

August 11, 2025

Council President Ryan Kost
Lansing City Council
124 W. Michigan Ave
Lansing, MI 48933

Re: Proposed Ordinance – Chapter 1060 Solid Waste Collection

Dear Council President Kost,

On behalf of the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, we are writing regarding your proposed amendments to Chapter 1060 of the Lansing Codified Ordinances, which would establish the City as the sole provider of curbside solid waste collection for residential properties.

We would like to better understand the intent and objectives behind this ordinance. Specifically:

- What issue or challenge is the ordinance intended to address?
- Have you engaged with stakeholders, including private waste haulers, neighborhood associations, and business organizations, to discuss the potential impacts?
- Have you received input from residents who currently value the ability to choose their waste hauler?
- What considerations have been made regarding competition, service quality, and cost to residents?
- Given the City of Lansing Public Service Department's current operational challenges — including workforce shortages, repeated delays in yard waste pickup, and snow removal issues — how would the City address these existing concerns while taking on additional responsibility for all residential curbside solid waste collection?
- If the rationale for this ordinance includes road maintenance, what is the City's broader proposal to address the condition of roads and sidewalks? How is the city currently addressing funding roads?
- What is the long-term vision for this type of ordinance? If residential curbside solid waste collection is centralized now, what could be next?

We look forward to understanding the goals, intended outcomes, and anticipated impacts of this proposal, as well as the level of stakeholder engagement to date.



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Our intent is to have a constructive conversation on how to best serve the residents and businesses of Lansing while ensuring that any changes are in the community's long-term best interest.

We appreciate your time and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Tim Daman
President & CEO
Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce