

OAK HILL

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GARBAGE/RECYCLING SERVICES

The City of Oak Hill advertised and received five sealed bids from outside companies to pick up garbage and recycling for all residents. The bids were opened to the public in November, 2015. Staff and Commissioners have been evaluating the bid proposals with the understanding that they will make a decision (January 26) on the company that will provide this service beginning in March 2016.

Currently, the City pays \$443,940 per year to provide garbage/recycling services to the residents of Oak Hill. With the Hall Income Tax dropping from over \$600,000 in annual revenue two years ago to less than \$300,000 last year, the

Board of Commissioners has to find ways to balance the budget.

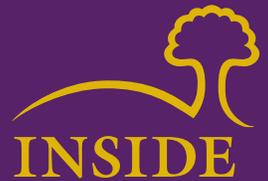
The bid package was designed to allow the City to look at a number of different scenarios prior to selecting a company. All options were based on back door service.

Based on the bids received, and the assumption that the City would select the low bid, it appears that there are options available that will reduce the overall cost for garbage/recycling services. Here are a couple of examples. Be mindful that there are several different options:

1. If the City continues with service exactly the same as it is now, the overall cost for a 3 year contract would be slightly more: \$1,331,820 (current) to \$1,336,860 (new) = \$5,040 (Additional).

2. If the City chooses to change from twice a week pick up to once a week pickup, the cost for a three year contract would reduce from \$1,331,820 (current) to \$1,098,090 (new) = \$233,730 (Savings).

Anyone interested in receiving a copy of the bid results should contact City Manager Jeff Clawson (jeff.clawson@oakhilltn.us).



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The mission of the City of Oak Hill is to preserve its natural resources and residential environment; to offer an enhanced level of services to its citizens; and to provide a strong sense of community pride with historical awareness, all within close proximity to a world-class metropolitan area.

Opt-In to Receive Important Updates from the City

The City releases important information to residents in the form of an eBlast which is sent directly to your email. To Opt-in to receive these news and updates, please visit: <http://oakhilltn.us/connect>

Residents who opt-in will receive information regarding the quarterly eNewsletter and upcoming events and deadlines among other topics. Official information from the City of Oak Hill is distributed from Administration@oakhilltn.us, jeff.clawson@oakhilltn.us or robyn.kevlin@oakhilltn.us only. Please add this email to your safe senders list.



NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS

Oak Hill has three elected Commissioners that serve staggered four-year terms. Two Commissioners were elected in 2014 and will serve until 2018. One Commissioner was elected in 2012 and will serve until 2016.

Recently, the Board of Commissioners (BOC) discussed the 2016 election. Currently, there is one Commissioner seat that expires in the summer of 2016. The election will be held on Tuesday, June 7th, 2016 for the one open seat.

The option to change from three to five Commissioners has and is being evaluated. If the Commissioners authorize a referendum question to be placed on an upcoming Oak Hill election ballot, then the citizens will decide if Oak Hill should change from three Commissioners to five Commissioners. The earliest this question can be on the ballot is the 2018 Oak Hill election.

At the 2018 election, there will be two Commissioner seats open. If nothing changes, the election will be to fill these two seats. If the BOC authorizes the question to increase from 3 to 5 Commissioners then the citizens will vote on this question.

The process requires the BOC to authorize a referendum question on the ballot asking the citizens if they would like to change from 3 to 5 Commissioners (According to State Law and the City Charter). If the BOC authorizes this question, then (assuming it's the 2018 election) there will be four seats to fill; the two existing seats and the two new seats. If the question passes, the top four vote getters will take the available seats. If the question does not pass, then only the top two vote getters for the available seats (based on a maximum number of three Commissioners) will take the seats.

NEW MEETING SCHEDULE

There are three standing monthly meetings for the City of Oak Hill. They are:

- Planning Commission (PC): They meet on the first Tuesday of each month.
- Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA): They meet on the third Tuesday of each month.
- Board of Commissioners (BOC): They meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

This schedule is different than it has been in the past. A one page schedule for all three boards for calendar year 2016 is available upon request.

Mayor
Ron Coles

Vice Mayor
Heidi Campbell

Commissioner
Austin McMullen

Planning Commission

Patricia Carlson, Chair
Stacy Widelitz, Vice Chair
John Gillespie
Wade Hill
Michael Barry
Heidi Campbell, Vice-Mayor
Bill Cary
Robert Diehl
Susan Eaton

Board of Zoning Appeals

Lance Iverson, Chair
Trevor Howell
John F.K. Flanagan

City Manager

Jeff Clawson 615-371-8291

Administrative Assistant

Victoria Talbott 615-371-8291

Administrative Staff

Robyn Kevlin 615-371-8291

City Attorney

Marshall Albritton

City Engineer

Kimley - Horn & Assoc.

Building Official

Bill Burdette 615-371-8291

Safety Officer

Tommy Campsey 615-557-7329

Meeting Dates

All meetings will be held at the
City Office at 5 p.m.
5548 Franklin Pike Suite 102

Board of Commissioners Meeting
Fourth Tuesday

Planning Commission Meeting
First Tuesday

Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting
Third Tuesday

City Office

5548 Franklin Pike, Suite 101,
Nashville, TN 37220
Phone: 615-371-8291
Fax: 615-691-7788
Hours: Monday-Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



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PHONE TEXT SERVICE

The City of Oak Hill has a NEW phone text service. If you are interested in signing up for this service, simply send a request along with your name and cell phone number to: jeff.clawson@oakhilltn.us. Within a few days, instructions will be sent to your phone with the details to sign up.

This text service will be used to notify citizens of various meetings or issues. Be aware that if you pay a fee for data minutes on your phone, there may be a fee for each text received.

BUDGET REPORT

A budget report was presented to the Board of Commissioners at their December meeting providing an update on the City's finances. This report represents the first five months of the City's fiscal year that began on July 1, 2015. This report is available upon request.

An overview of the budget shows concerns in reference to the loss of revenue from the Hall Income Tax. This line item is being evaluated by the Tennessee Department of Revenue to confirm its accuracy. An internal audit will also be conducted to identify any Oak Hill residents that may have forgotten to include the City of Oak Hill on their tax return.

Other than the Hall Income Tax all other key revenue line items look solid and most are up this year over last.

From an expense standpoint, all line items of the budget are being evaluated for accuracy. Better line item descriptions are being incorporated to ensure understanding of each actual expense. Three key services are out for bid right now. Garbage and recycling bids were opened in November and will be finalized in January to start a new contract in March. Public Works services as well as Chipper services are out for bid also. These bids will be opened in January and the Board of Commissioners will award a contract in January for both services effective March 1, 2016.

It appears that some savings will come from these awards that will help shore up the bottom line from a budgetary standpoint.

The goal of the Board is to provide the best possible services to the citizens without reaching into cash reserves. At this point, the overall budget for the fiscal year looks solid.

Beginning in February, 2016, the Board of Commissioners along with the City Manager will begin the process of putting together a budget for fiscal year 2016-2017.

HALL INCOME TAX

The largest revenue stream for the City of Oak Hill is the Hall Income Tax. This is a tax required by the State of Tennessee and paid (if required) on your annual State of Tennessee Income Tax Return.

The amount paid to the State is divided between the State and the local community. In order for the local community to receive their share, a resident must include a special code that denotes the community.

Oak Hill CodeRed Warning System in Time for Winter Weather



The CodeRed Weather Warning system is a free, customizable service provided to citizens of Oak Hill with weather warnings you want to receive. Categories include Tornado Warnings, Flash Flood Warnings, and Severe Thunderstorm Warnings. So if your property doesn't flood and you do not want to be awakened in the middle of the night by this concern, you can now opt-out of it, but still receive a call if a tornado is heading toward Oak Hill

**Choose
Only The
Warnings
You Wish
To
Receive**

All warning calls are made whenever the National Weather Service issues a warning for Oak Hill, but you will only receive the call if you sign up for the voluntary service.

You can sign up by going to the City's website, www.oakhilltn.us. During the enrollment process, you can choose the warnings you wish to receive. If you are already signed up and wish to change the type of warnings you receive, you can make changes on the website. Also, Apple product users can visit the iTunes store to download a free app from Emergency Communications Network. You can find the app by searching CodeRed in the app store. With this app not only will you be alerted when you are at home in Oak Hill, but also will receive a notification on your phone if the National Weather Service issues a warning for the area in which your phone is located.

**QUICK
CALL
LIST**

City of Oak Hill

5548 Franklin Pike, Suite 101
Nashville, TN 37220
Phone: 615-371-8291
FAX: 615-891-7788
www.oakhilltn.us

Solid Waste Services

Chipper Service:
Clean Earth
Garbage/Recycling Pickup:
Clean Earth
Snow & Ice Management Svc.:
Mid Tennessee Erosion
Public Street Repairs, Street
Signage and Drainage
Maintenance:
City Office 615-371-8291
Emergency:
911

Non-Emergency Fire:
615-327-1300
Non-Emergency Police:
615-862-8600
Mid-Town Hills Patrol:
615-880-1411
1443 12 Ave. South
Nashville, TN 37203
Oak Hill Safety Coordinator:
615-557-7329

Hall Income Tax

It is unusual for a citizen to live in a community and not have a mailing address that reflects that community's name. Since Oak Hill residents have a different mailing address, if the code is not indicated on the individual tax return, then the City of Oak Hill does not get credit for the tax.

It is important to understand that you are legally obligated to pay the tax regardless of what community you live in. It does not cost any more if you live in Oak Hill.

The Statement below is located on Page 1 of your State of Tennessee income tax return.

Because a portion of the tax goes back to the city of county of residence, please provide the county and city (if within an incorporated municipality) of the taxpayer's legal residence on the lines below.

County: DAVIDSON

City: OAK HILL

The statement below is located on Page 3 of your State of Tennessee income tax return.

Distribution of Income Taxes Collected: Three-Eighths (3/8) of the income taxes collected are distributed among the cities and counties of the state. In order for the taxes to be properly distributed, please provide the name of the county and city (if taxpayer resides within an incorporated municipality) of the taxpayer's legal residence in the appropriate space on the front of the return.

FACEBOOK PAGE

The City of Oak Hill has a Facebook Page. To view this page after opening Facebook, just type "City of Oak Hill" (in the search area).

We use this page on a routine basis to advise citizens of various situations or notifications, including meeting schedules.



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