

AGENDA ITEM # _____

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**CITY OF GOODYEAR
CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

SUBJECT:

**Authorize the City Manager to execute
a multi-city Intergovernmental
Agreement to hold a semi-annual
Household Hazardous Waste collection
Day Event**

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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), and any other necessary documentation to carry out the intent of the IGA, with the Cities of Avondale, Litchfield Park and Tolleson, to hold a semi-annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Event.

PURPOSE:

Entering into a multi-city intergovernmental agreement for a semi-annual household hazardous waste (HHW) disposal event would promote fiscal responsibility, protect the integrity of the city's sewer system and groundwater, display regional unity in the Southwest Valley, and promote environmental awareness and education in our residents.

BACKGROUND AND COMMUNITY BENEFIT:

The improper disposal of hazardous waste can seriously impact the integrity of the City's sewer system and our groundwater. Diverting hazardous waste from the sewer systems is vital as hazardous materials may interfere with the City's ability to effectively process wastewater. Additionally, diverting hazardous waste material from the landfills is critical in protecting groundwater from the potential leaching of the waste, which can pose serious risks to human health. Disposing of these materials in the landfills additionally compromises the safety of solid waste workers, and the conservation of costly landfill space.

By conducting a semi-annual HHW collection day event, the cities can reduce their exposure to possible liability for cleanup of contamination resulting from improper hazardous waste disposal. Ultimately, the proper disposal of hazardous waste through a City event promotes a safer environment for the community, increases awareness of hazardous waste and our responsibility in the proper collection, storage and disposal of it, and helps promote a proactive community.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

In 1976, the Federal Government enacted the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (Public 98-616, 42 U.S. Code §§6901-6992 (k), which set strict

requirements for the transportation, storage, treatment and disposal of hazardous waste, but provides a limited exception from the law's disposal requirements (allowing methods of disposal not generally permitted for hazardous waste) for waste generated by households and other residential sources, generally referred to as "household hazardous waste." Understanding the potential threats that household hazardous materials may pose to human health and the environment, the City of Goodyear is proactively making efforts to host a semi-annual, multi-city Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Event. This will allow City residents to bring their hazardous materials to one location, where they will be gathered and prepared for proper disposal.

The Cities of Avondale, Litchfield Park and Tolleson desire to work cooperatively with Goodyear and participate in the event, with Avondale and Goodyear alternately hosting the event location. Including other Southwest Valley Cities in this event through an Intergovernmental Agreement will allow the Cities to work together in promoting and displaying a regional unity towards keeping the Southwest Valley environmentally safe.

Through the Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, the City of Goodyear can use the Maricopa County Environmental Services, CON-CX-3072-A1-15 agreement with PSC Environmental Services. PSC and designated city employees from each city will conduct the event.

The household hazardous waste collection day event is scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Goodyear Ballpark located at 1933 S. Ballpark Way.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Beginning in fiscal year 2013, two Household Hazardous Waste events were hosted annually; one in the City of Goodyear and one in the City of Avondale. Residential participation has ranged between 110 to as high as 585 vehicles. Event costs hosted in Goodyear have ranged from as low as \$30,000 to as high as \$53,000 per event. Event costs to Goodyear that were hosted in Avondale have ranged from as low as \$11,000 to as high as \$15,000 per event.

The Sanitation Division anticipates the total participation for fiscal year 2016 to reach 900 combined. As the host city, Goodyear will be billed the full cost by the selected vendor to conduct the event on November 7, 2015. Sanitation has budgeted \$70,238 for this fiscal year. The fall event hosted by Goodyear is anticipated at \$62,000; however, each additional participating city will be required to reimburse Goodyear on a per participant cost from their respective cities. The funds received by the other participating cities will reduce Goodyear's fall event cost and will then be applied to cover the cost for the Avondale hosted event.

ATTACHMENTS:

Intergovernmental Agreement with the cities of Avondale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park and Tolleson.