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## MEMO

**TO:** Public Works and Services Committee

**FROM:** Mark Yehlen, Commissioner of Public Works

**DATE:** March 12, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Request from the Alderman of the Third District to Review and Amend the Penalties for Section 42-30, Placing or Dumping of Solid Waste and/or Section 42-31, Accumulation and Storage of Solid Waste, Item 0066-19

During your meeting of February 12, 2019, Alderman Tate proposed changing the penalties associated with the mishandling of solid waste to cover the cost of automatically issuing a 95-gallon solid waste cart to offending property owners.

During your meeting of February 26, 2019, Bill Folstrom presented data from 2018 that demonstrated that the vast majority of solid waste violations along the curb-line that were cleaned by the Department of Public Works, were associated with regulated wastes and bulky items that couldn't be fit into a solid waste cart.

You directed me to provide similar data from the Building Department for solid waste violations in alleys and on private property. I've reviewed the 2018 invoices for contractor performed "solid waste orders", and provide you the following information for your consideration:

The Building Department's contractor executed 795 solid waste orders, for volumes of solid waste from 88 cubic yards to 1 cubic yard or less (the minimum volume charge).

185 of these orders were for 1 cubic yards or less, representing 23% of the solid waste orders performed.

A 95-gallon solid waste carts is 0.48 cubic yards in volume.