

ITEM #:	<u>16</u>
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COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: AGREEMENT FOR JOINT AND COOPERATIVE ACTION FOR WASTE DISPOSAL OPERATIONS BY BOONE COUNTY AND CITY OF AMES

BACKGROUND:

The Resource Recovery Plant (RRP) in the City of Ames processes municipal solid waste (MSW) for the City of Ames and partner agencies within Story County. Any waste that cannot be processed into Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) is currently disposed of at the Boone County Landfill (BCL). These materials are accepted at BCL through the comprehensive plan for the Central Iowa Solid Waste Management Area (CISWMA), of which Ames is a member.

Staff has been developing a new approach for the disposal of MSW through concepts that will require a transfer station to be constructed and recycling efforts to be implemented in a new Resource Recovery and Recycling Campus (R3C). An agreement is being negotiated with Carroll County to provide for disposal of Story County solid waste in the Carroll County Landfill once the R3C opens. It is expected that the duration of design and construction activities for the R3C will result in the new facility becoming operational in 2027. This timing will require that the RRP continue to operate until the transfer station is ready.

The City of Ames has a 28E agreement with BCL for disposal of MSW that expires on June 30, 2025. City staff met with BCL staff and the Boone County Board of Supervisors to request that an additional agreement be executed that will allow MSW to continue to be disposed of at BCL through June 30, 2027. The agreement also includes provisions that will allow month-to-month extension up to June 30, 2028 if mutually agreed upon by both parties should delays occur during construction of the R3C. The rate effective July 1, 2025, for the RRP and Story County customers at BCL will be \$63 per ton.

The attached agreement has been signed and approved by the Boone County Board of Supervisors and is now presented for City Council approval.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Agreement for Joint and Cooperative Action for Waste Disposal Operations by Boone County and City of Ames.
2. Direct staff to make changes to the agreement.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Boone County Landfill is an essential part of the waste disposal stream for Ames and its partner agencies. It is necessary to continue to operate the Resource Recovery Plant as design and construction activities continue to develop for the new Resource Recovery and Recycling Campus. This agreement ensures that final disposition of

municipal solid waste operations will continue during this time of transition. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as noted above.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Agreement for Joint and Cooperative Action for Waste Disposal Operations.pdf](#)