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Members of the Public Works Committee,

Thank you for your thorough work yesterday (Wednesday, January 29) related to agenda item 5, File #191419 Communication from the Departments of Public Works and Neighborhood Services relating to the utilization of City drop-off sites, fees, and policies, and illegal dumping.

I would be happy to share anecdotes regarding tire and television dumping on or near my property at 1033 S 24th St since the change in fees at the self-help lot, but it is apparent you have plenty of anecdotes from other residents and property owners.

I appreciate the information provided by the DPW representatives, but I think it's clear that the fee change is not just a "contributing factor" to the increased dumping of TVs and tires and that it's not "too early to draw any conclusions." The decrease in tires (44%, 132 tons) and TVs (39%, 144 tons) collected is substantial enough to know that too many of these tires and TVs not delivered to the self-help lot end up in other parts of the city.

A few recommendations to consider:

Eliminate the fee for televisions and tires, and decrease the fee for 1 to 3 cubic yards of construction waste to \$10 to help alleviate the burden on property owners completing smaller projects.

Seek out corporate sponsorships for City reception of tires (local auto dealer) and TVs (Best Buy or other electronics stores) at self-help lots. People talk about the dumping and they'll talk about the corporate sponsor(s) that save us from the dumping. Perhaps this could be combined with the suggested idea to offer recycling compensation, a la aluminum cans. I'm sure this idea could be further developed since it occurred to me only a few weeks ago.

Find a way to use tires for innovative purposes. One idea I'd be interested in exploring further is, tires for protected bike lanes. I don't know of anywhere this is done, so I can't offer precedent, but I think it would be worth looking into. Depending on installation (and potentially removing and reinstalling seasonally), it could be cheaper than any permanent or semi-permanent concrete installation. Tires fixed to the road could provide enough protection to bikers while minimizing damage to cars that may strike the tires.

Alternative to my first idea above--and I wouldn't prefer this--eliminate the fee for televisions and tires and increase the fee for 1 to 3 cubic yards of construction waste to \$25 and apply the additional \$5 to the processing of televisions and tires.

I understand my ideas may be far-fetched, but I hope there is some thought put into innovative solutions. Fee increases and fines for dumping aren't go to resolve the issue, and I hope there are folks thinking about creative solutions.

I am happy to discuss these or other ideas further and appreciate you attention to this matter.

Thank you,
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