

Request for Committee Action

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Subject:

Request for Proposals for Graffiti Abatement Services

Description:

Authorizing proper City officials to issue a Request for Proposal for graffiti abatement services for graffiti that cannot be successfully abated by the Division of Solid Waste and Recycling staff.

Previous Actions:

May 24, 2013: Authorize the appropriate City officials to negotiate and enter into two contracts for services with Sani-Masters, Inc. and MJV Services for a term of three (3) years, for the abatement of graffiti that could not be successfully abated by the Division of Solid Waste and Recycling staff.

Ward/Neighborhood/Address:

All Wards

Background/Analysis:

The Division of Solid Waste and Recycling (SW & R) is responsible for tracking, enforcing, and/or abating graffiti in the City of Minneapolis. Graffiti reported to SW & R, through Minneapolis 311, or by alternate means is photographed and categorized as to type (gang, tagger, snipe, etc.), surface (sensitive such as unpainted wood, brick or stucco or non-sensitive such as painted wood, metal or concrete), distance from ground (grade to eight feet, nine to 18 feet, and exceeding 18 feet) and property type.

Approximately 41% of all reported graffiti is on private property. The abatement of graffiti on private property is the responsibility of the property owner. SW&R is responsible for enforcing the abatement of graffiti from commercial, residential, and industrial property throughout the City, and for providing abatement services to property owners that are unwilling or unable to successfully abate the graffiti themselves. The cost of enforcement services is borne by the City, the cost of abatement services, when provided, is passed on to the property owner.

City crews do not have equipment or training to abate graffiti from elevated locations such as grain elevators, billboards, or towers. The City does not have access to the latest technology for abatement of graffiti from certain sensitive surfaces without damage to the surfaces, or for abatement of graffiti in low temperatures. Approximately 30% of private property abatements require abatement by a professional contractor.

Financial Review:

No additional appropriation required, amount included in current budget.

- Approved by the Permanent Review Committee.**
- Meets Small and Underutilized Business Program goals.**