I. MINUTES
   1. Minutes of Directors’ Meeting of July 18, 2016.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

III. CITY CLERK

IV. MAYOR’ CORRESPONDENCE
   1. NEWS RELEASE. “Stepping On” classes set for August and September in Wahoo.
   2. NEWS RELEASE. Improvement to 66th Street to begin in August.

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

FINANCE/TREASURER

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   1. Administrative Amendment No. 16049 approved by the Planning Director on July 21, 2016.
   2. Urban Design Committee meeting agenda for Tuesday, August 2, 2016.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES
   1. Responses to City Council questions.

VI. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS
   1. Public Building Commission (PBC) (07.19.16) - Camp, Raybould
   2. Internal Liquor Committee (ILC) (07.25.16) - Christensen, Fellers, Eskridge
   3. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) (06.26.16) - Eskridge, Gaylor Baird
   4. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (07.28.16) - Eskridge
   5. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) (07.28.16) - Lamm

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
   1. Jane Polson listing concerns on proposed mandatory recycling.
   2. Tyler Mainquist in favor of increasing materials which are recycled.
   4. Charlotte Miller encouraging businesses and institutions to do more recycling.
   5. Pam Baker in strong support of recycling.
   6. Richard Becker with comments regarding the budget proposal.
   7. Megan Paul in support of proposal to increase recycling options and requirements.
   8. Amy Birky in support of the city’s recycling efforts.
   9. Jerry Pietzyk asking for a no vote on the recycling ordinance over-reach.
IX. CITIZEN CORRESPONDENCE
1. Molly Schwisow in support of the Recycle Lincoln! ordinance.
2. Teri Hlava very much in support of the recycling efforts.
3. Richard Sutton in support of the Mayor’s change in recycling protocol.
4. Barb Haith listing three issues with Lincoln taxes.
5. Marty Hager urging passage of the recycling ordinance.
6. Molly Nance in support of expanded recycling in Lincoln.
7. Edward Weniger vote against this recycling and going through citizens’ trash.
8. Nancy Svoboda recycling is important to our city.
9. Brittany Bowdish asking Council to support the recycling initiative.
11. Susan Ferris against making landlords responsible for tenants recycling behaviors.
12. Joan Anderson in support of the recycling initiative.
13. Laurie Montag not in favor of recycling initiative and criminalizing citizens for disposal.
15. Valdeen Anelsen in support of expanded recycling.
16. Pippa White Lawson supporting the recycling proposal.
17. Arda Pounds in support of a proper recycling system.
18. Rosemary Thornton in support of requiring citizens to recycle.
19. Darlene Starman against mandatory recycling, must be kept voluntary. Overreach.
20. Robin Butolph encouraging Council to vote no on the recycling ordinance.
22. Jean Piontek stating do not hold landlords accountable for all recycling at properties they own.
23. Cindy Loope strongly in favor of the mandatory recycling.
24. William Wood against landlords being responsible for tenants trash. Ordinance needs work.
25. Beth Thomas in favor of recycling cardboard.
26. JoEllen Polzien strongly support recycling in Lincoln.
27. Moni Usasz excited about expanding Lincoln’s recycling options.
29. Christine Starr Davis expressing her support for expanded recycling.
30. Kim Zwiener strongly opposing the recycling proposal putting more restrictions on property owners.
31. Jon Rademacher against mandatory recycling as a property manager.
32. David Schaefer, property owner and landlord, very upset on the way this recycling has come about. Unfair for landlords and ordinance certainly needs work.
33. Christine Neth, business owner, listing concerns with proposed recycling ordinance. Language, cost, being responsible for other people.
34. Barb Fisher asking questions about the proposed recycling initiative.
35. Kevin Stoner urging Council to vote against the recycling plan.
36. James Vaughn the proposed recycling bill is bad legislation. Painfully hard to enforce and an added expense.
37. Dennis Macek stating we need more recycling in Lincoln.
38. Bo Jones, Tru-Built Construction, now there isn’t a good way for the construction industry to keep recyclables from going to the landfill.
39. Donna Roller supporting the new recycle plan.
40. Matt Schaefer, Everett Neighborhood Association, in support of the proposed recycling ordinance.
41. Concerned citizen against proposed recycling ordinance. Don’t need a nanny state.
42. Ann Loaris for the recycling ordinance. Lead the way in Nebraska.
43. Anne Kingsley in favor of the recycling ordinance. In future set forth for all business, households, and renters.
44. Andrew Hartman not in support of the recycling ordinance giving reasons why nearly impossible for construction companies and landlords.
45. Dustin Eisenbarth cannot support a recycling ordinance which will increase cost of construction.
46. Robert Bryant, CPA, stating his builder/remodeling clientele have job sites which are not fenced and no room for multiple roll-offs.
47. Andy Ringsmuth remarking on the LPS land for park swap.
48. Charles D. Humble representing the hauler’s association, LSWRA, answering a question from the Monday night meeting.
49. Barbara Griffith commenting on the budget and taxes.
50. Jason, Woita Homes, Inc., stating the recycling ordinance would cause more problems for new homes and remodels than a solution. Vote against.
51. Pat Anderson-Sifuentez writing on suggested budget cuts and problems within the city.
52. Becky Seth urging Council to vote for the recycle ordinance.
53. Ruth Firley strongly against the recycling ordinance. Spare the middle and low income people for additional burdens.
54. Marcus Powers, Zipline Brewing Co., voicing support for the recycle ordinance efforts.

X. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS
   See invitation list.

XI. ADJOURNMENT
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Aging Partners, 1005 “O” Street, Lincoln, NE  68508, 402-441-7070

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 25, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION:   Sarah Kruse, Wahoo Senior Services, 402-443-4463
                          Peggy Apthorpe, Aging Partners, 402-441-7796

“STEPPING ON” CLASSES SET FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER IN WAHOO

The public is invited to participate in free workshops designed to help older adults prevent falls. The program, “Stepping On – Building Confidence and Reducing Falls,” will be offered from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. every Friday in August and the first three Fridays in September. The last class will be September 16. Sessions will be held at the Wahoo Senior Center, 235 E. 4th Street, and are offered through combined efforts of Aging Partners and Wahoo Senior Services.

The “Stepping On” program was developed by Dr. Lindy Clemson of Sydney, Australia to help older adults learn to prevent falls. The workshops will help participants identify why they fall and learn to prevent falls with strength and balance exercises, home safety suggestions and a medication review. Research has shown that people who complete the workshop reduce their rate of falling by over 30 percent.

Funding is provided by a grant from the Nebraska Health and Human Services Injury Prevention Program. Participants may attend as many classes as they want and are encouraged to attend as many as possible. Preregistration is required by calling Peggy Apthorpe at 402-441-7796 or Sarah Kruse, Wahoo Senior Services, at 402-443-4463.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 25, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Erin Sokolik, Engineering Services, 402-416-9460

IMPROVEMENTS TO 66th STREET TO BEGIN IN AUGUST

Improvements to 66th Street from “X” to Fairfax streets are scheduled to begin Monday, August 8. The project will include replacing curbs and gutters and a mill and overlay with asphalt. Other work will include replacing damaged storm drainage inlet tops, pedestrian curb ramps, utility adjustments, and restoration of traffic signal elements impacted by the work.

Traffic will be maintained along 66th Street north of Starr Street. The intersection of 66th and Holdrege will be closed for a few hours during both the milling and overlay operations. 66th Street south of Starr will be closed to through traffic during construction; however, local access will be maintained where possible. Driveway closures will not exceed 10 days. Access to businesses will be maintained at all times. Construction is expected to be completed by November 2016.

The entire project team appreciates the support and understanding of the public during the project. For more information on the 66th Street project, contact Erin Sokolik at esokolik@lincoln.ne.gov or 402-416-9460. More information on other City construction projects is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects).

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OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

JULY 27, 2016

TO: MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER & CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: FINANCE DEPARTMENT / CITY TREASURER

SUBJECT: MONTHLY CITY CASH REPORT

The records of this office show me to be charged with City cash as follows at the close of business June 30, 2016

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I desire to report that such City cash was held by me as follows which I will deem satisfactory unless advised and further directed in the matter by you.

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The negative bank balances shown above do not represent the City as overdrawn in these bank accounts. In order to maximize interest earned on all City funds, deposits have been invested prior to the Departments' notification to the City Treasurer's office of these deposits; therefore, these deposits are not recorded in the City Treasurer's bank account balances at month end.

I also hold as City Treasurer, securities in the amount of $21,391,533.05 representing authorized investments of the City's funds.

**ATTEST:**

Joel Wittrock, Assistant City Treasurer

Soulinée Phan, Deputy City Treasurer
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Date: July 26, 2016
To: City Clerk
From: Amy Huffman, Planning Dept.
Re: Administrative Approvals
cc: Mayor Chris Beutler
    Planning Commission
    Geri Rorabaugh, Planning Dept.

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from July 19, 2016 through July 25, 2016:

Administrative Amendment No. 16049 to Special Permit #581, Candle Tree at Regency CUP, approved by the Planning Director on July 21, 2016, to revise building setbacks to 30' on the north and west, 50' on the south and east, and 25' along Candletree Lane, in order to reflect existing conditions; and to approve a variance of one foot at identified points to accommodate existing structures, generally located at A Street and Regency Drive.
URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE

The City of Lincoln Urban Design Committee will have a regularly scheduled public meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 210 on the 2nd floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda. For more information, contact the Planning Department at (402) 441-7491.

AGENDA

1. Approval of UDC meeting record of July 12, 2016.

DISCUSSION

2. Lincoln Children's Zoo expansion (Zoo and Parks & Recreation Dept.)

3. Staff Report & misc.

Urban Design Committee's agendas may be accessed on the Internet at http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/boards

ACCOMMODATION NOTICE

The City of Lincoln complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 guidelines. Ensuring the public's access to and participating in public meetings is a priority for the City of Lincoln. In the event you are in need of a reasonable accommodation in order to attend or participate in a public meeting conducted by the City of Lincoln, please contact the Director of Equity and Diversity, Lincoln Commission on Human Rights, at 402 441-7624 as soon as possible before the scheduled meeting date in order to make your request.
PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

Responses to City Council Outstanding Questions (Budget Meeting – July 23, 2016)

1. Break down the cost of the rate increases – **Water and Wastewater**:
   a. Wastewater: 1% increase equates to $325,000.
   b. Water: 1% increase equates to $350,000.
   c. 5% Increases:
      i. Year 1 - $1.6 M for Wastewater; $1.75 M for Water.
      ii. Year 2 - $3.2 M for Wastewater; $3.5 M for Water.
      iii. Total is $4.8 M for Wastewater; $5.25 M for Water.

2. Break down the dollars for rate increases – **Solid Waste Operations**:
   a. $1 Landfill Fee or Occupation Tax equates to $300,000.
   b. $4 increase for Solid Waste equates to $1.2 M.
   c. $1 increase in other user fees equates to $165,000.
   d. $2 increase in other user fees equates to approximately $1 in tipping fee.

3. For the Biogas Project, are we open to a P3 possibility?
   a. **Yes.** All options are on the table. However, we want the ability to broker the best deal for our ratepayers, including building it ourselves and recouping the renewable fuel credits and additional revenue.
   b. No matter how it’s funded, the co-gen facility needs to be replaced. It has served its useful life and we must have authority in the CIP to replace it.
   c. Private companies can’t apply for public grants but we can; StarTran has applied for a grant. We want to retain our flexibility to use grant funds by authorizing the project in the CIP.
   d. This option for replacement of the co-gen facility came highly recommended by industry experts from UNL, MUD, Black Hills, LES and private engineering firms.

4. If we reduce the Water and Wastewater rate to 3%, what projects could be impacted?
   a. **WATER**: a reduction to 3% equates to $2.1 M in year 1 and 2; $14.7 M over the 6 year CIP. Projects that may be impacted:
      i. Yankee Hill Pump Station (Serving the Heart Hospital) Year 1 and Year 3.
      ii. Water Main Replacement Program Year 1 and 2.
      iii. Water Reserve Fund (Year 4 – 6) and Geotechnical work for locating new treatment facility (Year 3).
   b. **WASTEWATER**: a reduction to 3% equates to $1.95 in year 1 and 2; $13.65 M over the 6 year CIP. Projects that may be impacted:
      i. Beal Slough trunk sewer Year 1 and Year 2.
      ii. NPDES Nutrient Removal Years 5 and Year 6.
      iii. New Growth Projects Years 3 through 6.
      iv. Oak Creek Trunk Sewer Year 6.
      v. Steven’s Creek Trunk Sewer Year 2 and Year 3.
Hi Jon,

I live in your Council District and have some concerns about the proposed mandatory recycling for corrugated cardboard, newspaper, and office paper.

Let me first say, that I am absolutely committed to educating the public about recycling — about what can and can’t be recycled, where they can access the drop-off sites as well as those who provide curbside recycling for a fee, providing examples of consumer products that have recycled content to better inform buyers of good, environmentally-preferred choices.

Personally, we pay for curbside recycling because recycling is in our very nature. We wholehearted believe in recycling all we can and do so resulting in very little trash!

However, I do have some concerns about making recycling mandatory including:

1. Older or non-mobile residents’ ability to take the products to a drop-off center. Those folks would then be required to pay for curbside collection to abide by the mandatory requirement and many are on fixed incomes. Even making older adults who do have cars, load and unload their cars and drive to a recycling center could be problematic.

2. Low income families who struggle just to get food on the table. They certainly can’t afford the cost of curbside collection, nor can they afford the extra gas for their car if they are fortunate enough to even own a car.

3. Increased costs to taxpayers and the City of Lincoln. The cost may sound minimal to many, but it could be for many others. This proposal comes at a time when recyclers across the country are going out of business because the end markets are so low. Has a cost-benefit analysis been done on what the actual costs to the city will be during this down market time?

4. The potential to force smaller haulers who do not presently have a recycling component as part of their businesses either out of business -- or it would require them to add a substantial investment just to meet the City’s requirement of all haulers to also pick up recyclables. It seems like an unfair business practice to force to mandate all haulers to also offer curbside recycling.

5. If there is a NEED to make the recycling of corrugated cardboard, newspaper and office paper mandatory, then start with the business and industry communities. However, to make it mandatory for residents should be the last resort for all the reasons outlined above.

Thank you for looking at all sides of the issue Jon!

Jane Polson
Hello Councilman Camp.

Just a quick note prior to this evening’s meeting:

I am very much in favor of increasing the amount of materials that are recycled, and decreasing the amount that goes to our landfill.

I have been recycling as much as possible myself since the mid-80’s – here in Lincoln – and I have been following the developments and the markets throughout that time. I have listened to excuses that friends, family and neighbors made as to why they are not doing it as well. Early it was because it was inconvenient to drive to a recycling center; now that more haulers are providing curbside service, the reason has become more that they do not understand the ramifications. I wouldn’t necessarily say it is “laziness” but more that is easy and painless to just have the haulers take everything to the landfill. Unless there are incentives or penalties for doing so, it seems that behavioral inertia will keep things as they are.

I would like our landfill to last longer, before having to pay to expand it – a cost that will need to be covered by all local citizens in one way or another.

Greater recycling will mean greater opportunity for markets to develop for those products being diverted away from the landfill.

Through my participation with the Prosper Lincoln effort – on the Entrepreneurship and Innovation work group, as well as the Engagement Team – we learned of many of the attributes that younger members of the workforce are looking for. A community mentality of recycling and sustainability is key.

For these reasons and more, I would ask you to support efforts to increase the amount of recycling in this area.

Best regards,

Tyler Mainquist
5111 Union Hill Rd, 68516
tyler.mainquist@live.com
Hi Councilman Camp,

My name is Kelsey Arends, I'm one of your constituents (and met you years ago through Youth Leadership Lincoln), and I'm sending you a message today to ask you to please support the recycling initiative to be discussed at tonight's city council meeting. Recycling extends the life of landfills, boosts our local economy, and conserves resources for our futures. I know you've supported measures to increase recycling in the past, and I hope you'll continue to improve our city by supporting recycling tonight!

Thank you,
Kelsey

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Kelsey Arends
Nebraska Wesleyan 2014
Young Women's Circles Program
Nebraskans for Civic Reform

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." -Margaret Mead
I wish more big businesses and institutions did more in recycling, and anything that can be done to encourage this I believe would be beneficial. I understand that this will be discussed in the city council meetings. Thank you.      Charlotte Miller  1203 Hilltop Rd Lincoln NE
Dear Jon:

I wanted you to know that I strongly support recycling in Lincoln and urge you to take the strongest action possible to help Lincoln step up to best practice in caring for our earth and creating the healthiest community for our children and future generations. Because both my sister and daughter live in communities that recycle (and have for many years) - I'd like to bring Lincoln up to that standard. Thank you for your support!

My best,

Pam Baker
pam@ygm.com
From: Becker <rbecker6@neb.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2016 8:21 AM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: FW: City Budget Comments

Mr. Camp—I just read the article on the Council’s work on the city budget. Thank you for your efforts, I am sure that this discussion will continue until the final vote on August 10th.
Richard A. Becker

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From: Becker [mailto:rbecker6@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 7:57 AM
To: 'jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov' <jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov>
Subject: City Budget Comments

After reading the article in the Lincoln Journal Star regarding the property tax increase necessary to fund the city budget, I have a couple comments regarding the budget proposal.

1. The article makes reference to new taxes needed to keep up with city growth. One could argue that as the city grows, so grows the revenue from property tax, sales tax and all of the additional taxes that we pay to live in Lincoln.
2. In addition, we are looking at a 5% increase in water and wastewater fees.
3. A year ago there was discussion on the new assessed valuations all of us received and the increased property taxes that would be derived from the new assessment. We were told that the levy rates would stay the same and all of the new tax dollars were needed to fund existing or new programs.
4. This year we have a budget shortfall and new tax dollars are needed to fund existing and new programs.
5. The budget process seems very simple when the solution is to balance the budget by adding new tax dollars.
6. Budget work is never easy but it does seem to me that proposing a tax increase should come at the conclusion of the budget work cycle. According to the article, the final budget is scheduled for approval on August 10th. One could assume that much work will be done on the budget and the proposed tax increase prior to August 10th.
7. Thank you for the work you do as our Council representative.

Richard A. Becker
PLEASE support the proposal to increase recycling options and requirements in Lincoln! I moved here 9 years ago and was stunned then to learn about the limitations here. I drive past other people's houses and my jaw drops at what I see at the ends of their driveways, headed to the landfills. I practically have to argue to not be forced to accept single-use plastic bags for every purchase. To continue this way is short sighted. We need to do better, for now and for the future.

Sincerely,
Megan Paul
Support city's recycling efforts. I am embarrassed our town is so slow in realizing the benefits of recycling for all concerned. Amy Birky
John I would hope that you and the other counsel members research the cost of recycling cardboard. It is my understanding that it cost more to recycle than what it is worth. How would you enforce this ban? It is very disturbing to have a government entity require us to participate. I cant afford my garbage bill to go up and on top of that it is my understanding that the landfill is going raise their rates as well. Please vote NO on this over reach.
Greetings

Please support the Recycle Lincoln! ordinance to help build a more sustainable future. Supporting this ordinance will increase recycling within our community, grow our local economy, and save taxpayer dollars.

Best Regards,
~Molly Schwisow
Dear Lincoln City Council Members,

I am very much of support of the recycling efforts now being considered.

The conclusion I have reached is that our youth are responsive to recycling, but they have limited large-scale influence to home/business when parents/adults are not motivated to do so.

My experience over the past 10 years and talking with many who don’t, is that businesses and apartment houses are especially indifferent - in spite of being educated about city need, help and provisions!

This type of unresponsiveness is WHY I feel it needs to now be required - at least for paper and cardboard. To me, this particular issue is not “big gov’t telling us what to do” - this is helping the general welfare and providing for our community’s future.

Please share my support with other members of the city council this evening, and enter this into any public record. I am not sure the above email addresses are correct.

Sincerely,

Teri Hlava
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City Council Members-

I support the Mayor’s modest change in recycling protocol for Lincoln. We should have done this years ago and I would support even more comprehensive and mandatory recycling to extend the life of the landfill. Believe me, you do NOT want to be on the City Council when a new landfill site selection process happens!

Lincoln can really put itself on the map of progressive and conservative cities by moving toward ZERO waste by the year 2050. Remember that waste is something which we haven’t found a way to recycle. What might cost dollars and pennies today will be tens of thousands of dollars to deal with in the future.

Do not be short-sighted, penny-wise and pound foolish!

Richard Sutton
Issue #1
It is time for the Mayor to stop juggling the wheel tax fund and use it for street repair and take the snow removal fund from the general fund.

Issue #2
A misdemeanor for putting paper in the garbage???  What a joke!!!
I support recycling but only if it is on a voluntary basis.

Issue #3
Government MUST stop being a drain on the tax payers. Adding fees for every thing that comes along puts burden on the citizens of Lincoln. Lets look for savings in government operations.

Barb Haith
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Lincoln, NE  68506
402-440-4042
Dear Council Members,

Like anything worthwhile, there will be inconvenient realities associated with doubling Lincoln’s recycling rate. Convenience is a terrible reason to waste resources and use up valuable landfill space, please take a bold step and pass the Recycle Lincoln ordinance.

Kind regards,

Marty Hager
Hi, City Council members of Lincoln-

Unfortunately, I can’t attend tonight’s meeting to personally voice my support for expanded recycling in Lincoln, but please know that I fully support the initiative to increase recycling in our city. This is important to keeping our community clean and make use of valuable materials through recycling instead of adding to the waste in our landfill.

Thank you!
Molly C. Nance
The ordinance is a joke. Who are you to go digging through citizens' trash? Please vote against it!
To Whom It May Concern:

Please give your deep consideration for city-wide recycling. Recycling’s importance to our city, state, country and world is indisputable.

Here's to a healthier planet...to a healthier Lincoln--

Nancy S. Svoboda
Hello!
Please support the recycling initiative. We talk a lot about how Lincoln is a family oriented town, but how can we be if we're not thinking of the planet we're leaving behind for our children and their children? We are so far behind other communities when it comes to recycling. Please do what is right for our community and our planet.
Thank you,
Brittany

Sent from my iPhone
Please do whatever you can to maintain and expand recycling in the city of Lincoln. It is such an important service and we must do everything possible to encourage participation!

Janice Walker
1300 three pines court
Lincoln 68510

Sent from my iPad
Dear Lincoln City Council Members,

What happened? I am a conscientious recycle proponent, but this proposal that makes landlords responsible for recycling behaviors of their tenants is too much. Please make sure that this does not put the burden of compliance on the landlords!

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Council members, I support the recycling initiative and I urge your support. I have recycled newspapers since the days of taking them to a truck on N. 33rd St. That was in the 1970’s. After the neighborhood bins were made available I’ve recycled everything. Now I live at The Landing retirement community where I and my fellow residents recycle.

Thank you!

Joan Anderson
3500 Faulkner Dr. Apt. D206
Lincoln NE 68516
From: Laurie Montag <lkmonday@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2016 3:26 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Recycling

Please, please, please do not encumber the citizens of the city of Lincoln with the mayor's recycling mumbo jumbo. This is just another poorly-conceived grab at power that will certainly require creation of another bureaucracy to run and maintain. Criminalizing cardboard disposal? Really? This is absurd and unheard of. Please do not do this.

Look at the boondoggle that had been made of our streets this summer, particularly south side of town. You can scarcely get across Hwy 2 after 5! This city has more urgent priorities than cardboard in the landfill.

Thank you for your time.

Laurie Montag
1021 Mulder Dr
Lincoln, NE 68510
Dear City Council members,

I will not be able to attend the hearing tonight but am writing in support of the Recycle Lincoln initiative.

Regards,
Carla McCullough
1303 N. 42nd St.
Lincoln, NE 68503
We can/should do better as a 1st Class City. Please support expanded recycling.

Valdeen anelsen

Sent from my iPhone
Another citizen who supports improving the recycling rate in our lovely city.

Thank you for your consideration, and your hard work.

Pippa White Lawson
Dear Ones,

I have longed for the day when Lincoln, our Capital City and therefore the torch bearer for the entire state, would join the ranks of the enlightened and produce a proper recycling system! I watched a documentary not long ago, on PBS, that spotlighted San Francisco as the hallmark of thorough recycling. When you begin to organize our processes, I encourage you to look to San Francisco as a model to emulate.

I heartily encourage and wish for comprehensive recycling for Lincoln and am sorry I cannot be there tonight for your meeting.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Arda Pounds
Lincoln, NE 68504
To City Council Members:

Lincoln needs to get busy and require its citizens to recycle. We are way behind cities like Denver and Seattle where people are fined if they put recyclables in the trash. Lincoln, the capital city, should be setting an example for the rest of Nebraska.

Please do something about this!!

Rosemary Thornton

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Re-Cycling must be kept voluntary...this proposal is a huge overreach of city government and unenforceable and creates another HUGE government bureaucracy!!! The penalties are onerous and unconstitutional!!

VOTE NO!

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2003 President, Realtors Ass'n of Lincoln
To whom it concerns:
I encourage you to vote no on the recycling ordinance. The tax payer responsibility is unknown and the violations are ridiculously over-reaching.
Thank you for your consideration.
Robin Butolph

Sent from my iPhone
It is time to make recycling a part of Lincoln and its citizens.

We need to look at the long term effects of not recycling such as reduced service life of the existing landfill.

It is a small price to pay for the long term benefits this will bring to our community as a whole.

I encourage you to support the Recycle Lincoln Ordinance.

Bob

Bob Lewis
Director of Development
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It is my understanding this issue will be discussed today. What I heard was: **Landlords will be held accountable for all recycling at properties they own**. Besides the fact that this would be difficult to police, as a landlord, I don't think I should be responsible for my tenants' actions if they put cardboard in their trash. I am all for recycling, don't get me wrong, but it should be the tenants' responsibility, not the landlords. Trash is theirs and has nothing to do with a landlord.

Think this thru....please don't put it on the landlord.

Jean Piontek, GRI

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I had intended to be at the meeting this evening, but had to work late. I and my husband are both strongly in favor of the mandatory recycling of paper and cardboard. Thanks!
As a landlord I object to being forced to the recycling ordinance. Landlords should not be made responsible for the tenants. Tenants have the ability to either haul this material to the free sites themselves or to sign up for recycling services provided by various entities. Also, the misdemeanor provision should be removed. We have no control over what tenants place in the trash. Hopefully the city doesn’t want landlords to dig through the trash at each of their buildings to see what is in it daily. This ordinance is too ambiguous. It needs further work.

William J. Wood
808 “D” Street
Lincoln, NE 68502
I have recycled cardboard ever since containers were available at the recycling sites. So of course I'm for it. It's no big deal for me to get out my trusty knife when I have a large box to fold flat and get the job done. Thanks! Beth Thomas  5700 Shadow Pins Ct. Lincoln 68516
Dear City Council member:

I strongly support recycling in Lincoln and urge you to take the strongest action possible to make Lincoln a leader in not only recycling, but in all aspects of energy conservation, environmental conservation, and preparation for Lincoln to deal with the climate changes we are already experiencing.

Together, we can make a difference! We can make Lincoln a better place to live now and for our children and grandchildren and future generations long after we are gone.

Thank you for acting for our current and future citizens. Thank you for your part in making us proud to live in Lincoln!

JoEllen Polzien
We can change the world, one phone call, one letter, one person, one action, one hug at a time!
Dear City Council Member,

I am unable to attend tonight’s hearing. I just wanted you to know I’m VERY interested and excited about the opportunity to expand Lincoln’s recycling options. I personally have recycled since sometime in the 1970s and have seen shifts and changes over the years. Keeping recyclables out of the landfill definitely saves the life of the landfill and saves taxpayers money.

Thank you for voting FOR recycling!

Moni Usasz
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Dear City Council member,

I urge you to support expanding recycling in Lincoln in every way possible. Thanks for continuing to make Lincoln a great place to live!

Barb Francis, 4435 Pioneers Blvd, Lincoln NE.
Dear Council Member,

I’m writing to express my support for expanded recycling in Lincoln. As a person who has recycled for decades, I can say that I act on this support every day and have taught both of my daughters to do so as well. We even bring home paper and plastic when we are out and about because we often don’t find recycling receptacles around town. When I go to community events where recycling is clearly promoted (and receptacles available), I feel really proud of our city.

Thanks,

Christine Starr Davis  
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I strongly oppose the Recycle Ordinance Proposal. Putting even more restrictions, especially with judicial violations possible, on members of our community who own significant amounts of real estate—therefore contributing to a significant amount of our tax base, does not seem to be conducive to the growth and value of Lincoln Real Estate or Lincoln businesses.
Council members,

Please vote AGAINST mandatory recycling next week. I’m a property manager in addition to my duties as a full-time Realtor – my owners will be very upset if they’re forced to offer recycling to their tenants, and my workload (and hassle factor) will increase tremendously. While many of my tenants choose to recycle on their own (as we do at my household), this decision needs to remain with those who will do the recycling. Forcing us to do it is heavy-handed and reeks of ‘big government,’ and it’s just the wrong thing to do.

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My name is David Schaefer and I am a property owner and landlord in Lincoln NE. I am very upset on the way this recycling has come about. John Carlson came to us saying it was a proposed idea but the truth is its going to be done whether we like it or not. This cannot be compared to yard waste in any such form. As a landlord it has never and will never be the responsibility of the tenants on multi units to do the yard work? You have no idea how hard it is to get people to put the trash in the containers and no on the ground. Yard waste was never much of an inconvenience but paper and cardboard is major. You say you want to hold me criminally responsible for what someone else is doing?????? This is absurd!!!!!!
When you said all landlords must pay for garbage I complied and raised my rents to do so. Now you want me to raise rents on my tenants again???
Please tell me how I am going to make space for additional containers on all of my properties?
Please explain to me again how I have to be the one to enforce this on a tenant that has no responsibility because they are not being held liable?
Are you going to change the tenant landlord laws so that we can evict them for not complying with paper and cardboard laws?
If you red tag a container will it sit there for another week before it will be picked up?
So what do you do with the new trash while the container is reflagged and full?
Have you looked at the alleys downtown and can you explain to me how we are going to be able to double the amount of trash containers that already exist?
If this is so important why do you not educate the public more on how this is a benefit and give it some time to work on a voluntary basis before you force it on us?
I personally am strongly considering selling out in Lincoln and taking my investments elsewhere.

David Schaefer
Lincoln NE
402-570-3908
Council Members,

I am writing in regards to the Proposed Recycling Ordinance which is under review by the council. After reading the actual language of the proposed ordinance, I do have concerns. I am a small business owner, in the near downtown area.

The COST of these proposed changes is not being accurately depicted to the public. As a business owner, we either will have to have a separate dumpster & pickup for the cardboard recycling (an additional cost to the garbage company which I am certain they will pass along to me) or haul the cardboard to a recycling center each week, which is an expense to me. There will need to be more containers at the recycling locations for the cardboard – who pays for that? The garbage haulers will have significant expenses to handle this new ordinance, which they will have to pass along to the consumers. Again, I am not opposed to the cardboard recycling proposal but I want the public to be accurately advised of the increase expense. It appears that our city government is downplaying this expense in order to gain buy-in from the public and push this ordinance through.

In addition, I am concerned about the proposed “Recyclable Paper” language as outlined below from the proposal:

(e) Recyclable paper shall not be disposed of in the City’s public sanitary landfills effective April 1, 2019.

**Recyclable Paper** shall consist of magazines, telephone books, cereal boxes, mail, catalogs, copy paper, office paper, clean food boxes, paper bags, and other similar materials, but it does not include paper towels, tissues, plasticized or waxed paper, hardbound books, books with metal rings, folders with metal clips, or food boxes in which the food items came into direct contact with the container.
This Recyclable Paper proposal will be a logistical nightmare for us to deal with. I ask the council to strongly consider removing the Recyclable Paper language from the ordinance at this time, until it can be given additional review to rethink the language behind it.

I am completely in favor of working with the city to implement a cardboard recycling process. While the volume of cardboard that my business would recycle would be considerable, I am willing to do our part to make this change.

As a business owner I unfortunately do not have total control over who places trash in the garage receptacle located behind my store. Our business is located in an area frequented at night by transients and bar patrons. Our garbage receptacle is utilized as if it were public property by these individuals. I am concerned that the language proposed in this ordinance will make me financially and legally responsible for the irresponsible actions of others. For me to handle this is, I will have to lock my dumpsters, which will cause issues for garbage haulers and my staff to work around OR dumpster dive and sort 2x per week – which isn’t going to happen.

I urge the City Council to develop educational plans and communication to work with the business and private sectors to encourage recycling. Mandatory requirements threatening misdemeanor violations, permanent impact on our criminal record, up to a $500 fine and 6 months in jail is not a way to get the public’s support and buy-in.

Let’s take this ordinance approval in steps. First the cardboard implementation and then later the newspaper.

I appreciate your time reading my business concerns.

Thank you,

Christine Neth, Owner

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Making people criminals for some cardboard in the trash is beyond my comprehension! What do we do with pizza boxes, shiny cardboard, etc that recyclers won't take?? Keep them like little treasures forever? And later on, what about Kleenex or sanitary napkins, contaminated by bodily fluids? In case it's been forgotten, they are paper too! What about those of us who don't generate enough garbage now. Why are we unable to pay a reduced price based on the small amount we have? This city needs some common sense in this bill which is sorely lacking! Don't turn this into some money generating fiasco! Sincerely, Barb Fisher
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

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City: Lincoln, NE 68506

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Comment or Question:
I would like to urge you to vote against banning paper and cardboard from the Landfill. Banning paper and cardboard would essentially impose more fees on the citizens. The growth of Lincoln should be able to keep up any infrastructure costs, including the landfill. I would like to also thank you for holding the line on the budget increase submitted by the Mayor. Thank You.
Comment or Question:
I believe the proposed recycling bill is bad legislation. It will be painfully hard to enforce, and just another added expense to a very expensive city.
On the radio someone stated that a landlord could give his tenant notice that he/she wasn’t living up to renter’s agreement if recycling wasn’t done properly. Extensively to force the renter to comply. This would open a whole bag of worms as to civil liberties. How would that work with someplace like Williamsburg Apartments where several buildings full of tenants use a common waste collection bin? Or, what is someone dumps their garbage in it from some other residence. Is the landlord or home owner liable?
I think this bill would be a huge waste of citizen’s money and just another cockeyed plan from an already wasteful Mayor.
Just a few thoughts.
We need MORE RECYCLING in Lincoln. It's more important than we realize.

Dennis Frank Macek
Judith Kay Wilson
Good Morning Council Members,

I attended the public hearing last night with no intention of sharing my opinion but as the night went on it became apparent that my industry dropped the ball in voicing our concerns.

Let me first start by saying that I support recycling and do so both at home and at our office with curbside totes. I am a contractor and my concern is primarily our jobsites in which we will have at any given time 15-25 rolloff dumpsters spread throughout Lancaster County. I would like to caution you all that the story that Mike Ayres told last night about his company and their ability to recycle is far from the norm. He has his own trucks and operates commercial jobsites that are mostly fenced. The other 95% of us have jobsites that are not fenced and most of the time there isn't enough room for multiple dumpsters. We do end up with a fair amount of trash in our dumpsters that is not generated from our projects and the trash we get are the items nobody wants such as tires, couches, old appliances, etc.

I know at this time we are only talking about cardboard but it won't be long and we will be talking plastics, glass, etc. As soon as any recycling ordinance is enacted our dumpsters are going to be even more attractive to those wanting to get rid of recyclables.

Again....I support recycling but I have a hard time supporting an ordinance that pins a target on my back. At this time there isn't a good way for the construction industry to keep recyclables from going to the landfill.

Thank you for taking time to read this...

Bo Jones
VP of Home Builders Association of Lincoln

Bo Jones
Tru-Built Construction
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I support the new recycle plan. Please vote for it Donna Roller
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Lincoln be

Sent from my iPhone
Dear City Council members,

The Everett Neighborhood Association Board has voted to support the proposed Recycling Ordinance. The cost of a new landfill is reason enough to support more recycling. We live in a time when recycling most of our waste is possible. It is the right thing to do for our future generations.

Please vote in support of the Recycling Ordinance.

Thanks,
Matt Schaefer
President, Everett Neighborhood Association
Council Members,

I just read up on your proposed recycling ordinance, and I wanted to state how absurd the concept is to criminally charge people for putting paper and cardboard in their trashcans. We don’t need a nanny state to force some environmental agenda down our throats. As I look around this city, I can find dozens of other projects that should take precedence over this matter. Thanks for hearing my concerns.

Sincerely,

Concerned Citizen
Hello,
This city needs to lead the way for recycling programs for nebraska. Instead we are falling way behind. While other communities offer free recycling pick ups from your front door, we struggle with even offering convenient locations to drop off your recycled goods. This country is leading us into a lifestyle of disposable goods, that doesn't seem like the lifestyle that we live in Nebraska. It's about hard work and respecting the land. We cannot respect the land we live on if it's covered in trash. We should be proud of the wide opens spaces that nebraska had to offer and stop this senseless practice of throwing valuable recyclables away. Lead the way, Nebraska! Instead of falling behind!

Thank you!
Ann Loaris

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
I was unable to attend last nights meeting about recycling due to work, but hope it was a positive outcome. I currently work at Lincoln Surgical Hospital. There is so much we could be recycling right now its shameful. I personally recycle all the aluminum cans from the entire hospital. I hope the city council will keep the future in mind when setting forth a proposal for all businesses & households & renters!

Stay cool!

Anne Kingsley RN
Dear Council Members,

I support recycling and do so both at home and at our office with curbside totes. I am a contractor and my concern is primarily with our jobsites. 95% of builders/remodelers have jobsites that are not fenced and most of the time there isn't enough room for multiple roll-offs. We do end up with a fair amount of trash in our dumpsters that is not generated from our projects and the trash we get are the items nobody wants such as tires, couches, old appliances, etc.

Furthermore as a landlord, it will drive up the cost of rent for each of my tenants if this ordinance is passed. What happens if my tenant puts cardboard in the trash, since the landlord is responsible for waste removal, will I be fined for it?

Again....I support recycling but cannot support a recycling ordinance that will increase the cost of construction. Builders start producing cardboard from the very beginning when we dig our foundations. It is nearly impossible to keep the cardboard clean and dry on our jobsites. At this time there isn't a good way for the construction industry to keep recyclables from going to the landfill.

Thank you for your time.

Andrew Hartman
Hartland Homes
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Thank you for your time.

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Thanks,

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Find us on Houzz
I support recycling and do so both at home and at our office with curbside shredding. I am a C.P.A and treasure of HBAL and my concern is primarily with our construction clientele. My builder/remodeling clientele have jobsites that are not fenced, and most of the time there isn’t enough room for multiple roll-offs. They do end up with a fair amount of trash in their dumpsters that is not generated from their projects and the trash that is put into them are items nobody wants such as tires, couches, old appliances, etc.

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The cost to a small business of additional government ordinances makes it difficult for small businesses to thrive. We need to work towards a more practical solution than this mandated ordinance.

Respectfully,

Robert L. Bryant, C.P.A.
Ladies and gentlemen of the LPS Board of Education and members of the Lincoln City Council,

I read with interest the story in today’s Lincoln Journal Star about some funds available from a recent bond issue. Near the end of the story, a couple of lines jumped out at me: a reference to the board approving an agreement to give 2.26 acres of land next to Wysong Elementary to the city for use as a park.

I am writing to you today to ask, to beg, and to plead for a similar arrangement in north-central Lincoln.

LPS owns a 16-acre piece of land at North 18th Street & Folkways Blvd. I’m assuming this was purchased as a potential site for a future elementary or middle school, but for years the land has sat vacant. At the same time, the surrounding 3 1/2 square miles of family homes has a grand total of zero parks, a significant detriment to the neighborhood.

I live in this neighborhood, about two blocks from LPS’s land. Many, many residents frequently ask about the possibility of a park in the area, and express their frustration.

What can be done to work between LPS and the City to arrange for a park on even a small portion of this currently unused land? There is a small park, about one acre, a couple miles north on the other side of the Interstate called Stonebridge Park. It’s about an acre. I used to live near it, and frequently enjoyed that park with my son. I realize there’s probably some history regarding the lack of a park, but frankly, I don’t care about the history. It is what it is and we can only work from this point forward.

So lets do it! Even a small one-acre park on the corner of 18th & Folkways would be a tremendous benefit to the neighborhood.

Thank you for your time and your consideration. I am eager to hear your thoughts on making this happen.

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I represent the hauler's association, LSWRA. On Monday night during the public hearing on bill # 16-77, the "Recycling Ordinance" Councilperson Roy Christensen raised an issue as to whether the City has the authority to require haulers to divulge proprietary and confidential business information to the City. The section Mr. Christensen is referring to is Section 8 of the bill adding a new section # 8.32.139 to the LMC. The existence of this section in the bill is a perfect example of the way the process worked between the administration and the haulers to accomplish something for the public benefit without hurting the individual hauler businesses.

The City needs information but the haulers have a need for preserving their proprietary and confidential business information. At the suggestion of the haulers the following language was added to 8.32.139:

"Such information shall be provided to the City in such a way that the recycling collector or waste hauler submitting the information is not identified on the form containing the required information".

That way, the City gets the information that they need and the private businesses of the haulers are protected. Thank you.

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I was planning a letter to the editor and realized you were discussing the agenda today.

There were some good suggestions in Sundays paper about reducing the budget. Maybe it will only need .50 instead of 1.17.

No one complains about the outlandish salaries of LPS executives and UNL's Bounds and Chancellors salaries. I believe I saw one of them received a modest 2% increase which amounted to an additional $27,000 additional on top of the $800,000 salary. An article last week in LJ Star talked about 6 national public universities where the President makes over one million dollars.

There are legitimate reasons for the tax increase more firefighters, a teachers raise and other worthy programs.

Anyone who lives in a house worth more than $150,000 has more money than they know what to do with.

The frantic outrage over an additional $20 - $60 a year is all republican rant. They just don't want their money to go to anyone else.

I cashier in the grocery store and every WEEK low and high income individuals waste $50 - $75 on alcohol, pop, cookies, baked goods, crackers chips candy ice cream processed meat, etc. Maybe a tax increase will make some put some of that wasted calories back.
Dear council members,

I would like to voice my concerns about the recycling ordinance up for vote on August 1st. While I think that recycling is very important I think that putting a law like this in place will only increase costs on new homes and remodels. It will be nearly impossible to enforce on jobsites and will only cause more problems than a solution.

Please do not vote for this ordinance!

Thanks Jason

WOITA HOMES INC.
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Facebook
July 28, 2016

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing in response to the LJS article “The Republicans majority of the Lincoln City Council made around $2 million in annual cuts to Mayor Chris Beutler’s proposed two-year budget to avoid a penny increase in property tax rate.” We must continue to support and provide city services that work with our Lincoln residents and neighborhoods. Unfortunately, it has become predictable that these services are usually the first to go when preparing for budgets. While surveys put safety as a number one priority, we must look at the whole picture when considering Lincoln’s quality of life.

Parks and green areas are important for providing spaces for exercise/healthy activities for the entire community. Like a deteriorating neighborhood, a deteriorating park invites vandalism and social disorder. City Planning and Urban Development services have been and continue to be decreased, resulting in a limited number of overworked staff and unenforced city regulations. City staff work with citizens on community development and revitalization. They also collect and provide data to determine needs, draw in outside dollars from investors and assist in the efficient use of resources where they do the most good.

Don’t underestimate the volunteer work and labor that residents provide to the city. Neighbors mow parks and plant trees as Irvingdale neighborhood has done. They work with city staff to improve city parks like the Near South project at 19th & A. Neighborhoods sponsor Community Markets like the one in University Place which is in its fifth year. They sponsor street festivals, providing ways to get people out to meet each other and interact with police in a positive atmosphere. All these activities greatly contribute to Lincoln’s safety and quality of life.

Additionally, we must address the Problem Properties. Many of the buildings registered under the Neglected Building Ordinance are nearing two years on the Registry and should not stand another 5-25 years encouraging further deterioration and blight. Unfortunately, there are many more “red-tagged” buildings that are not even on the Registry, and many others that should be! Not only are these properties an embarrassment to our community but when it’s next door to you AND one neighbor can’t sell their house AND three other neighbors move because of the blight AND you are calling police/fire because people are entering buildings and setting fires, IT IS A PROBLEM! And I’ve not even mentioned commercial blight, another time.

We can’t keep underfunding these departments and expect our neighborhoods to stabilize and prosper. I will gladly pay an extra $17 to keep these vital city services.

Sincerely,
Pat Anderson-Sifuentez
1500 South 11th Street
Lincoln, NE 68502
Sent from my iPad
Dear council members,

I was at the hearing Monday and listened to the testimony of the many individuals, groups and businesses who support greater recycling in Lincoln. I completely support this effort and considerably more. The point is not that those of us who care about recycling have the avenues to do so. We do. The point is that everyone in this city needs to be doing more if we want to do the right thing, and speaking in economic terms, to be regarded as a progressive city to people considering moving or starting a business here. Many younger people care that communities are working to become more sustainable.

Cardboard, paper and newsprint are the easiest things to recycle, they have a market, and they take up a lot of space in our landfill. Education is needed about recycling, yes. But there are many that need an incentive to start a new habit, even if it is a relatively simple one. A city ordinance would be a good way of giving that incentive. I urge you to vote for this initiative.

Becky Seth, 1971 Sewell Street, Lincoln, 68502
I am strongly against the vote you are about to make today regarding recycling cardboard, etc. The people deserve the right to choose and what do the poor people do?

Landlords are going to have to raise their rents to cover the costs of recycling. Rent is too high already in Lincoln. People are struggling now living from paycheck to paycheck.

Again small businesses can't afford the added expense. This must increase the cost of their product increasing the cost of living in Lincoln.

I recycle already for a caregiver who needs money to live on. Of course Chris Beutler doesn't know what that is like. I believe all he cares about is the Rich, Hay Market, Pinnacle Arena and UNL. There is a whole city out there trying to make end meet.

Don't let our city government become a mob of dictators. Please vote no and spare the middle class & low income people from additional burdens..

Ruth Firley
Founder & Director
Coalition for the Elderly & Disabled.
Dear Mayor and Lincoln City Council Members:

Zipline Brewing Co. wants to voice our support for the Recycle Lincoln! efforts. Our craft brewery is part of the national Brewers Association, a coalition of over 4,600 craft breweries nationwide. Of those breweries, only a handful of breweries are tapped to serve on committees to further different aspects of the industry. Zipline is proud to be one of the smallest of 12 brewers on the Sustainability Subcommittee. We have served on this committee since its inception approximately 3 years ago.

Zipline currently diverts approximately 80% of our solid waste for reuse and recycling. Sustainability has many elements which include use of water and energy, as well as management of wastewater and solid waste. Of these elements, we have found diversion of solid waste through recycling to be one of the lowest cost and easiest goals to achieve. Any efforts the City of Lincoln facilitate recycling and encourage businesses toward this discovery can make an immense impact on demand at the local landfill. We applaud your efforts and look forward to helping this new campaign unfold.

Thanks for all you do for our community.

Sincerely,

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I. CITY CLERK

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VI. ADJOURNMENT
PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Engineering Services Division, 949 West Bond Street, Lincoln, NE 68521, 402-441-7711

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  July 28, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION:  James Puls, Engineering Services, 402-525-5641

NORTHBOUND ACCESS TO 27TH STREET FROM “P” STREET TO CLOSE AUGUST 1

The two lanes turning north from “P” Street onto 27th Street will close, Monday, August 1, due to work being done on 27th Street. The right turn lane on “P” Street for traffic turning southbound onto 27th Street will remain open. The suggested detour route is Antelope Valley Parkway north to Vine Street, and Vine Street east to 27th Street. Signs will be posted.

The work in the 27th and “P” Street intersection is expected to be completed by August 13, weather permitting.

For more information on the project, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: 27th).

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PORTION OF DIETRICH TRAIL CLOSED AUGUST 1-5

The Dietrich Trail will be closed at the Holdrege Street bridge, at about 19th Street, August 1–5 for repairs to the bridge approaches. Trail users should detour from the Dietrich Trail at 21st Street, go south to “Y” Street, and then west to reconnect with the Antelope Valley Trail system.

For more information on Lincoln’s trails, visit parks.lincoln.ne.gov.
Date: July 29, 2016
Contact: Jon Taylor, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7547

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of July 30 through August 5, 2016
(Schedule subject to change)

Monday, August 1
- Ribbon cutting for Morio Denke (supplier to Kawasaki), welcome remarks – 11:45 a.m., Morio USA plant, 3425 N. 44th Street, Suite 440.
- Mayor’s Award of Excellence presentation, remarks – 3 p.m., City Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Wednesday, August 3
- Lincoln Public Schools New Teacher Orientation, welcome remarks – 8 a.m., Grand Ballroom, main floor, Cornhusker Hotel, 333 S. 13th St.

Thursday, August 4
- Chamber of Commerce Federal Legislative Summit – 8 a.m., Strategic Air and Space Museum, 28210 W. Park Hwy., Ashland, NE.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 1, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

MAYOR TO PRESENT JUNE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Chris Beutler today will present the Mayor’s Award of Excellence for June to Police Officer Brian Ward. The award will be presented at 3 p.m. at the beginning of the City Council meeting at the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street. The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City.

Ward has been with the Lincoln Police Department for 23 years. He was nominated in the categories of customer relations and productivity by Captain Jason Stille for his role in solving a bank robbery May 2. As Ward was responding to the incident, he noticed a person matching the vague description riding a bicycle about ten blocks away. While the person didn’t exactly match the description, Ward sensed something was amiss. He continued to the bank while coordinating with other responding officers to stop the cyclist. When officers tried to stop the man, he failed to comply but was quickly taken into custody without incident. He was later found in possession of all of the stolen money as well as clothing that appeared on the surveillance video.

Stille wrote, “The bank robbery was cleared in less than 15 minutes, due in large part to Ward’s instinct and experience. While this is a great case, it is fairly typical work product from Officer Ward.”

Another example occurred a few months earlier and involved the theft of expensive camera equipment from a vehicle. While handling another call, Ward overheard a suspicious person report about an individual trying to sell equipment from a small trailer pulled by a bicycle. After clearing his call, he found the person and identified the equipment as the stolen camera gear.

Stille wrote that each day, Ward demonstrates his experience as a veteran officer, provides an excellent role model for new officers and shows great compassion in serving the public.

The other categories in which employees can be nominated are safety, valor and loss prevention. Consideration also may be given to nominations that demonstrate self-initiated accomplishments or those completed outside of the nominee’s job description. All City employees are eligible for the award except for elected and appointed officials. Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public.

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Nomination forms are available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: hr) or from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Human Resources Department, which oversees the awards program.

All nominations are considered by the Mayor’s Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Award winners receive a $50 gift certificate, a day off with pay and a plaque. All monthly winners and nominees are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a $250 gift certificate, two days off with pay and a plaque.

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Mr. Camp,

I understand that a recycling ordinance will be on the Council's Agenda Monday August 1st. I would like to share my concerns on this issue.

As the owner of a construction company who both builds and remolds homes, I have dumpster roll-offs on most of my job sites. I believe it is possible to implement a recycling program for a company like mine that would separate cardboards, metals etc. The problem lies in all the 'extra' trash that actually ends up in my dumpster that I have no control over.

In the past I have had a number of tires, paint cans and other trash items either not allowed in the landfill or items that cost to dispose of placed in my dumpster by others not associated with the job site.

Recently I had a new construction roll-off dropped off on a Friday and completely full of boxes on Monday morning by a neighbor who moved in over the weekend. I have several similar stories of people illegally placing their personal trash in my dumpster. I cannot imagine being held responsible or liable for something completely out of my control.

Please consider incentives to recycling instead of a mandatory ordinance that punishes a minority few.

Thank you for your consideration.

Steve Fulton
Fulton Construction, Inc.
402-430-9979
Jon,

I hope this finds you well. Your inbox is probably blowing up on the whole recycling issue – so my apologies if I’m piling on.

I appreciate the fact that the council has put off the voting on the recycling proposal, as it has given me and my team the opportunity to fairly consider the implications. As it is currently drafted, the proposal raises a number of significant concerns for Hampton. And based on our conversations with other large landlords, who are capable of speaking for themselves, we aren’t alone in our concerns.

As a landlord we are required to make dumpsters accessible to all tenants. Consider for a moment two very real scenarios:
- we know with certainty that some tenants deposit trash in our dumpsters that is not generated from their place of business.
- we have confirmation of individuals who are not even tenants disposing of items in our dumpsters

In a large building with multiple tenants, if there were to be found something not allowed at the landfill there is no way for us to know which tenant is responsible.

It isn’t practical, nor economically feasible, to require landlords to build secured enclosures for the dumpsters, but let’s assume for a moment that did happen – think about how that would work
- Landlords build secure enclosures for trash dumpsters so non-tenants can’t access them and include the increased cost of the enclosures in tenant’s rent,
- Landlords put up security cameras so we can go back and see which tenant disposed of the illegal items and include the cost of the security cameras in tenant’s rent,
- Landlords re-write all of our leases so that we are legally allowed to charge tenants for fines pushed back to landlords by haulers - OR
- Landlords raise the rent (triple net costs) to all tenants because haulers are passing their costs (fines) back to landlords,
- Would haulers be required to have keys to the enclosures so they can open them and remove the dumpsters?
- If not, landlords would be required to pull dumpsters out on trash day – and include the added service cost in tenant’s rent.

That last one raises significant concerns. Notwithstanding that the dumpster would still be resting on private property - a landlord pulling trash out so it can be collected is extremely similar in nature to homeowners pulling their trash to the curb for pickup. As reported in the Journal Star – “Nebraska’s law follows the U.S. Supreme Court precedent, which essentially is that there is no expectation of privacy after you set your garbage out for collection.”

I consider myself a rational person. I see opportunities to reduce landfill waste and believe we should be doing what we can reasonably do to effect that reduction, but as I see it – what is currently proposed is wrong.

It’s unconscionable for the City to attempt to hold me liable for what tenants or non-tenants dispose of in my dumpster.
Last, but not least – the proponents of this charge have acknowledged that landfill fees to homeowners and businesses will not go down because operating costs at the landfill will not go down. Accordingly – there will be increased costs to homeowners and businesses if this is enacted. Let’s be forthright and call that what it is – a TAX. Nothing more, nothing less.

Thanks for listening – I’m happy to talk with you if that’s helpful.

~Lincoln

Lincoln Zehr, CPA
Chief Executive Officer
Hampton Enterprises, Inc

402.659.7397 Mobile
402.489.8858 Office
Dear Jon,

I am writing to ask you to pass the budget the mayor put forth rather than the one the council members want. I feel we need all the services and personal that budget requested and I am willing to pay a little more tax to get it. Let’s keep Lincoln progressing in a positive way and cutting personal is not the way to do it.

Sincerely,

Jerre Brammeier
Dear Jon Camp,

It has come to my attention that you're trying to pass this new city ordinance, having to recycle or face jail time. I don't see how that would work. First of all taking into account those who live in apartments and share a dumpster. How do you know which apartment in came from? What if some neighbors don't get along and someone just sticks some paper in their trash, to get even with them. Or maybe not a neighbor just a random person off the street. Trash cans are not locked. So anyone no matter the intent can open anyone's located in the city. Unless of course they are a business, as those are usually locked. Not to mention it will take away from my personal rights as an individual. I'm all for recycling and do so now, but this is the wrong way to handle it. Having to face jail time is to be frank crazy and a huge fine even crazier. I would be very sickened if this city ordinance gets passed. Not to mention being tried as a misdemeanor. Which stays on your permanent record as it's a criminal offense. I feel like there is a time when people take the law to far and this is, such an incidence. Furthermore, how do I know that it will just stop here. It's not well organized and haphazardly put together. And now it's postponed a week so Mayor Chris Beutler can come up with a "better plan". I kindly ask that you take the time and really think about it. Because even you can face jail time, if some random stranger walking by puts paper/cardboard in your trash. The whole matter just hasn't been handled well for one and I'm apposed to anyone taking away my personal rights, especially when it has to do with something like this.

Sincerely,
Mia Brown
From: Cbauer5824@aol.com [mailto:Cbauer5824@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2016 9:37 AM
To: michaela@hbal.org; Jon Camp
Subject: Re: Recycling Ordinance

Dear Jon,

As our council member for the district I live in, I want you to know I agree with the comments Michaela has given below.

After I read the paper today and how the landlords are asking how they can get a special waiver for the contaminated trash, we need to have something for the builders that have large containers on their jobsite's. It seems like every Monday I show up to work and see couches, dishwashers, water heaters, oil, along with grass clippings and leaves in paper bags in my dumpster. We do not need to call the police every time we see something in our dumpster's that someone has dumped in them. The police have much more to worry about in the world that we live in today than to be called to a construction site every time a neighbor dumps a load of stuff in our dumpster's.

Regards,
Craig Bauer 402-525-9500

In a message dated 7/27/2016 9:17:32 A.M. Central Daylight Time, michaela@hbal.org writes:

HBAL Board of Directors and Builder Members:

Monday night the City Council held their public hearing on the recycling ordinance which will affect every builder who uses a roll-off and does not recycle their cardboard. This ordinance will ban all cardboard from the landfill effective April 1, 2017 and all paper products by April 1, 2019 if it receives approval at the City Council meeting on 8/1.

While HBAL supports recycling, the concern is residential jobsite's. Most builders find the unwanted items that people don't want in their roll-offs (i.e. tires, couches, old appliances, etc.). This ban on cardboard, and eventually all paper products will make roll-offs even more attractive for those wanting to get rid of recyclables.

It is possible if cardboard is seen in your roll-off by the gate attendant at the landfill it will be turned away and taken back to your jobsite. If it is found after the roll-off is dumped the hauler could be fined, which could then be passed onto the builder. HBAL is urging each of our Board of Directors members and builder members to email the City Council members at the email addresses listed below. You are welcome to copy and paste the suggested text below or compose your own email. If you have any questions, please call the HBAL office at 402-423-4225.

Michaela Harrison

Executive Vice President, Home Builders Association of Lincoln

6100 S. 58th Street, Ste. C, Lincoln, NE 68516


City Council Members:
Dear Council Members,

I support recycling and do so both at home and at our office with curbside totes. I am a contractor and my concern is primarily with our jobsites. 95% of builders/remodelers have jobsites that are not fenced and most of the time there isn't enough room for multiple roll-offs. We do end up with a fair amount of trash in our dumpsters that is not generated from our projects and the trash we get are the items nobody wants such as tires, couches, old appliances, etc.

I know at this time we are only talking about cardboard and paper, but it won't be long and we will be talking plastics, glass, etc. As soon as any recycling ordinance is enacted our dumpsters are going to be even more attractive to those wanting to get rid of recyclables.

Again....I support recycling but cannot support a recycling ordinance that will increase the cost of construction. Builders start producing cardboard from the very beginning when we dig our foundations. It is nearly impossible to keep the cardboard clean and dry on our jobsites. At this time there isn't a good way for the construction industry to keep recyclables from going to the landfill.

Thank you for your time.
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
Jon Camp

Name: Kathy Duncan
Address: 4700 S 80th
City: Lincoln, NE 68516
Phone: 402-613-5707
Fax:
Email:

Comment or Question:
Mr. Camp
I do not support the mayor's budget request as listed for the additional ambulance, EMTs and police. The Mayor promised if the bond for new fire stations was passed, no new fire personnel. It's misleading to then propose more EMTs. We would not need another ambulance, more fire, EMTs or even police if 911 calls were triaged, like most larger cities. It's logical that we don't need to send the fire truck to a call for a possible robbery, or the police for minor cut, or "eye lash in eye" (an actual call), etc. Triage is how all emergency services in hospitals work and it used in many cities. It won't work for all 911 class but for a large number, it will. This will save manpower-fewer police, EMTs, and fire would respond so less need for more staff and same for ambulances. This was suggested yrs ago and Fire and Police refused to consider this as it will reduce staff. Please consider more options other than adding staff who are then given a generous benefit package. I am asking for you to not the mayor requests on an ambulance, police and EMT personnel. Thank you
I am writing to urge you to vote "yes" on the recycling proposal that will be coming up for vote in the City Council soon. I attended the 2nd hearing of the proposal last Monday and found the arguments in favor of the proposal very convincing and I am summarizing them below so that you can give them due consideration before your vote:

1) Lincoln is indeed on the march as a progressive community in all other important quality-of-life measures, except recycling, where our record is quite dismal (way below the national average).

2) Young professionals in the kind of businesses we would like to grow in Lincoln are reluctant to locate to (or stay in) a place that appears to show a disregard for the future generations by its poor recycle rate.

3) The argument I heard from some of you is that any one who wishes to recycle in Lincoln, currently, has the ability to do so because of the options that already exist here so it is just the education that is needed to raise awareness and the recycle rate. Yes, the education is an important component but it is not enough; it is easier to recycle if the same hauler can pick trash as well as recyclable materials. Also, just the affirmation from the City Council that they are on board with recycling sends a powerful message to the current and potential citizens about our priorities.

4) Eventually, we will like to be able to compete with the cities that are the leaders in recycling but that can only happen if we take this first step.

I would be very proud if you vote yes on this proposal and I believe, so would a large majority of Lincolnites.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Sharad Seth
Jon,

I hope this e-mail finds you well and enjoying our beautiful Nebraska Summer!

After retiring from LPS, I started a home building company with my wife, son and daughter-in-law. The proposed recycling ordinance will have a major impact on our small business. We recycle at home and as manageable on our job sites. We believe in recycling and understand the need to reduce the amount of trash going into the landfill. We understand it is difficult politically to question the ordinance, but believe that the Mayor and his staff have not given the issue enough study and thus the ordinance needs to be delayed until all the stakeholders have been given an opportunity to have their questions and issues addressed properly. That hasn't happened to this point and I feel the Mayor's staff is relying on the emotions surrounding the "good" of recycling to
basically push their agenda and ignore the concerns that have been expressed.

Currently, the roll offs used on home construction sites occupy a great deal of space and the space to locate a second roll off for corrugated cardboard isn't available. Further, the roll offs provided by the trash companies have no provision for covering them to keep the cardboard dry. Even more critical is the inability to secure the roll offs from unwanted dumping. Currently, I have to remove and dispose of old tires, furniture, yard waste and tree limbs, appliances, household garbage and other items from my roll offs on a regular basis. I would predict that with required recycling of cardboard, I will have increased dumping of the cardboard which will require me to separate it out and place it in a separate roll off. The Mayor's staff claims that won't happen as there are ample recycling sites for people to deposit their cardboard. It is my believe that this will just amplify the problem that exists with the dumping of trash in our roll offs.

It seems that a decision of this magnitude requires that a process be followed that provides all the
stakeholders an opportunity to be heard and their issues addressed. There are a number of issues that need to be discussed and resolved before this ordinance is enacted. I hope that the council will slow this process down and require that a proper decision making process be used.

I appreciate your time and your service to the great people of Lincoln.

Thanks - Denny Van Horn
Rick:

Please forward ASAP a list of information on proposed fee increases from respective departments:

1. 10-year history of fees for each item
2. Actual dollar amount increases
3. Include current fees (probably in the 10-year history); and
4. % fee increase being proposed.

It will be helpful to have this stated on a one-page spreadsheet.

Thanks,

Jon

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Council members, I urge you to delay the voting on the recycling ordinance until suitable changes have been made, and the public has an opportunity to again review it. Many concerns were brought up at the last meeting, with some conflicting statements passed on from the mayor’s staffers, mentioned by Coby Mach. These need to be addressed. And I think it is foolish to openly proclaim that there is no intention to enforce the excessive penalties. Education is the answer. More time is needed to iron out the wrinkles in the ordinance, with additional time for public input thereafter.

Marilyn Oborny
To the Lincoln City Council:

I attended the Public Hearing (Monday, July 25, 2016) that gave citizens the opportunity to speak about Amending Chapter 8.32 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to increase recycling in Lincoln. I did not testify because there were so many people testifying in favor of the proposal. I am using this message to express my opinion. Like those who testified in favor of the amendment, I strongly support the proposal.

First, let me give you some background. My husband and I moved to Lincoln late in 2013 for the third time! We lived in Lincoln for three years during the 1960’s, nine years in the 1970’s; once again, we have moved back. We keep returning because we love Lincoln and are proud to be residents of this fine city. Imagine our surprise when we returned to the city and learned that the recycling rate continues to be so low. With Lincoln Public Schools adopting a recycling program and teaching students about recycling, I had assumed that more families would adopt the habit. My only conclusion has to be “voluntary” isn’t working!

I devote most of my volunteer time and energy to working on solutions to threats caused by Climate Change. I have enjoyed many years of an enriching life in the U.S. (including Nebraska); I feel very fortunate. I wish the same for my children, grandchildren, and future generations. All that is at risk now because the people on earth are sharing a planet that has become increasingly fragile. More impactful actions are needed now. Actions at all levels (international, national, state, city, and community) are needed. All contributions are important. Please allow Lincoln to contribute to the solutions in a positive way by increasing recycling in this magnificent city. This is a bipartisan problem and the solutions must be bipartisan. I feel passionately about this, and therefore, registered as an Independent (non-partisan in Nebraska) when we returned to Lincoln.

Yes, Roy, my family does recycle and we have for many years. Although curbside is available in our neighborhood, we choose to take all recyclable materials to the city drop-off centers. Jane, I am sorry you had to miss the powerful testimony on Monday.

Best Regards,

Marjorie J. Willeke, 6750 Shadow Ridge Road, Lincoln, NE 68512
This email is to register our support for the Recycle Lincoln program. Please vote in favor of the new regulations. The program continues the effort to make Lincoln a greener city AND saves money by delaying the need for additional landfill space.
Dear Council Members,

I support recycling and do so both at home and at our office with curbside totes. I am a contractor and my concern is primarily with our jobsites. 95% of builders/remodelers have jobsites that are not fenced and most of the time there isn't enough room for multiple roll-offs. We do end up with a fair amount of trash in our dumpsters that is not generated from our projects and the trash we get are the items nobody wants such as tires, couches, old appliances, etc.

I know at this time we are only talking about cardboard and paper, but it won't be long and we will be talking plastics, glass, etc. As soon as any recycling ordinance is enacted our dumpsters are going to be even more attractive to those wanting to get rid of recyclables.

Again...I support recycling but cannot support a recycling ordinance that will increase the cost of construction. Builders start producing cardboard from the very beginning when we dig our foundations. It is nearly impossible to keep the cardboard clean and dry on our jobsites. At this time there isn't a good way for the construction industry to keep recyclables from going to the landfill.

I anticipate the city will have to ten fold the number of drop off locations to handle the amount of cardboard produced from new construction, and the containers will need to be easier to load than the current type. Add to that, the cost of an employee to load and unload at the recycle site plus an additional truck. That's only if we can keep it dry to begin with. There will have to be exceptions for wet cardboard from new construction.

Thank you,

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To : Lincoln City Council

Mr. Camp’s motion to lower the proposed water and wastewater rate increase to 3% is only kicking the can down the road.

LWS Master Water Plan of 2014 (MWP) states that to meet the anticipated CIP projects rates should increase an average of 5% per year. The MWP is figuring a 3% annual inflation rate in construction materials. (page 33 or page 19 plans Executive Summary)

Therefore a 3% rate increase today will require a higher rate increase than 5% in the following years.

However, of equal importance, delayed but still must do projects will cause extra expenses at a later date because extra people will have to be employed so multiple projects can be accomplished in the same year.

It is wise fiscal management to maintain our current infrastructure. The MWP recommends a 7 mile per year main replacement. That means it will take over 50 years to replace the water mains. I think it should be 10 miles per year and the 7 miles is a compromise to financial reality.

Lincoln’s growth requires tremendous up front money in the from of ‘in the ground, ready to use’ water and wastewater infrastructure; i.e. no developer will build without a sewer. The 5% rate provides money for growth.

SUMMARY : Maintain the 5% water and wastewater rate increases as recommended by MWP which was developed by HDR Engineering. When this plan was developed two years ago HDR had the time and various skill sets to think of all of the possibilities and their consequences.

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