to October 10, 2023

Add new contract language that EHS and their staff are to:

- Attend and pass sensitivity training sponsored by HOST, plus scheduled refresher training
- Never engage with or negotiate with members of the public on behalf of the City in on-site clean-ups, always deferring to City representatives

Contract Extension and Amendment Changes:

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Add new contract language that EHS and their staff are to:

- Participate in structured on-site performance review with city staff after each clean-up
- Improve invoice practices to break-out on-site clean-up from off-site storage operation charges.
- Comply at all times with Lyall Settlement where relevant to their tasks as directed by City Attorney's Office

City Oversight & Coordination

- Sign-off by city staff of EHS work completion
- Checklist for DOTI completion of site clean-up
- Review of storage site locations and hours

Contract Expenditures To Date

By Agency	
DOTI	\$1,117,407
DPHE-EQ	\$18,401
Parks	\$354,465
Safety	\$79,788
Total	\$1,570,061

By Year	
2018	\$60,172
2019	\$486,385
2020	\$598,237
2021 - YTD	\$425,267
Total	\$1,570,061

Approximate contract expenditures used for encampment cleanup: \$750K - \$900K

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Recap

- Protect Public Health
- Protect Public Spaces
- Protect City Employees