



**AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Agenda Item number: 6.d

Title: Presentation Overview of 2018 Leaf Collection Program and Review Future of Yard Waste Program

Presenter: AJ Reineking

Meeting: Government Services Committee

Date: September 24, 2018

Proposed Cost: N/A

Budgeted Amount: N/A

Not Budgeted:

**Executive Summary** *(if not budgeted please explain):*

In 2014 the City entered into a 5-year agreement with Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. for citywide brush and leaf collection services. In total, the City receives 8 monthly brush collections (April – November) and 3 leaf collection cycles, which typically take place in late October and concludes by early December.

Over the course of the contract, the City has instructed Kramer to delay the initial leaf collection from the week before Halloween to the week of Halloween in order to maximize the volume of leaves dropped. This year’s program will begin on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Still, as the City and its residents have sought to maximize the diversity of the urban forest, we have found that some species of trees have a tendency to hang onto their leaves well into the late fall and even early winter season. This year, the City’s new garbage contract with LRS has included a free leaf bag collection services for residents during the month of December to supplement the City’s curbside collection program.

At the conclusion of the leaf season, the City’s contract with Kramer will be complete and staff will seek bids to perform leaf and brush collection work for the coming years.

**Attachments** *(please list):*

None

**Recommendation/Suggested Action** *(briefly explain):*

Staff Seeks the Committee’s Feedback