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Alderman Tate  
Chair, Public Works and Services Committee

### **RE: Pearl Street Facility – Free Drop-Off Event**

Dear Ald. Tate:

I am requesting that the City provide a Free Drop-Off Event at Pearl Street on June 16, 2018 from 10:00 AM until 5:45 PM. This event will allow residents to drop off the items listed below that we typically charge a disposal fee. These items cost the City funds for recycling.

Due to the fees we charge for items such as tires, televisions and Freon appliances, a number of these being dumped in our parks and public roadway areas. This results in the Department of Public Works making a special collection of these materials. These items are often dropped off on private property areas and these residents then need to dispose of them at the current rates.

If we provide a date that we allow the residents to drop off these items at no cost, I anticipate we would greatly reduce the illegal disposal of these items resulting in a cleaner municipality.

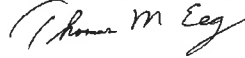
Looking at our 2017 costs, we paid \$9,007.10 for tire recycling and \$6,979.56 for the appliance and television items. Our current disposal fees are \$3 per tire; \$10 per TV or Monitor; \$10 per basic appliance; \$15 per microwave and \$25 per Freon appliance. While I can't predict the actual number of items that would be dropped off at this event, we did have a free electronics drop-off in 2010 and we received just less than 17 tons of materials from 261 residents. Assuming we obtain 400 tires and 300 Televisions at this event, which are the typical illegal disposal items, this would result in a revenue loss of \$4,200 if these residents were to bring these items to Pearl Street. Since many of these items are currently the ones being dumped on private properties and in public areas, the revenue loss should be lower than anticipated. This event would also require that we bring 2 additional seasonal employees to the site to assist in the large turnout, so this will have an additional labor cost for our seasonal employees.

We have a rate set for the disposal of these items that was put in place to offset the cost we pay to recycle these materials to comply with the State Code. Since a number of these items are being disposed of illegally, unless the violator is caught making an illegal disposal, the City would still incur the recycling cost. Having a one-day event would greatly reduce this illegal dumping situation and the City charging for the balance of the year would result in obtaining the revenues to assist in these recycling costs.

I would request if this event if desired, that we proceed with this event on Saturday, June 16, 2018 and I will provide a report on what was collected on this date compared to our typical Saturday Pearl Street operation. Funding for this event would be charged to the Recycling Enterprise fund.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very Truly Yours,



Thomas M. Eeg, P.E.

Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations

cc: Mayor Mason  
James Palenick  
Mark Yehlen  
Bill Folstrom



# **CITY OF RACINE RESIDENTS NOTICE**

## **Pearl Street Facility Free Drop-Off Event**

The City of Racine currently has a charge for the disposal of Tires, Microwaves, Televisions, Computer Monitors, Freon Appliances and Non-Freon White Goods.

The City of Racine Department of Public Works will be hosting a Free Drop-Off for disposal of these items.

This Free Drop-Off is intended for City of Racine residents that requires proof of residency such as a driver's license or property tax bill. NO commercial or business drop-offs.

The Free Drop-Off Event will take place on:

**Saturday - June 16, 2018**  
**10:00 a.m. until 5:45 p.m.**  
**Pearl Street Facility**  
**(Entrance by 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Pearl Street)**

For Additional Information, please call 636-9121.