



Staff Report

For City Council Meeting - 2/4/2026

Subject - New Business - Gearhart Clean Up Day

Synopsis: In honor of Earth Day 2026, City staff is requesting permission to hold the annual FREE Gearhart Clean Up Day on Saturday, April 18th, 2026. Staff proposes Recology deliver to the area in front of City Hall -- (4) 20-yard drop boxes for trash and (2) 3-yard drop boxes for recycling electronics. The boxes would be available for residents of Gearhart to dump trash at no cost from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Previous years, bins were delivered the evening before the event to help Recology. However, last year, residents had filled bins by morning and Recology had to leave at the start of the event to dump them leaving those who'd arrived for the event appropriately having to wait over a half an hour. The request this year states bins must be placed a half-hour prior to the event to avoid this problem.

Recommendation: Staff recommends Councilors move to allow the City to hold Clean Up Day via simple motion.

Legal Analysis: N/A

Financial Analysis: The estimate from Recology is not available yet; our application request is pending. The request states the same terms as last year. Recology compliance requires the total tonnage available be quoted. Last year, the City's quoted portion after donation was around \$2500 due to consistently exceeding maximum tonnage. Following the event, our actual invoice totaled \$2,229, our highest ever surpassing 2024's \$1900. We anticipate our figure for this year's event to be around \$2,000 without the extra morning hauls from late night dumpers. Should Recology deny our request for donated services, the total cost for the City to hold the event would range from \$3600-\$4300.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chad