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No Change to Dallas Bulk and Brush Collection

Dallas stands ready to help Houston, but assistance not needed at this time

Dallas – The Dallas City Council today approved a mutual aid agreement that would allow Dallas to send equipment and personnel to help the City of Houston with Hurricane Harvey cleanup efforts, if needed. Two weeks ago, Houston asked Dallas if they could provide such assistance. Dallas quickly organized a multi-department response team, with equipment and resources for such an effort. Yesterday, the City of Houston reported they were making meaningful progress in their Hurricane Harvey debris removal efforts and did not need the City of Dallas' assistance at this time. Houston officials reported increased support from private contractors, along with their own resources, is allowing the City of Houston to handle removal of its storm debris without additional help. As a result, proposed **changes to large waste (brush and bulky) collection service in the City of Dallas are not needed at this time.**

Under the mutual aid agreement approved today, the City of Dallas was prepared to commit approximately 35 percent of its Sanitation Services large waste (brush and bulky) collections teams to the City of Houston. If those collection teams had been deployed, Dallas would have asked residents to voluntarily make changes to the type and amounts of debris set out for monthly bulk and brush collection. Those voluntary changes are not needed now.

Dallas Sanitation Services director Kelly High said, "Today's action by the Dallas City Council allows us to be there *if* Houston needs us. But it's good to hear they don't, because that means Houston is making important progress. And that's a good thing."

For more information about Sanitation services and collections schedules for Dallas customers, download the Dallas Sanitation app from Google Play or the Apple store.

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