



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**MAYOR JAKE WILSON**

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 COMMISSIONER

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 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

**Date:** May 5, 2026  
**To:** Honorable City Council  
**From:** Eric Weisman, DPW Commissioner  
**RE:** Requesting Council Approval for a 5-Year Waste Disposal Agreement with Waste Management

Dear Honorable City Council,

The Department of Public Works (DPW) requests your approval to enter into a new 5-year contract term with Waste Management, the City’s current municipal solid waste disposal vendor, for continued service.

Waste Management proposed pricing for both a 3-year (36 month) term and a 5-year (60 month) term. DPW negotiated a lower FY27 disposal rate and lower annual escalation, resulting in estimated projected savings of \$512,424.00 over 3 years. The negotiated FY27 disposal rate is also lower than our current FY26 disposal rate (\$93 per ton).

The proposed contract term of 60 months would run from 7/1/2026 to 6/30/2031. DPW recommends executing the new contract for a 60 month term because the negotiated disposal rates are most financially advantageous to the City, as shown below.

Please note that total cost estimates assume a projected annual tonnage of 16,500 tons per year. The negotiated disposal rates escalate each year by 4% or the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for water, sewer, and trash – whichever is greater. The table below reflects 4% annual escalation.

Estimated Annual Disposal Rates							
	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	36 Month Total	60 Month Total
36 Month Term	\$98.00	\$104.00	\$110.00	-	-	\$5,148,000.00	N/A
60 Month Term (Original Offer)	\$97.00	\$102.50	\$108.00	\$113.50	\$119.00	\$5,073,750.00	\$8,910,000.00
<b>60 Month Term (Negotiated)</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>	<b>\$93.60</b>	<b>\$97.34</b>	<b>\$101.24</b>	<b>\$105.29</b>	<b>\$4,635,576.00</b>	<b>\$8,043,239.00</b>





Total saved over 3 years (36 month vs. 60 month negotiated):	\$512,424.00	
Total saved over 5 years (60 month original offer vs. negotiated):		\$866,761.00

Please let the IGA team know if there are any further questions on any of the above information.

Thank you,

**Eric Weisman**  
Commissioner, DPW

