



Operations Budget Hearing Follow-up Points

Coggs: Ordinance/ fine information for apt. garbage if they do not obtain private service

Under the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, Chapter 79, Solid Waste Regulations, owners of multiunit dwellings with 5 or more units are required to provide for removal of solid waste on a weekly basis. Violation results in the forfeit of \$500 including all forfeitures, penalties, fees and assessments levied by the court for the first offense and for each subsequent offense, and the costs and disbursements of such action, and in default thereof, or failure to discharge the imposed forfeit through community service or other means satisfactory to the court, shall be imprisoned as provided by law.

Stamper: Smaller street-sweeper cost.

A model 636 Green Machine Air Sweeper, manufactured by Tennant Company has a 51 inch sweeping path and can hold 1.3 cubic yard of debris in its hopper. It is used for cleaning sidewalks and pedestrian walkways. The approximate cost of the unit is \$107,000

Stamper: Explain street-sweeping schedules.

Street sweeping schedules vary by season and cease completely during cold winter months when sweeping with water would create icing hazards. Six weeks of a "heavy sweep" period begin typically in mid-March followed by our regular sweeping program. In the regular summer sweep period, Sanitation has been operating 18 shifts per day broken down as follows:

*10 PM start: 3
2 AM start: 5
7 AM start: 10*

Sweeping is organized into routes and is conducted in a systematic manner progressing through the city to meet the sweeping frequency targets per area. (See attached sweeping frequency map.)

Coggs: Anticipated costs of on-call sweepings/ clean up

With reduced staffing devoted to sweeping under the proposed budget, to sweep on-call would jeopardize the department's ability to meet a targeted once per month sweeping frequency on average for the city.

Coggs/ Lewis: Additional regulations for downtown businesses to contribute to fund for street sweeping/ to have bins outside their businesses?

This question was addressed to LRB staff and is not in DPW's direct purview.

Murphy: Impact of 45 (30 auxiliary) ODW reductions

To clarify, the reduction of 30 auxiliary positions is not expected to affect core services. Guaranteed garbage, scheduled recycling collection, and snow and ice control operations will be preserved. However, bulky item, brush collections, and seasonal services will possibly be impacted due to reduced staffing used to support these additional activities.

Murphy: Organics Program expansion

In Q4 2020, Sanitation intends to release a new Request for Proposals for yard waste/organics collection. The RFP process will accomplish a reassessment of regional market conditions for hauling and processing of either yard waste only or yard waste with food waste. It is anticipated that a contract will be negotiated based on the top scoring proposal that may provide the greatest opportunity for building cost effective access to and expansion of an organics program city-wide.

Murphy: Cart budget: What should it be? What should the replacement cycle be? (life years)

DPW advises funding cart replacement on a 15-year replacement cycle which at current cart prices would equate to \$1,217,430 for a 2020 cart budget.

Coggs: How many referrals to Supervisors do crews make?

Sanitation crews make referrals to supervisors daily that, depending on the method made, can be either quantifiable or unquantifiable. The majority of the referrals made by crews are done so verbally or by text message to the supervisor and are verbally moved to action immediately by the supervisor either to another crew or to an inspector within the same day. Referrals that go this course are able to be handled without requiring the supervisor to first create a work order in our system and thus a trackable record. The referrals that are written down by the crews and turned in on paper sheets to their supervisors tend to be ones that are then entered as work orders in our system and thus can be quantified. Approximately 14,200 such referrals were made in this fashion during the period of Jan – Sep of 2019. DPW Operations does not have an onboard computer system in collection trucks to automate and quantify referrals but would like to move to this in the future when budgets allow.

Stamper: Do garbage crews/ or can they tag contaminated recycling carts noticed as they collect garbage carts?

Recycling crews tag and report contaminated recycling carts that they encounter on their collection route. Garbage crews generally do not report contaminated recycling carts unless material is overflowing out of the cart into a nuisance situation. Supervisors also direct Sanitation Inspectors to targeted areas where contaminated recycling has been observed.

Stamper: Questions on litter cans, how many we have in inventory, and what would it take to deploy 500 more of them:

We currently have in inventory 80 new and used green metal litter containers which are intended for purposes of replacing existing containers that are in poor condition. The purchase price from the last bid on these containers was approximately \$400 per unit, so an estimated cost to procure 500 additional containers is \$200,000. DPW has estimated an approximate cost to service litter containers of \$529 per container per year on average. The cost of servicing an additional 500 litter containers equates to an estimated annual addition to operating costs of \$264,500. DPW currently services approximately 1,150 litter containers in the city, of which about 180 are of the 40-gallon green metal can variety. DPW's standard purchase litter container is a 95-gallon wheeled, domed-lid plastic cart which costs approximately \$195 per unit.

Coggs/ Lewis/ Stamper: Status of tire disposal file

File Number 170183 was passed by the Common Council 7/30/2019 with an effective date of 8/16/2019. This file relates to regulations for disposition of waste tires with administration by DNS.

Coggs: Haulers available for apt. garbage service in City of Milwaukee

The License Division for the City of Milwaukee currently shows 5 businesses licensed as Private Waste Collectors operating in Milwaukee.

Coggs: DCD foreclosed homes. How do we get notice so we pull carts?

The Department of City Development's Real Estate Division contacts Sanitation directly with requests for carts to be pulled from City owned properties that are vacant.

Coggs: Amendment pay as you throw – what is status of it?

Alderwoman Coggs references file number 171165 which she sponsored in November of 2017. This file was introduced to the council but was not scheduled at the committee level. This is still the current status and no further progress has been made.

Coggs: Move snow & ice messaging out to social media.

Stamper: Shovel out carts – Notice in social media this winter.

Agreed, DPW will be continue our increased use of social media (Facebook, Twitter, and NextDoor) for messaging of snow and ice control impacts and the requirements of residents to clear their sidewalk and garbage/recycling carts of snow and ice.

Coggs/Lewis: Nuisance vegetation, a problem on City owned properties

Nuisance vegetation on City owned properties is completed when requested by contractor or training crew as possible with the resources available.

Stamper: Mowing contractors have to pick up the needles.

Mowing contractors are not trained or equipped to remove biohazardous material. DPW will explore options to refer biohazardous waste removal on a City-owned vacant lot to an appropriate contractor.

Stamper: Well Kept Landscaping should be invited to talk to our CBO's as a success story and to other main contractors that are available as sub-contractors.

Forestry Technical Services will coordinate this effort and communicate with Well Kept Landscaping to motivate other contractors toward SBE certification.

Stamper: Litter signs. 8th & North, Clark and Center

No Littering sign requests have been referred to Infrastructure Services.

Stamper: Stumping – How much an increase in sewer maintenance funds for stumping contract costs?

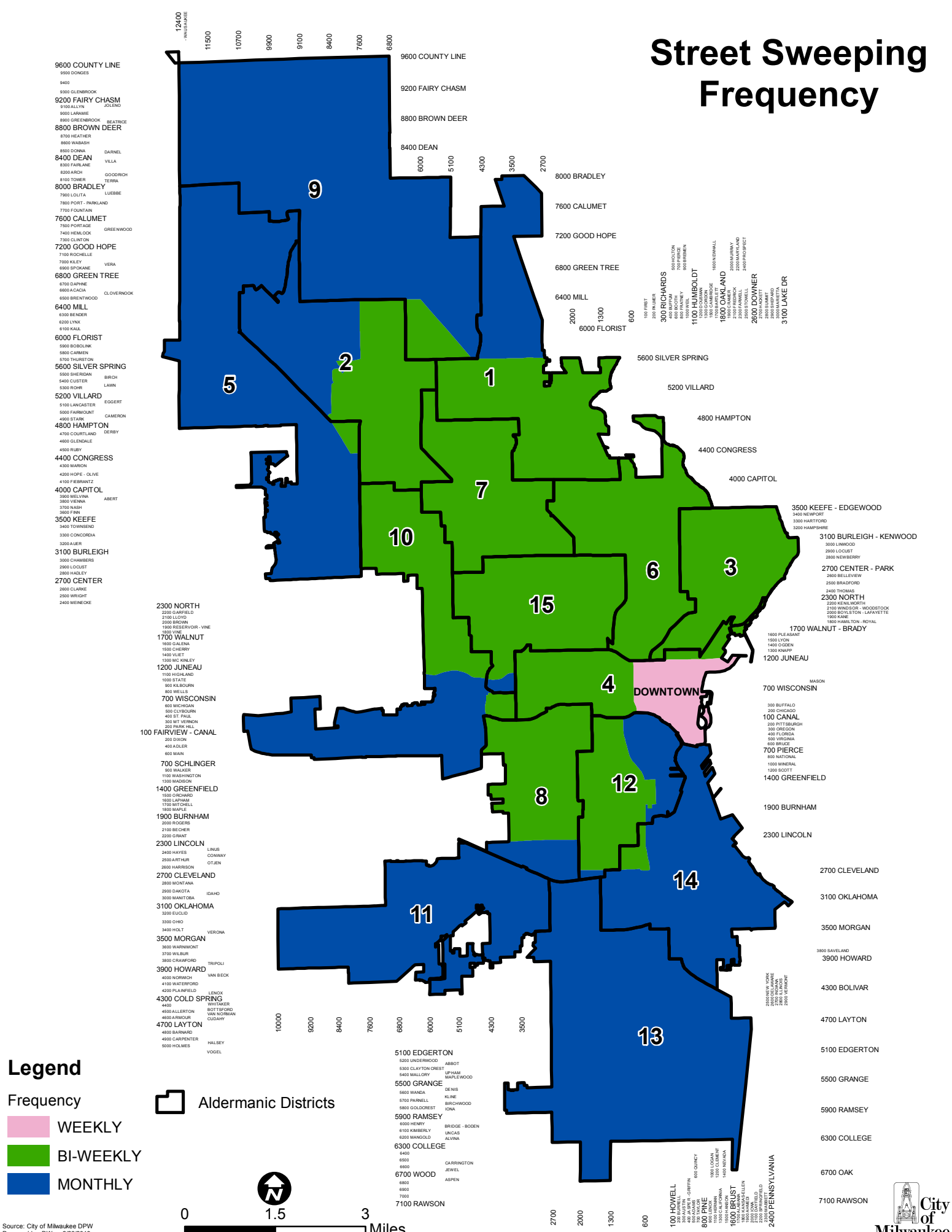
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Coggs: Utilize Northcott as pre-apprenticeship. Funding is not in the 2020 budget.

Forestry's 2019 Dombrowski Landscape Training program recruited and hired participants from a pool of former Compete Milwaukee workers well in advance of the new Arborist Pre-Apprenticeship training program developed in 2019 between Northcott Neighborhood House, MATC, and private tree care companies.

DPW will explore opportunities to work more closely with Northcott Neighborhood House in future workforce development training initiatives.

Street Sweeping Frequency



Legend

Frequency

- WEEKLY
- BI-WEEKLY
- MONTHLY

Aldermanic Districts