

## REPORT TO THE BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN

**DATE:** August 11, 2025

**FROM:** Josh Russell, Public Works Director

**SUBJECT:** Purchase of Garbage and Recycle Carts through Sourcewell Cooperative Contract

### **INTRODUCTION:**

The purpose of this agenda item is to approve the purchase of 96-gallon garbage and recycle carts through a Sourcewell Cooperative Contract.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Garbage and recycle carts are 96-gallon wheeled containers provided to residents for the disposal of household waste and recyclable materials. Upon initiating solid waste collection services with the Town, new residents pay a \$75 fee for the initial garbage cart. Additional garbage carts may be requested for a fee of \$75 each, with a maximum allowance of three (3) garbage carts per residence. Recycle carts are available by request for a \$75 fee, limited to one (1) per residence.

The Town's automated collection services manage the weekly pickup of over 18,000 garbage carts and 12,000 recycle carts. Each fiscal year, the Sanitation Division purchases new carts to supply both new residents and replace existing carts as needed.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Sanitation Division has been using Schafer carts for the past two years with positive results. In that time, staff have noted a reduction in replacement requests and improved durability under the Town's automated collection system. Schafer carts are manufactured using an injection molding process, which produces a more flexible and resilient cart body compared to the previously used rotational-molded Toter carts. The rigidity of the Toter carts had led to an increase in non-repairable damage, particularly creasing at the rear of the cart caused by the automated arm, which prevented lids from closing properly. Schafer carts have proven to be better suited for automated handling, based on both in-field performance and feedback from peer cities and local waste haulers.

In addition to improved performance, the Schafer carts offer a cost savings of approximately \$16 per unit, with current pricing at \$55.33 per cart versus \$70.66 for Toter. This equates to an estimated annual savings of \$26,528.03. Staff is requesting approval to purchase 1,327 green garbage carts and 400 burgundy recycle carts, as budgeted in FY2026, from Schafer Plastics North America, LLC through the Sourcewell Cooperative Contract (#120324-SFR).

A copy of the Sourcewell quote is attached for reference.

**BUDGET IMPACT:**  
**FY 2026**

Fund	Dept.	Obj. Code	Description	Approved Line Item Budget	Previous Expenses	Proposed Expense	Balance	Budget Impact
125	43200	352	Carts Purchased	\$95,000	\$0.00	\$94,825.06	\$174.94	N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**  
[Q034115 - Quote - Sourcewell.pdf](#)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**  
To approve the purchase of 1,327 green garbage carts and 400 burgundy recycle carts from Schafer Plastics North America, LLC through Sourcewell Cooperative Contract (#120324-SFR) for a total amount of \$94,825.06.

**Board Action:** Motion By\_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By\_\_\_\_\_

Vote Total	Hall	Jordan	Robbins	Marshall	Stamps	Fraser
Yes						
No						
Abstain						