



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Mindi Hurley, Director of Community Development

Date: July 23, 2019

Reference: Presentation and discussion related to an update of storm debris clean up effort.

2030: Community Wellness & Enrichment

General Information:

- **Storm Debris Collection Update.**

Introduction:

This memo is to provide an update on storm debris collection following the storm event on June 9, 2019, and proposed changes for the next storm.

Analysis:

The City of Coppell experienced three storms in the last 45 days. The first one took place on May 19, 2019. The second storm took place on June 9, 2019, and the third storm took place on June 16, 2019.

Following the first storm, staff informed our residents of the City's plans to start collecting storm debris on May 28, 2019. Before the mission was completed, two additional storm events took place that increased the volume of storm debris and slowed the collection progress down.

The City provided our residents with two options to get rid of their storm debris. The first option was to bundle their debris the way they typically do, and it would be picked up on their regular schedule. If they chose this option, we asked them to bundle brush and tree trimmings in bundles less than 4 ft long and tie the bundles with cotton or jute string. Each bundle had to weigh less than 40 pounds.

The second option was to place their debris on their front right of way. Limbs in the front right of way did not have to be tied or bundled.

Staff originally estimated that the three storms may have created 100 tons of storm-related debris. Based on recently updated numbers, staff is now estimating collections volumes will be over 350 tons. For perspective, Coppell's average monthly volume is estimated to be just over 100 tons.

Due to the volume of the debris in Coppell and surrounding cities, we were not able to complete our mission in the allotted time, so we kept updating our residents and reminding them that Republic Services is working diligently and methodically to pick up all debris.

For future storms, we will be utilizing central drop-off stations, better communication plans, and we will combine resources with Public Works to ensure that we are providing our residents with an excellent customer experience.

We started collecting debris on May 28, 2019, and we completed our mission on July 12, 2019.

Legal Review:

N/A

Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal impact will result from this item.

Recommendation:

No council action is required on this item.