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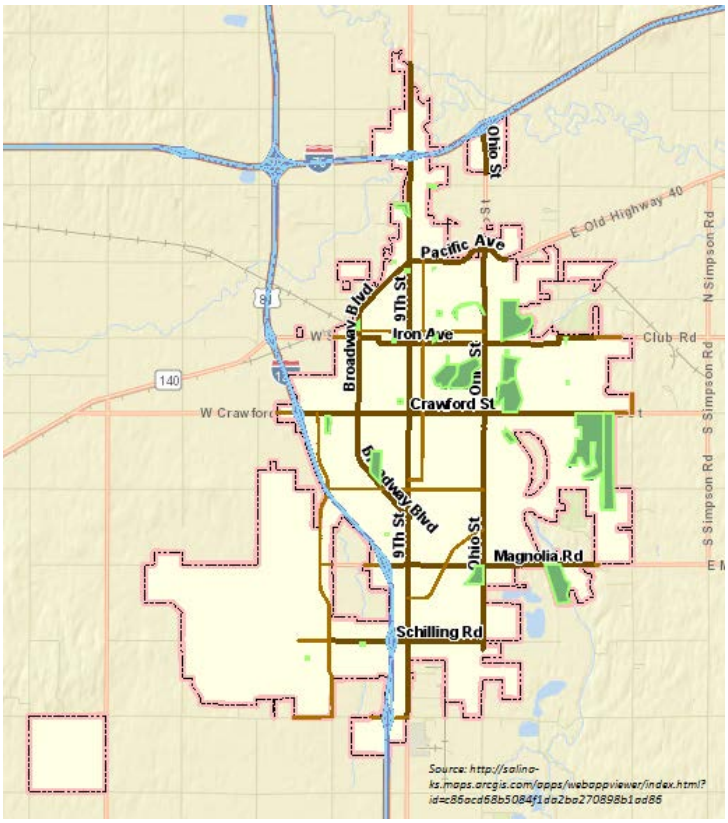

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Executive Summary

The purpose of this study is to determine the attitudes that Salina residents have towards their current sanitation services and possible future options.

The Institute mailed paper questionnaire booklets to 15,055 households in the City of Salina, and provided an online version of the survey which the City posted on its website. A total of 2,867 households completed the postal survey, and 33 individuals completed the online survey. The cooperation rate for the postal survey is 18.6%. 2,867 completed postal questionnaires provides a margin of error of +/-1.67%.

Highlights follow:

- A vast majority of postal survey respondents (97.2% or 2,733 households) use City of Salina Sanitation services, while 2.4% (or 68 households) use Salina Waste Systems. A majority of online survey respondents (84.8% or 28) use City of Salina Sanitation services, while 9.1% (3) use Salina Waste Systems.

- A majority of postal survey respondents (69.4% or 1,914 households) report that one 95 gallon cart is sufficient for their needs. About three quarters (75.8% or 25) of online respondents report that one 95 gallon cart is sufficient for their needs.

- Survey respondents were asked if they feel the city should consider an automated waste collection system.
    - About a third (34.5% or 968 households) of postal survey respondents answered "yes" to this question, while fewer (28.4% or 767) answered "no." More than a third (37.1% or 1,039) reported that they "do not have a preference." As such, a clear majority (71.6% or 2,007 households) suggest that they may be interested in having the city consider an automated waste collection system.
    - Regarding online survey respondents, half (50% or 15) report that the city should consider automation, 13.3% (4) report that the city should not, and 36.7% (11) do not have a preference. As such, 86.7% or 25 may be interested in having the city consider an automated system.

- Respondents were asked about the number of automated system carts they might need.
    - Of postal survey respondents, most (872 or 31.3%) reported that one refuse cart would be necessary. Almost as many (827 or 29.7%) reported that two carts would be necessary – one of refuse and one for yard waste.

- Of online respondents, many (11 or 36.7%) reported needed two carts – one for refuse and one for recycling. About a quarter (7) of online survey respondents reported needing two carts (one for refuse and one for yard waste) and another quarter (8) reported needing three carts (one for refuse, one for yard waste, and one for recycling). The reader should be reminded that response to the online survey was very low. Only 30 online respondents answered this question.

- When asked if they would be "very likely," "somewhat likely," "somewhat unlikely," or "very unlikely" to being willing to pay an extra $5 per month for a city-wide recycling program:
    - Many postal survey respondents responded "very unlikely" (45.5% or 1,269 households). On the other hand, about a quarter (24.6% or 686 households) are "very likely" to pay $5 for city-wide recycling.
    - Online survey responses differed with regard to city-wide recycling. Not quite half (46.7% or 14 households) that they would be "very likely" to pay $5 a month for a city-wide recycling service, while 23.3% (7 households) reporting being "very unlikely" to support a $5 recycling fee.

- Regarding various scenarios regarding an automated waste collection system:
    - Most postal survey respondents (936 or 36.9%) preferred Option 5: "Fully automated refuse collection, fully automated city-wide single stream recycling, yard waste collected in carts with refuse (no composting), special pick-ups for a fee and cart maintenance. Fees = $17.40 per month."
    - Not quite a quarter of postal survey respondents (23.6% or 599 households) selected Option 4: "Fully automated refuse collection, fully automated city-wide single stream recycling, separate yard waste collection for composting, special pick-ups for a fee and cart maintenance. Fees = $19.50 per month."
    - About a fifth of postal survey respondents (19% or 483 households) preferred Option 1: "Semi-automated refuse collection, limited subscription recycling for an additional fee, separate yard waste collection for composting, special pick-ups for a fee and cart maintenance. Fees = $17.45 per month (subscription recycling adds $5.40/month for a total monthly service fee of $22.85)."
    - Most online survey respondents (11 or 47.8%) preferred Option 5, while 7 (or 30.4% preferred Option 4.

Introduction and Methods

The City of Salina contracted with the Docking Institute of Public Affairs to conduct a mailing and online survey of area residents regarding solid waste sanitation systems. Survey respondents consisted of City of Salina residents that paid directly for their own household trash collection either from the City or a private refuse collection company.

The City of Salina provided the Institute with a list of 15,055 households[1]. Each household on the list was mailed paper questionnaire booklet. The first wave of booklets was mailed between June 26 and July 7. A second wave consisting of a random sample (2,500) of non-responding households was mailed between July 18 and July 28. A total of 2,867 households completed the postal survey.

An online version of the survey was posted on the city's web site (http://www.salina-ks.gov/) in mid-August and removed in early November. A total of 33 respondents completed the online survey.

The results from the postal survey and of the online survey are presented separately in this report. Results from the postal survey came from a scientifically developed sample of respondents, while the online survey offered unlimited access. The cooperation rate for the postal survey is 18.6%. 2,867 completed postal questionnaires provides a margin of error of +/- 1.67%. Since the online survey offered unlimited access, a cooperation rate and margin of error are not calculable. Responses to the online survey are suggestive only.

The survey instrument consisted of 14 items (including one "screener question" determining city residency status and whether the household pays directly for trash collection). The findings below are based on univariate analysis of the survey results. The survey instrument is presented in the Appendix A. Appendix B provides a table of collapsed open-ended responses

[1] 15,068 addresses were provided by the City. Using information from the US Postal Service, a few records were removed that were considered incomplete addresses. 15,055 records remained.

to the final question on the survey. Appendix C provides a summary of phone conversations with Mike Walker and city residents (who called his office to discuss the survey and waste management. Appendix D provides all of the open-ended responses left by respondents.

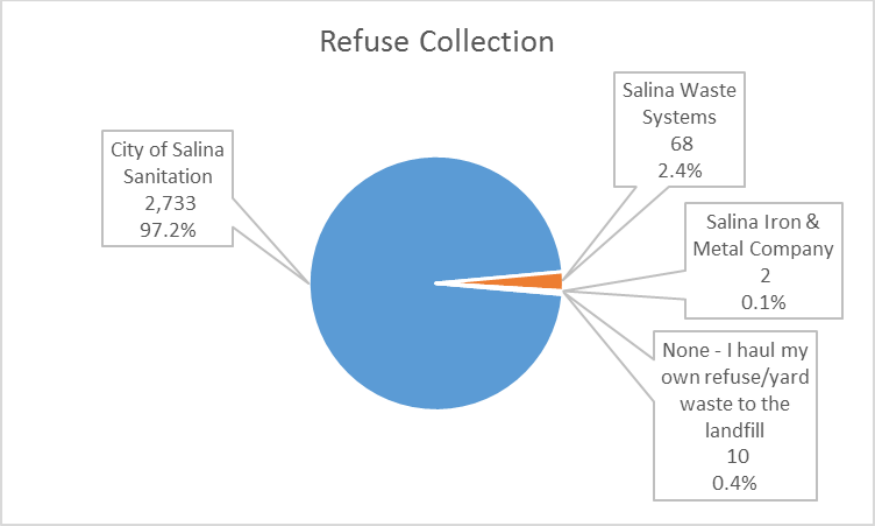
Findings – Postal Survey

This section covers the postal survey sent out to Salina households. Residents would receive the survey via mail, fill-out the survey, and send back the survey via mail.

The following question indicates what refuse collection service the household uses. The options are:

- City of Salina Sanitation
- Salina Waste Systems
- Salina Iron & Metal Company
- None - I haul my own refuse/yard waste to the landfill

The graph below indicates that 97.2% of residents reported using City of Salina Sanitation. The second most reported service was Salina Waste Systems (2.4%).



The next question asks respondents if one, two, or three 95-gallon refuse cart(s) would be sufficient for their household.

The tables below indicate that 69.4% of respondents reported one 95-gallon cart was sufficient. For those that answered “No” (30.6%), they were asked if two carts would be sufficient, 40.4% reported “Yes”. Of those that reported “No” (59.6%) were asked if three 95-gallon carts would be sufficient. 77.2% answered “Yes” and 22.8% reported “No”.

Q2 One 95 Gallon Chart Sufficient

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	1914	69.4
No	845	30.6
Total	2,759	100

Q2a 2nd 95 Gallon Chart Needed

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	343	40.4
No	507	59.6
Total	850	100

Q2b 3rd 95 Gallon Chart Needed

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	403	77.2
No	119	22.8
Total	522	100

The next question asked respondents how much they would be willing to pay monthly for an extra 95-gallon cart. The option given were:

- $15 to $20 per month
- $10 to $15 per month
- $5 to $10 per month
- $1 to $5 per month

The table below indicates that 58.3% of respondents reported they would prefer to pay "$1 to $5 per month". Over 70% of respondents would want to pay $10 and under for the extra cart.

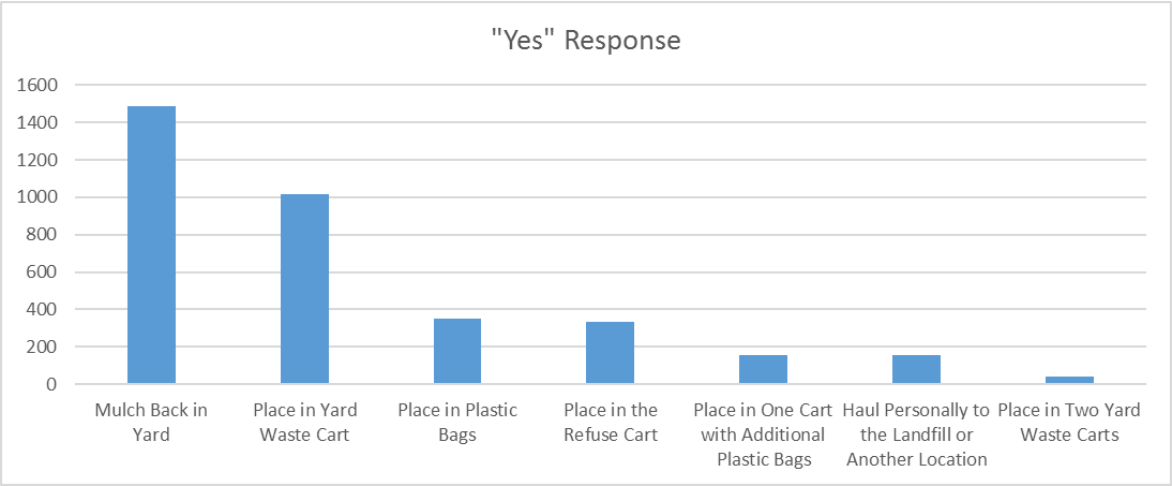
Q3 Extra Cart Willing to Pay

	Frequency	Percent
$15 to $20 per month	155	6.7
$10 to $15 per month	276	11.9
$5 to $10 per month	536	23.1
$1 to $5 per month	1,350	58.3
Total	2,317	100

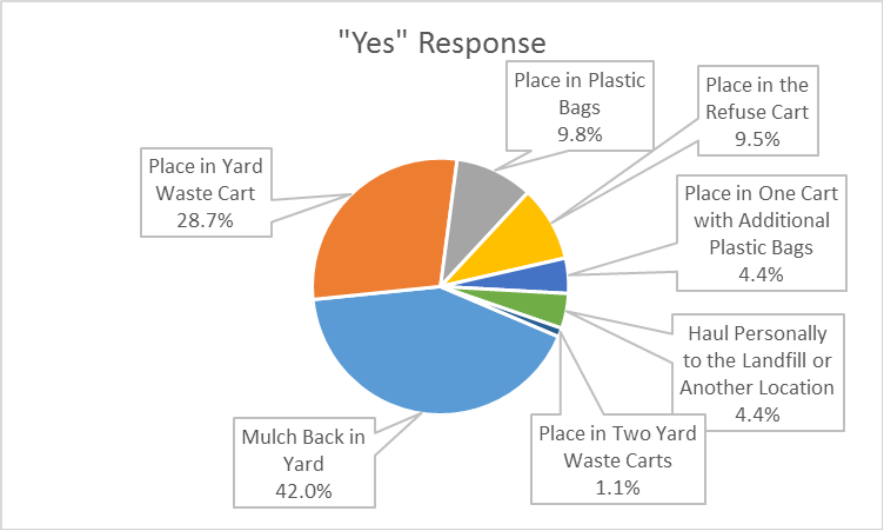
The next question asked respondents what listed activities they participate in to dispose of yard waste. The listed activities were:

- Mulch back into the yard
- Place in the refuse cart
- Place in plastic bags
- Place in yard waste cart
- Place in two yard waste carts
- Place in one cart with additional plastic bags
- Haul personally to the landfill or another location

The responses were not mutually exclusive, meaning respondents could pick more than one activity. The bar graph below indicates the amount of responses reported for that activity. The number one response was “Mulch Back in Yard” with roughly 1,500 responses.



The pie chart below indicates the percentage of each activity in total for all responses to the question.



The next question asked respondents if combining yard waste and refuse into one 95-gallon container be large enough for the household. If not, respondents were then asked if having a 95-gallon recycle cart on top of the 95-gallon yard waste/refuse cart would be sufficient for the household waste.

The tables below indicate that 53.3% of respondents reported that having just the yard waste/refuse cart would be sufficient. Those that indicated “No” (46.7%) were then asked if including a recycling cart on top of the yard waste/refuse cart would be sufficient, 54.9% indicated “Yes” and 45.1% answered “No”.

Q5 95 Gallon Sufficient for Refuse and Yard Waste

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	1,465	53.3
No	1,284	46.7
Total	2,749	100

Q5a Need Another 95 Gallon Cart for Recycling

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	705	54.9
No	579	45.1
Total	1,284	100

The next question asked respondents if they believe the city should consider changing from semi-automated to fully automated sanitation service.

The table below indicates that 34.5% of respondents reported “Yes” and 28.4% reported “No”. Meanwhile, about a third (37.1%) of respondents reported having no preference.

Q6 Consider Automation

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	968	34.5
No	797	28.4
I Don't Have a Preference	1,039	37.1
Total	2,804	100

The next question asked respondents how many carts, and what kind(s), their household would need if the city transitioned to an automated sanitation system. The options given were:

- 1 - for refuse only
- 2 - one for refuse, one for recycling
- 2 - one for refuse, one for yard waste
- 3 - one for refuse, one for recycling, one for yard waste
- Other. Please specify: _____

The table below indicates that about a third (31.3%) would only need 1 cart for refuse only. 29.7% of respondents reported only needing 2 carts, 1 for refuse and 1 for yard waste.

Q7 Automated # Carts Needed

	Frequency	Percent
1 - For Refuse Only	872	31.3
2 - One for Refuse, One for Recycling	486	17.5
2 - One for Refuse, One for Yard Waste	827	29.7
3 - One for Refuse, One for Recycling, One for Yard Waste	444	15.9
Other: Please Specify	156	5.6
Total	2,785	100

The table below shows a summary of the "other" comments left by respondents in response to Question 7. A list of all responses can be found in Appendix B.

Q7a 'Other' Comment Collasped into Categories	Freq.	Percent
No Carts or Dissatisfied with New Plan	13	8.4
1 Cart for Refuse and Yard Waste	20	12.9
1 Cart for Refuse 2 Carts for Yard Waste	12	7.7
1-3 Carts for Refuse	31	20
1-2 Carts for Refuse 1 Cart for Yard Waste	14	9
1-2 Refuse Cart(s) and Seasonal Cart(s) of Bags	31	20
1-2 Carts for Refuse, 1-2 Carts for Recycling, Potentially 1-2 Carts for Yard Waste	15	9.7
Misc.	19	12.3
Total	155	100

The next set of questions asked respondents if they would support city-wide recycling for a fee. The first question asked if respondents would support city-wide recycling for a monthly increase of $5 on their bill. The second question asked respondents if they would support city-wide recycling for a monthly increase of $4 on their bill.

The first table below indicates that close to half of the respondents (45.5%) would be "Very Unlikely" to support a $5 increase on their monthly bill, while close to a third (39.4%) would likely support the $5 increase. The second table indicates that even more respondents, 61.7%, would be "Very Unlikely" to increase their bill $4 for city-wide recycling. Only 23.5% of respondents are likely to support an increase of $4.

Q8 Willing to Pay $5 for Recycling

	Frequency	Percent
Very Likely	686	24.6
Somewhat Likely	414	14.8
Somewhat Unlikely	419	15.0
Very Unlikely	1,269	45.5
Total	2,788	100

Q8a Willing to Pay $4 for Recycling

	Frequency	Percent
Very Likely	150	8.9
Somewhat Likely	247	14.6
Somewhat Unlikely	249	14.8
Very Unlikely	1,042	61.7
Total	1,688	100

The next set of questions asked respondents if they would support city-wide yard waste composting for a fee. The first question asked if respondents would support city-wide yard waste composting for a monthly increase of $3 on their bill. The second question asked respondents if they would support city-wide yard waste composting for a monthly increase of $2 on their bill.

The first table below indicates that close to half of the respondents (49.1%) would be "Very Unlikely" to support a $3 increase on their monthly bill, while close to a third (31.8%) would likely support the $3 increase. The second table indicates that even more respondents (54.8%) would be "Very Unlikely" to increase their bill $2 for city-wide recycling. Only 30.5% of respondents are likely to support an increase of $2.

Q9 Willing to Pay $3 for Composting

	Frequency	Percent
Very Likely	418	15.1
Somewhat Likely	462	16.7
Somewhat Unlikely	527	19.1
Very Unlikely	1,357	49.1
Total	2,764	100

Q9a Willing to Pay $2 for Composting

	Frequency	Percent
Very Likely	232	12.3
Somewhat Likely	343	18.2
Somewhat Unlikely	277	14.7
Very Unlikely	1,032	54.8
Total	1,884	100

Question 10 of the survey asked respondents what listed scenarios would best fit the needs of their household. The scenario options were:

- Option 1 – Semi-automated refuse collection, limited subscription recycling for an additional fee, separate yard waste collection for composting, special pick-ups for a fee and cart maintenance. Fees = $17.45 per month (subscription recycling adds $5.40/month for a total monthly service fee of $22.85).
- *Option 2 – Fully automated refuse collection, limited subscription recycling for an additional fee, separate yard waste collection for composting, special pick-ups for a fee and cart maintenance. Fees = $16.70 per month (subscription recycling adds $5.40/month for a total monthly service fee of $22.10).
- *Option 3 – Fully automated refuse collection, limited subscription recycling for an additional fee, yard waste collected in carts with refuse (no composting), special pick-ups for a fee and cart maintenance. Fees = $14.60 per month (subscription recycling adds $5.40/month for a total monthly service fee of $20.00).
- *Option 4 – Fully automated refuse collection, fully automated city-wide single stream recycling, separate yard waste collection for composting, special pick-ups for a fee and cart maintenance. Fees = $19.50 per month.
- *Option 5 – Fully automated refuse collection, fully automated city-wide single stream recycling, yard waste collected in carts with refuse (no composting), special pick-ups for a fee and cart maintenance. Fees = $17.40 per month.

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The table below indicates that about a third (36.9%) support "Option 5", meaning 36.9% support having a fully automated refuse (yard waste included) collection and single-stream recycling. Plus special pick-up for a fee and cart maintenance. The vast majority 81% reported being supportive of a fully automated refuse collection sanitation system.

Q10 Scenarios

	Frequency	Percent
Option 1	483	19.0
Option 2	204	8.0
Option 3	317	12.5
Option 4	599	23.6
Option 5	936	36.9
Total	2,539	100

Finally, Question 11 offered respondents a chance to leave comments. The postal survey had approximately 100 pages of written comments in response to Q11. The online survey had only a few. About 44% of the respondents (1,268) left comments.

Below are the open-ended responses combined and collapsed into categories. The categories were developed as comments were read and themes emerged. A full list of comments can be viewed in Appendix D.

Category	Percent
Keep current recycling/waste service the same / concerns about automation other than jobs lost / use other cities as an example / indivual ideas for waste management	33
Carts are insufficient and/or too expensive / new carts needed	12
Jobs being lost because of automation / distrust in Salina Government	17
Recycling is a good/everyone should do it, at no fee / support automation and composting/refuse program	25
Recycling is pointless / too expensive/separating is a nuisance	7
On a fixed income (retired, disabled, etc)	10
Worried about losing alley pick-up and items outside cart pick-up / want to keep special pick-up	12
Already drop-off recycling at Images and/or haul own trash to landfill	14
Need more information	5
Other comments	2
Total*	137
*Percents sum to more than 100% because many comments were collapsed into more than one category.	

Findings – Online Survey

This section covers the online survey posted on http://www.salina-ks.gov/. Residents had the option to fill out the survey online instead of using the mailing survey. The following question indicates what refuse collection service the household uses. The options are:

- City of Salina Sanitation
- Salina Waste Systems
- Salina Iron & Metal Company
- None - I haul my own refuse/yard waste to the landfill

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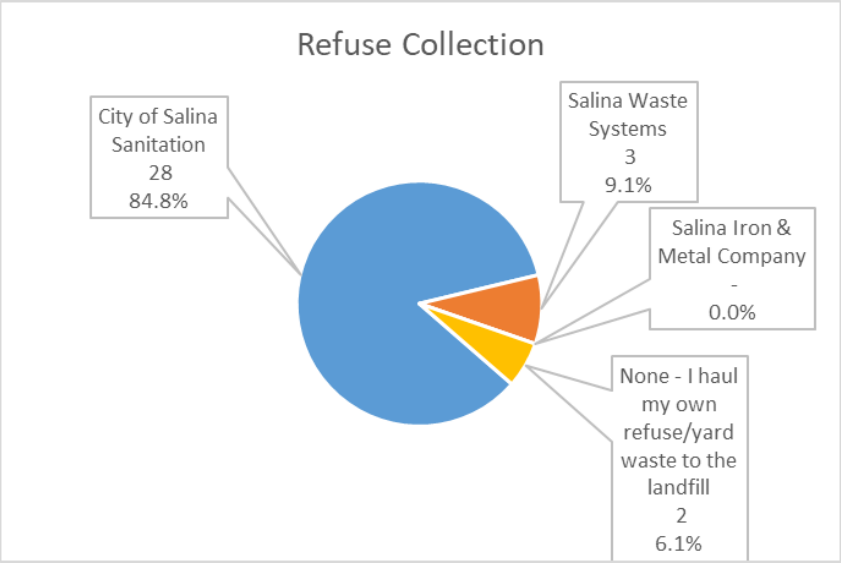

The next question asks respondents if one, two, or three 95-gallon refuse cart(s) would be sufficient for the household.

The charts below indicate that 75.8% of respondents reported one 95-gallon cart was sufficient. For those that answered “No” (24.2%), they were asked if two carts would be sufficient, 100% reported “Yes”. No respondent selected an answer for having a 3rd 95-gallon cart

Q2 One 95 Gallon Cart Sufficient

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	25	75.8
No	8	24.2
Total	33	100

Q2a 2nd 95 Gallon Cart Needed

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	8	100.0
No	0	0.0
Total	8	100

Q2b 3rd 95 Gallon Cart Needed

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	0	0.0
No	0	0.0
Total	0	0

The next question asked respondents how much they would be willing to pay monthly for an extra 95-gallon cart. The option given were:

- $15 to $20 per month
- $10 to $15 per month
- $5 to $10 per month
- $1 to $5 per month

The table below indicates that 46.7% of respondents reported they would prefer to pay "$1 to $5 per month". 80% of respondents would want to pay $10 and under for the extra cart.

Q3 Extra Cart Willing to Pay

	Frequency	Percent
$15 to $20 per	1	3.3
$10 to $15 per	5	16.7
$5 to $10 per	10	33.3
$1 to $5 per month	14	46.7
Total	30	100

The next question asked respondents what listed activities they participate in to dispose of yard waste. The listed activities were:

- Mulch back into the yard
- Place in the refuse cart
- Place in plastic bags
- Place in yard waste cart
- Place in two yard waste carts
- Place in one cart with additional plastic bags
- Haul personally to the landfill or another location

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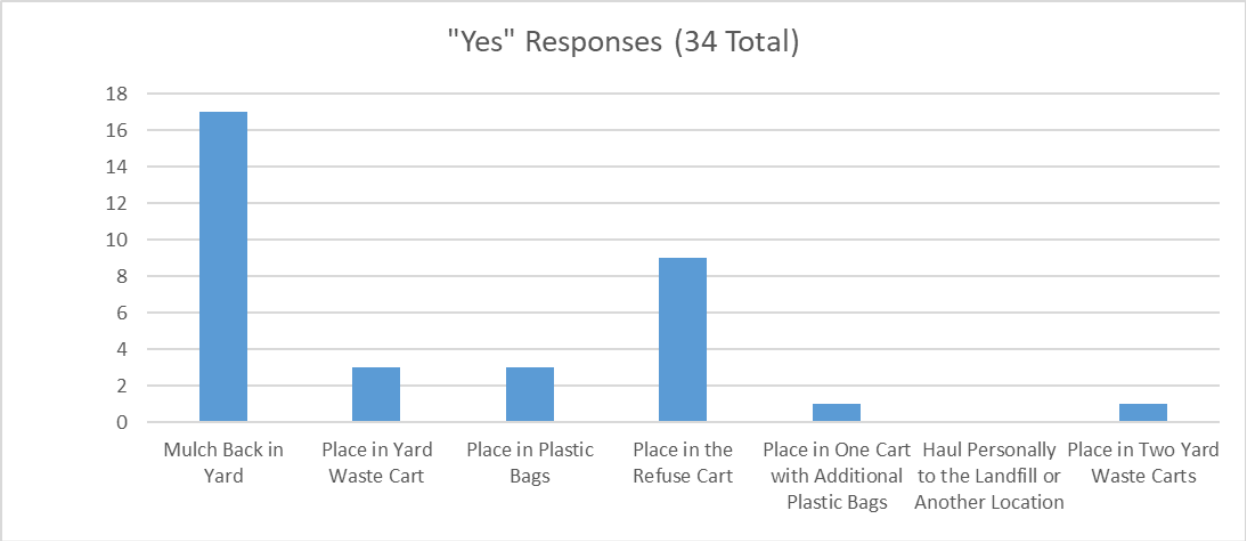

The next question asked respondents if combining yard waste and refuse into one 95-gallon container be large enough for the household. If not, respondents were then asked if having a 95-gallon recycle cart on top of the 95-gallon yard waste/refuse cart would be sufficient for the household waste.

The tables below indicate that 54.8% of respondents reported that having just the yard waste/refuse cart would be sufficient. Those that indicated “No” (45.2%) were then asked if including a recycling cart on top of the yard waste/refuse cart would be sufficient, 64.3% indicated “Yes” and 35.7% answered “No”.

Q5 95 Gallon Sufficient for Refuse and Yard Waste

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	17	54.8
No	14	45.2
Total	31	100

Q5a Need Another 95 Gallon Cart for Recycling

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	9	64.3
No	5	35.7
Total	14	100

The next question asked respondents if they believe the city should consider changing from semi-automated to fully automated sanitation service.

The table below indicates that 50% of respondents reported “Yes” and 36.7% reported “No”. Meanwhile, 13.3% of respondents reported having no preference.

Q6 Consider Automation

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	15	50.0
No	11	36.7
I Don't Have a Preference	4	13.3
Total	30	100

The next question asked respondents how many carts, and what kind(s), their household would need if the city transitioned to an automated sanitation system. The options given were:

- 1 - for refuse only
- 2 - one for refuse, one for recycling
- 2 - one for refuse, one for yard waste
- 3 - one for refuse, one for recycling, one for yard waste
- Other. Please specify: _____

The table below indicates that 13.3% would only need 1 cart for refuse only. 36.7% of respondents reported only needing 2 carts, 1 for refuse and 1 for yard waste.

Q7 Automated # Carts Needed

	Frequency	Percent
1 - For Refuse Only	4	13.3
2 - One for Refuse, One for Recycling	11	36.7
2 - One for Refuse, One for Yard Waste	7	23.3
3 - One for Refuse, One for Recycling, One for Yard Waste	8	26.7
Other: Please Specify	0	0.0
Total	30	100

The next set of questions asked respondents if they would support city-wide recycling for a fee. The first question asked if respondents would support city-wide recycling for a monthly increase of $5 on their bill. The second question asked respondents if they would support city-wide recycling for a monthly increase of $4 on their bill.

The first table below indicates that close to half of the respondents (46.7%) would be "Very Likely" to support a $5 increase on their monthly bill, while 23.3% would be "Very Unlikely" support the $5 increase. The second table indicates that 58.3%, would be "Very Unlikely" to increase their bill $4 for city-wide recycling. Only 8.3% of respondents are likely to support an increase of $4.

Q8 Willing to Pay $5 for Recycling

	Frequency	Percent
Very Likely	14	46.7
Somewhat Likely	4	13.3
Somewhat Unlikely	5	16.7
Very Unlikely	7	23.3
Total	30	100

Q8a Willing to Pay $4 for Recycling

	Frequency	Percent
Very Likely	0	0.0
Somewhat Likely	1	8.3
Somewhat Unlikely	4	33.3
Very Unlikely	7	58.3
Total	12	100

The next set of questions asked respondents if they would support city-wide yard waste composting for a fee. The first question asked if respondents would support city-wide yard waste composting for a monthly increase of $3 on their bill. The second question asked respondents if they would support city-wide yard waste composting for a monthly increase of $2 on their bill.

The first table below indicates that close to half of the respondents (40%) would be "Very Unlikely" to support a $3 increase on their monthly bill, while close to a third (36.7%) would likely support the $3 increase. The second table indicates that even more respondents, 50%, would be "Very Unlikely" to increase their bill $2 for city-wide recycling. Only 22.2% of respondents are likely to support an increase of $2.

Q9 Willing to Pay $3 for Composting

	Frequency	Percent
Very Likely	5	16.7
Somewhat Likely	6	20.0
Somewhat Unlikely	7	23.3
Very Unlikely	12	40.0
Total	30	100

Q9a Willing to Pay $2 for Composting

	Frequency	Percent
Very Likely	0	0.0
Somewhat Likely	4	22.2
Somewhat Unlikely	5	27.8
Very Unlikely	9	50.0
Total	18	100

The last question asked respondents what listed scenarios would best fit the needs of their household. The scenario options were:

- Option 1 – Semi-automated refuse collection, limited subscription recycling for an additional fee, separate yard waste collection for composting, special pick-ups for a fee and cart maintenance. Fees = $17.45 per month (subscription recycling adds $5.40/month for a total monthly service fee of $22.85).
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- *Option 3 – Fully automated refuse collection, limited subscription recycling for an additional fee, yard waste collected in carts with refuse (no composting), special pick-ups for a fee and cart maintenance. Fees = $14.60 per month (subscription recycling adds $5.40/month for a total monthly service fee of $20.00).
- *Option 4 – Fully automated refuse collection, fully automated city-wide single stream recycling, separate yard waste collection for composting, special pick-ups for a fee and cart maintenance. Fees = $19.50 per month.
- *Option 5 – Fully automated refuse collection, fully automated city-wide single stream recycling, yard waste collected in carts with refuse (no composting), special pick-ups for a fee and cart maintenance. Fees = $17.40 per month.

**No additional material outside the cart would be allowed.*

The table below indicates that about half of the respondents (47.8%) support "Option 5", meaning 47.8% support having a fully automated refuse (yard waste included) collection and single-stream recycling. Plus special pick-up for a fee and cart maintenance. The vast majority 95.6% reported being supportive of a fully automated refuse collection sanitation system.

Q10 Scenarios

	Frequency	Percent
Option 1	1	4.3
Option 2	2	8.7
Option 3	2	8.7
Option 4	7	30.4
Option 5	11	47.8
Total	23	100

Appendix A: Survey Instrument

Salina Solid Waste Survey

The City of Salina has outgrown the current refuse collection and curb-sort subscription recycling programs, and is having an increasingly difficult time staffing these manual labor-intensive positions. The separate yard waste collection program is increasingly abandoned during staffing shortages, with yard waste being collected and landfilled with the regular refuse trucks. The city has already moved to single stream (no sorting) collection of recyclables (paper, glass, plastic #1-5, and steel/aluminum cans).

Before the city adds additional equipment or personnel, we want to ensure we move forward with a collection system that meets your needs at an affordable price. There are many issues to consider.

Automated trucks are being considered, because they require less labor, improve worker safety, and speed up collection times. Use of automated trucks would require placement of carts curb-side for collection (no alley pick-up). Automated trucks also limit the collection of additional material outside the cart. Finally, current set-out locations may need to change due to conflicts with on-street parking and overhanging trees.
This survey includes questions about your current household practices, automation, recycling, and yard waste. Please select the best answer to each question.

QIntro Have you previously completed a paper survey mailed to each household in Salina?
Regardless of your answer, you may continue the survey if you wish.

- O Yes (1)
- O No (2)
- O Don't Know (3)

Q1 *My refuse is collected by:*

O City of Salina Sanitation (1)

O Salina Waste Systems (2)

O Salina Iron & Metal Company (3)

O None - I haul my own refuse/ yard waste to the landfill (4)

Q2 The current refuse cart is 90-gallons, which handles seven or eight 13-gallon (kitchen-size) bags of trash. Households with greater needs may currently request an extra cart and/ or special pick-ups for a fee. *Would a 95-gallon cart be large enough to meet the needs of your household if no additional material outside the cart was allowed?*

O Yes (1)

O No (2)

Q2a *If no, would a 95-gallon refuse cart be large enough to meet your needs if you also had a 95-gallon recycle cart?*

O Yes (1)

O No (2)

Q2b *If no, would a 95-gallon refuse cart and a 95-gallon recycle cart be large enough to meet your needs if you also had a yard waste cart?*

O Yes (1)

O No (2)

Q3 The current monthly rate for an extra cart is $15.30 (90-gallon). *If you needed an extra cart (95-gallon), how much would you be willing to pay? (No additional material outside the cart would be allowed.)*

- O $15 - $20 per month (1)
- O $10 - $15 per month (2)
- O $5 - $10 per month (3)
- O $1 - $5 (4)

Q4 *What do you do with yard waste (grass clippings and leaves) when you mow? (Please select all that apply.)*

- ☐ Mulch back into the yard (1)
- ☐ Place in the refuse cart (2)
- ☐ Place in plastic bags (3)
- ☐ Place in yard waste cart (4)
- ☐ Place in two yard waste carts (5)
- ☐ Place in one cart with additional plastic bags (6)
- ☐ Haul personally to the landfill or other location (7)

Q5 Currently, yard waste is collected separately from refuse. *If yard waste were combined with refuse, would a 95-gallon cart be large enough to meet your needs? (No additional material outside the cart would be allowed.)*

- O Yes (1)
- O No (2)

Q5a *If no, would a 95-gallon refuse cart be large enough to meet your needs (yard and refuse combined) if you also had a 95-gallon recycle cart?*

O Yes (1)

O No (2)

Q6 The city is considering changing from semi-automated to fully automated sanitation services. This would include fully-automated trucks with collection arms, one driver per truck (no additional workers), and new carts for households. This change is expected to increase efficiency and public safety, while reducing employee turnover and injuries. It would also require nine fewer positions within the Public Works Department (handled through reductions and job transfers).

Should the city consider automation?

O Yes (1)

O No (2)

O I don't have a preference (3)

Q7 *If an automated system was put into place, how many cart(s) would your household need? (No additional material outside the cart would be allowed.)*

O 1 - for refuse only (1)

O 2 - one for refuse, one for recycling (2)

O 2 - one for refuse, one for yard waste (3)

O 3 - one for refuse, one for recycling, one for yard waste (4)

O Other (5)

Q7a Please specify:

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Q8 The City of Salina currently offers subscription recycling for a fee.

How likely would you be to support city-wide recycling (for plastics #1-5, paper, glass, and cardboard) if your monthly bill increased by $5?

O Very likely (1)

O Somewhat likely (2)

O Somewhat unlikely (3)

O Very unlikely (4)

Q8a *What if your monthly bill increased by $4?*

O Very likely (1)

O Somewhat likely (2)

O Somewhat unlikely (3)

O Very unlikely (4)

Q9 *How likely would you be to support city-wide yard waste composting for $3 a month?*

O Very likely (1)

O Somewhat likely (2)

O Somewhat unlikely (3)

O Very unlikely (4)

Q9a *What if your monthly bill increased by $2?*

O Very likely (1)

O Somewhat likely (2)

O Somewhat unlikely (3)

O Very unlikely (4)

Q10 Please read each option below and select the ***one that best fits the needs of your household***.
**No additional material outside the cart would be allowed.*

O Option 1: Semi-automated refuse collection, limited subscription recycling for an additional fee, separate yard waste collection for composting, special pick-ups for a fee and cart maintenance. Fees = $17.45 per month (subscription recycling adds $5.40/month for a total service fee of $22.85). (1)

O *Option 2: Fully automated refuse collection, limited subscription recycling for an additional fee, separate yard waste collection, special pick-ups for a fee and cart maintenance. Fees = $16.70 per month (subscription recycling adds $5.40/month for a total monthly service fee of $22.10). (2)

O *Option 3: Fully automated refuse collection, limited subscription recycling for an additional fee, yard waste collected in carts with refuse (no composting), special pick-ups for a fee and cart maintenance. Fees = $14.60 per month (subscription recycling adds $5.40/month for a total monthly service fee of $20.00). (3)

O *Option 4: Fully automated refuse collection, fully automated city-wide single stream recycling, separate yard waste collection for composting, special pick-ups for a fee and cart maintenance. Fees = $19.50 per month. (4)

O *Option 5: Fully automated refuse collection, fully automated city-wide single stream recycling, yard waste collected in carts with refuse (no composting), special pick-ups for a fee and cart maintenance. Fees = $17.40 per month. (5)

Q11 If you have additional comments, please use the space below.

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Appendix B: 'Other' Responses to Q7

- 1 95 gallon if refuse and yard can go together
- 1 cart only, for both trash and lawn
- 1 cart plus yard waste bag pickup
- 1 cart yard and refuse combined, 1 for recycling
- 1 for both refuse and yard waste
- 1 for refuse + yard waste
- 1 for refuse and 2 for recycling
- 1 for refuse and a smaller one
- 1 for refuse and recycling
- 1 for refuse and yard waste
- 1 for refuse and yard waste
- 1 for refuse and yard waste
- 1 for refuse and yard waste
- 1 for refuse and yard waste.
- 1 for refuse-I recycle on my own
- 1 for refuse, 1 for recycling
- 1 for refuse, 1 for yard waste, but not year round
- 1 for refuse, 2 for yard waste
- 1 for refuse, 2 for yard waste only in summer
- 1 for refuse, have for yard waste is occasional
- 1 for refuse/yard waste, 1 for recycling
- 1 for trash. Don't think my bundles of limbs would fit.
- 1 for yard refuse and waste.
- 1 if refuse and yard waste are combined
- 1 refuse 2 yard
- 1 refuse, 1 for tree limbs
- 1 Refuse, 1 recycle
- 1 refuse, 1 sale, 1 yard waste. Need a sale cart for stuff that can't go in the yard waste cart.
- 1 refuse, 1 yard waste
- 1 refuse, 2 yard waste
- 1 refuse, 2 yard waste
- 1 refuse, 2 yard waste
- 1 Refuse, 2 yard waste
- 1 refuse, 2 yard/grass/tree branches
- 1 small recycle tote for plastics, glass, etc.
- 1 yard waste & refuse combined
- 1 Yard waste, 1 recycling
- 1-refuse 2-yard waste
- 1-refuse, 1-yard waste, possibly 1-recycle occasionally 1-extra refuse

- 1+ more in fall and spring
- 2 because of no trash outside of cart
- 2 carts for refuse one would just be used occasionally. If the automated system is implemented I will probably look for a different trash service rather than use the city.
- 2 carts refuse will/cannot separate twigs, branches, etc. from trash. Already recycle. 2 carts trash maybe 1 for recycling.
- 2 for anything
- 2 for refuge
- 2 for refuse
- 2 for refuse
- 2 for refuse
- 2 for refuse
- 2 for refuse
- 2 for refuse
- 2 for refuse
- 2 for refuse
- 2 For refuse
- 2 for refuse 1 for recycling
- 2 for refuse 1 for yard waste and special pick-ups for larger items
- 2 for refuse and 1 for yard waste
- 2 for refuse if no outside bags.
- 2 for refuse possibly
- 2 for refuse, 1 for recycle, 1 for yard waste
- 2 for refuse, 1 for recycling
- 2 for refuse, 1 recycling, 1 yard waste.
- 2 for refuse, 1 yard waste
- 2 for refuse, 1 yard waste
- 2 for refuse, 50% of the time for a second one.
- 2 for refuse, one for overflow
- 2 refuse
- 2 Refuse
- 2 refuse + one yard waste
- 2 refuse only
- 2 refuse only
- 2 refuse, 1 recycling, 1 yard waste, maybe 2 recycling.
- 2 refuse, 1 yard waste
- 2 refuse, 1 yard waste
- 2 refuse, 1 yard waste
- 2 refuse, 2 yard waste if automated, 1 recycle
- 2-1 for refuse/yard waste combined and 1 for recycling
- 2-for refuse

- 2-for refuse
- 2-one for refuse, one for small limbs etc.
- 3 All use
- 3 for refuse
- 3 for refuse (since/ unless bundles of sticks, etc. can go outside in bundles)
- 3 one for refuse, two for yard waste
- 3 One for refuse, two yard waste
- 3 with no stipulation.
- 3- 2 for refuse and yard waste, 1 for recycling.
- 4- 1 for refuse, 1 for recycle, 2 for yard waste
- 4-5 sometimes
- 6 month refuse only
- 90 gal is fine
- Always a need to have extra things outside of carts
- As we have now.
- Depends on how much and the types of items I could recycle.
- Depends on pricing
- Depends on whether present recycling business stays home
- depends summer or winter
- Depends-1 refuse, 1 recycle-enough if occasional yard waste can go in refuse can
- Do not want recycling
- Don't like carts
- Don't really know-established tree neighborhood-leaves, limbs, sticks
- Don't want 3 carts but a extra 5 gallons will not hold yard waste when people do decide not to mulch. All for recycling but 3 carts is just 1 too many.
- For me, this depends more on the environmental impact than quantity of waste. I currently take my recyclables to a local recycler and wouldn't want them (or yard waste) all combined in the city landfill safely to improve the efficiency of the trash service.
- Household refuse and yard waste would be placed in one cart.
- I don't pay for recycling and take it to Images
- I don't want automated
- I don't want extra trash dumpsters in my yard or my neighborhood. The carts are to tall and top heavy now. I'm an older woman and too hard to handle and they tip over all the time with Kansas winds and I only take to curb every other week. I don't have that much trash.
- I have bags (several) from time to time.
- I really hope you don't go to system.
- I recycle, plastic, paper, metal and glass. So how many do I really need? We need a recycling company that picks up!
- I think I would switch to a private hauler. Then we could lone the dumpster in the alley rather than on the front parking.
- I will look for another service.

- I will put everything into one cart
- I would cancel my city pickup
- I would go to independent hauler.
- I would probably go with an independent company
- If I am being charged for extra cart, then just 1 if another cart is free of charge. 2
- If I can get some yard waste in refuse cart, that’s okay.
- It depends on images. I recycle. That should be required and not changed.
- It depends on time of year.
- Keep it like it is. 2 carts & bags for extra if needed occasionally.
- Leaf pickup is an issue. We collect in plastic bags several times through fall and winter. It can be 8-12 bags at a time. 3-4 times a season.
- Mattress, carpet, etc.
- Must allow collection other than cart!
- Must be able to pack up bags w/ yard waste-esp. tree limbs, etc. That’s all. Don't need 3 CARTS! Need to be able to put limbs and yard waste in bags once in a while when we need to.
- Need 2 yard waste carts certain times of the year; spring and fall
- No automation
- No change
- None
- None
- None
- None needed
- None of the above on occasionally I have items to big to fit in a cart.
- One for recycling only
- One for refuse and yard waste combined
- One for refuse and yard waste.
- One for refuse, two for yard waste which I have now and one small one for recycle if we are going to have to comply.
- One, yard and refuse combined
- Only 1 if refuse is combined with yard waste.
- Refuse & yard waste
- Same as now
- Some items won't fit into a cart which would require a special pick up fees 1 item, say an old ironing board.
- Some things are too large for the cart
- Special pick up sometimes.
- Totally depends. One would probably do it for trash and most of time yard waste. We take recycling down town now. We might need 3 if we are to recycle curb-side
- Two for refuse and one for yard waste
- Two for refuse, one for waste from yard
- Unsure, have yard waste occasionally

- We want recycle and yard waste composted, but do not want 3 carts
- Well if we are going to combine trash and yard waste I only need one
- Will cause a lot of problems. You will find trash elsewhere in town.
- Yard waste collection only 2-3 X a year. Want alley access. Cart difficult for seniors
- Yard waste must allow large sticks
- Yard waste will not fit in carts

Appendix C: Phone Comments

Forty-three residents of Salina called my office to discuss the survey and/or give their opinions about the issues. Below is a summary.

- Most (31) were a bit confused about extra bins. They were unsure if they would pay extra fees for the extra bins, or if the scenarios (Question 10) covered the costs of the extra bins.
- About half (22) needed clarification on "Single Stream." Does this mean all material is dumped in the same cart, with refuse, recycling, and yard waste separated out later? If so, where would that separation take place (at a Salina facility, shipped to another city, etc.)?
- About half (20) mentioned that they have extra yard waste during the spring and fall, but would not need extra bins year round.
- About a third (14) asked if there had been any thought into how handicapped and elderly folks would handle the large bins.
- About a quarter (11) asked about tree limbs – whether they would have to fit in the carts?
- About a quarter (9) mentioned that they support city wide recycling.
- About an eighth (5) said that they wanted to continue taking materials to Images.
- One respondent lost her return envelope, and mailed it to me with her own stamp.
- Another respondent lost her return envelope, so I completed the survey over the phone with her.

Appendix D: All Open-Ended Comments

The following are all of the comments left by survey respondents. About 44% of the respondents (1,268) left comments.

- I have never understood why people who recycle have to pay for doing the right thing. In many places, recycling is mandatory. I think the people who choose not to recycle should be charged the fee for excessive landfill space, not the other way around.

- 1 trash cart, 1 yard cart, 1 recycling cart. I try to recycle most of my household waste, and having a separate cart for recycling would be nice and easier. Not sorting paper, cardboard, glass cans and the few plasters that are recyclable to all go in the same cart would be easier. I would not have to try to stockpile and then make a special trip. I would do it more. My yard waste is a big issue. My bushes have to be trimmed 2 to 4 times a year and I have trees that keep growing that I clip. I use my grass clippings sometimes, about every other week, and I have a yard cart for grass clippings that I am unable to use. I am not willing to separate half my yard for the amount of grass clippings, so I use what I can and discard the rest. I need trash outside the cart for sticks and I don't want to have a special pickup for sticks.

- My husband could have smaller refuse if we had a recycle bin. We love the idea of recycling, but we cannot afford a lot of extras. It comes down to the penny each month for us. Paying extra for recycling is not a great option for us. If we could pay less for a smaller refuse bin, then we could afford the price of a recycle bin. So, if we had a 75 gallon refuse bin for $12 and then a recycle bin for $5.40 totaling $17.40, it would be more viable for us. If you have an automated system then you may not need to pay as many people and can afford to reduce the price and size of refuse bins.

- Hutchinson, Kansas has this and it works. I am in a one person household. I would recycle if I didn’t have to save paper, plastic, glass, etc., but then I would have less trash, and I don't want to pay for two carts when I can't fill one twice a year. I clean my yard for leaves and dead foliage. But, in Hutchinson they only picked up recycling every other week. It should be picked up at least once a week.

- Household size is a big consideration. There are only two of us. We often only bother to move it out to the street twice a month. No change at all would be preferable for us. It is my understanding that some towns have had to drop automated pick up, because it doesn't work where there is lots of on street parking. Salina has many such older neighborhoods. Salina does need to offer some kind of recycling plan, but it’s expensive trucking to Hutchinson and Wichita and makes no sense.

- Being on a fixed income, I see no options for reducing the cost of service. Why is that?

- None of the above would work. In the summertime, there is always more trash - limbs, grass, etc.

- I think it should be mandatory to recycle!

- Fully automated sanitation services are not the way to go! There will always be situations arising in refuse collection that will require human decision making, not to mention the fact that you would be removing employment for many people. That is not acceptable when we live in a community that

already doesn't have a proportionate number of viable, middle-income, employment opportunities. As for recycling, if it was made easier, such as one cart with 4 spaces for plastic, paper, glass, & cardboard, then perhaps our community would actually embrace recycling on a larger scale. This issue will only become more important as time goes on, so addressing this in a more viable way now is smart! It would provide an income from recycling to help offset the costs of the program and also solve the upcoming landfill issues we face!

- I prefer semi-automated, the way it is currently, with possible extras outside the cart. There are items that don't fit in the cart and we can't keep things around until there's enough for a special pick-up. Those are too expensive to be used often!

- This household feels strongly that recycling should be a "given," not an option. Being fully aware that sorting the recycled materials requires manual labor, it benefits the city (selling materials for reuse, less waste in landfill) and teaches the next generations that we can all do our part to help the environment. The school systems have a tremendous amount of paper waste. It seems ridiculous that the city isn't doing more to reuse and/or recycle products.

- Really interested in the results of this! It took me two years to get on the current recycling program. Several of my neighbors have asked me about it. It would be great to have it city-wide and make it easier for all. I would like to see cardboard added to the list of recyclables. Cardboard is becoming a bigger problem with online orders and for right now the options are 1. place in the trash, or 2. manually take cardboard to recycling facility. If the cart size is increasing for recyclables, it would be nice to address that there are more items that can be recycled.

- I believe our city refuse/sanitation needs are met, as they have been. Automation only causes 9 people or more to lose jobs. I would like to believe if the proposal is approved, that those who are displaced by it will be transferred to another position.

- Would prefer current program. Not being able to have extra bags is difficult. What do the elderly do?

- I will change trash pick-up, if it costs more. I will NOT separate trash. I do not bother with clippings. I do have leaves and big weeds. I use most limbs and branches. Those do not go into trash bin. In fall there are leaves and saplings in the spring and fall. I do try not to overfill the dumpster. I space the above over a period of 4-6 weeks.

- None of the plans fit my needs and I don't have enough to recycle. I compost my yard waste for use in my garden and worm bed. Shredded paper and newspaper go into worm bed. Pop cans, for example, go to charity for sale.

- I live alone, so I normally don't have much trash. However, with wind storms, I need to get rid of limbs, even broken up ones, which is sometimes hard to do because they don't always pick up. Regular trash guys were OK and would take them, but yard cart guys didn't.

- I do not need an increase in any of my monthly bills. My income has not gone up for the last three years. If you lived on $750.00/month, you might understand. I have no credit cards. How many do you have that you maxed out for "I wants" that you could do without? My bills are all paid every month, but if you add more to my water bill, I will stop pick up; not because I want to, but because I can't afford it.

- I think there should be a charge for NOT recycling!
- It should still include the pick-ups for limbs which are put in bundles of string/rope, as allowed now, since we can have severe storms with high winds.
- We do our own recycling and are happy with the current two-cent system. We have no interest in the fully automated system or recycling in the city.
- We are already stretched to the max. You should look for ways to save money, not charge more. Is there ever an end?
- I think it would best for Salina to switch to fully-automated sanitation service. And, I would like Salina to be more recycling friendly, not only the city trash, but also to inform more people about plastic and recycling.
- I take my recycling to the place on 4th and Iron for free.
- I'm not sure if I like fully automatic trucks, but I do like the idea of composting yard waste.
- I would like to see the city move towards what is best for the environment. (I know there are arguments on all sides for that). But, I think composting and recycling are a good start. I enjoyed the time I spent in Colorado where they actually charged by pound for the refuse, while the recycling and composting were at no charge. I think Salina would freak out. But, that shows a serious commitment to recycling. 2) Honestly, I don't use the yard waste cart. I use a lawn service. They take care of any clippings and yard waste. We could use a trash can 1/2 the size and a similar sized recycle cart. But, we are a single couple with no kids.
- Worked for the city of 15,000 pop. in 2003. Could not "GIVE AWAY" recycle glass: had to use it for "fill". I am against glass recycling. Glass requires sorting by color and crushing them. Good luck finding a buyer. Most glass buyers are only interested in a large municipality close to their facility, and transportation costs are the primary factor and volume. Smaller towns do not generate enough glass to be a reliable source for buyers. The city eats the cost in an otherwise self-supporting program.
- We have wanted to recycle for years. I have called and have been on a waiting list for an available container for 7 or 8 years. Which is ridiculous! If the automation improves the service, that would be great. Recycling should be available to everyone, and personally, I think it should be mandatory!
- NO FULLY AUTOMATED SYSTEM
- We take everything that can be recycled to Images, so I wouldn't be in favor of paying the city to recycle. 2) On question #9 I answered Very Unlikely because I wouldn't want to pay this fee for 12 months, but might if it was limited to 4 or 5 months, when the grass is growing.
- The biggest issue I have right now is that the only place for recycling yard waste is at the city dump. I understand the reasons for this, due to past abuse, but can't they open a couple more acre areas around the city or county? Especially after large storms roll through? It is a large hassle to haul it all the way out to the dump as I work during the hours they are open. I, therefore, have to take time out of my work schedule to go out there. If other places were open or available, they could be monitored

with cameras to curb illegal dumping- or possibly staffed somehow with the jobs lost by automating the trash trucks.

- If we always have separate items from time to time, how are we supposed to get rid of that? Hire a separate contractor? Do we not pick up waste anymore? People with set incomes and disabilities are left out.

- What about fallen limbs via a storm, etc.? Why charge us more when you are the ones that can't keep help? How about fixing the carts that we have now? If you want to separate the trash, then you do it. We don't have the time or the space to have different costs on our yard just to satisfy some ECO-EPA program.

- I don't believe fully automated pickup would work well in our neighborhood as there are many cars parked on the street. As for recycling, I would be more than willing to participate, but I am not going to pay any more to subscribe to the service. It is a relief system for the landfill in the future. It is my opinion that the refuse program is a public service and should be a not for profit program.

- I strongly believe that City of Salina, KS should keep some sanitation workers. These folks are hardworking and are a great asset to the community. Furthermore, if the city goes fully automated, it would cause a loss of jobs and prove to be more costly to the residents and taxpayers. Adding recycling would only help the city create employment for the area. Plus, it would lessen the loads in the landfill. Coming from a city of 3 million people, I have seen this work with positive results.

- My husband would like it to stay as it is. I don't mind a change, but my concern is the increase in expenses for us.

- We have a mulching mower. We do the fall leaf-pickup. We take our recycling down to Images Recycling ourselves. We seldom have a full trash cart the way it is. We have always had alley pickup, due to busy streets. We are concerned about the safety of other drivers if going with a fully automated service. How long will traffic be blocked on a busy street? It already gets backed up with Taco Bell across the street. We hate the site of trash carts along "gateway to downtown" avenue. And, who picks up the mess if the "arm" doesn't pick up the cart correctly and it tips over? What about the cost of all new trucks? Will the cost of the trucks be cheaper than the 9 employees that will lose their income?

- If you do recycling, does that mean there is a third cart? I don't have a place to put the two I have now.

- This survey is skewed towards automation and increasing rates. This would eliminate jobs and increase costs. There are little options to keep things the same.

- I think it is ridiculous to have to pay to recycle.

- Please do not accept refuse and yard waste combined in a 95 gallon cart. Yard waste can be recycled as compost. We already separate our glass, paper, plastic, aluminum and steel and take them to the downtown recycling facility. We lived in Marin County, CA before moving here and they have an incredibly efficient and simple system which is fully automation. Each household is given a large cart for each item: group-refuse, yard waste, glass, paper, etc. It is collected weekly. There are no special pick-ups. You have to take these items to the recycling plant and pay a fee depending on what you

are disposing of. It is reasonable and fairly priced. It all runs extremely well and is super for the environment. Everyone was glad to do their part.

- It is embarrassing that we do not have a city wide recycling program that is mandatory. We need to press on to catch up with the rest of the world.
- Would there be a plan in place for holiday waste? Extra bags and boxes will more than likely be next to trash can.
- I think yard waste shouldn't have so many restrictions on it!
- The recycling should be free and all other trash should be bagged and charged $1.00 per bag. The entire system should be automated and a sorting system should be established here in Salina, either ran by the city and built with taxpayer money, or contracted out. It is past the time that this town has not become a leader in the region of this state as a reduce, reuse and recycle municipality.
- I am against eliminating alley pick-up, but I am against automated pick-up. It eliminates jobs.
- I don't need a 95 gallon recycle bin.
- Anything to LOWER the bill. Nothing to raise the bill.
- Now we have a refuse cart, 4 yard waste carts, and we take our recyclable material to Images. Most of the time our refuse cart is only emptied once about once every 6 to 8 weeks. We have 2 to 3 yard waste carts emptied weekly from April to October. I haul recyclable material about once a month, which is on my way home from work, so it doesn't cost anything to take to Images.
- I would want at least 2 carts; whatever the configuration. Having only 1 cart for everything is not enough. You show special pick-up for a fee as an option with all choices. I support this as a necessity.
- We hope 9 employees will not lose their jobs.
- We recycle all listed items. We rarely use disposable dinnerware or carry out products. Our current cart is sufficient- larger carts are hard for the elderly to clean. Mixing yard waste with refuse would make our cart dirty all garden and grass season. I recycle at the curb and also take items to the 4th St. facility. Rarely do we have an item that does not fit in our current carts. Only with major clean up do we have a full cart of refuse. One size does not fit all. Are 2 sizes of carts possible? Young and larger families have more refuse than smaller families and the elderly.
- If recycling was an option, it would lessen the demands on the landfill. By having prisoners in our jail sort the recycling (for free!) it would allow recycling to be a viable option, and it could earn some money. Do not raise rates. Add free recycling and bill those who do not want to recycle.
- I don't think the city has to make changes. I like the way they do things now. Too many people could not get their carts out to the curb and it would be not good in bad weather.
- I have been thinking about canceling city of Salina trash pick-up for a long time, but I have always been too busy to do it. This survey reminded me of what I pay every month and I could reduce my $60.00 water bill by $15 - 25%. I will change trash companies if I find a cheaper price. I am getting on

the phone now. I hope there is one. Thanks! I needed to do this for a long time. And thanks for the list of options. It's helpful!

- We want to make sure we have refuse pick up and recycling pick up.

- Never is our refuse cart full. We stopped the recycling service to save money (take it ourselves). Could the city offer smaller carts at a reduced fee? How about twice a month pick-up? We are not big consumers, so we could use smaller carts.

- Notice the options on the last question: with your way of increasing the price and no other option for special pick up. We should spend money better instead of 2-3 million dollars for an area to put stupid sign for the Bicenter. It has nothing to do with your survey, but the city spends money on stuff like the river walk, even though it was voted down. So what does it matter? Sincerely, Taxpayer of Salina.

- I would hope that during this transition no jobs will be eliminated. Thank you!

- Keep the trash pickup boys working and earning their paychecks. Help all business owners.

- I'm not comfortable paying the present fee for one cart. I live alone and rarely fill the cart. I do my own recycling and it costs me nothing. I don't want to pay extra for what I do myself. A lot of other people in town recycle and it would not be fair to charge us. Perhaps there could be rules like they have in Germany- everyone is required to recycle. Another suggestion- why not charge trash pickup according to the number of people in the residence? The more people, the more trash; same as the more water usage, the higher the bill. As a retired person on a fixed income, I'm not happy to see my utilities keep going up. I do hope you report all answers to the city of Salina.

- 1 cart is enough. DO NOT CHARGE FOR SERVICES. One person on my block used recycling. I see a large truck (using gas and exhaust polluting our environment) and one and a half workers taking ten minutes with a truck running, separating small containers in a large truck. Recycling in Salina is a waste of money and doesn't help the environment. The large truck and extra employees is a waste of taxpayers' money and the truck pollutes the environment. Also the city is wasting taxpayers' money and polluting the environment with street sweepers as they go up and down the street blowing dirt and dust all over the front of our homes. Also, the manpower for these outdated machines are a waste of money. I need one cart to hold my trash and to be picked up once a week. If I have junk to set by the curb, I will pay extra if I call the city to pick up. People on Social Security cannot pay extra for unneeded services. The city should find a way to save taxpayers' money, NOT CHARGE US MORE. 1) NO CHANGE NEEDED. 2) SAVE TAXPAYERS' MONEY BY ENDING THE CURRENT RECYCLING PROGRAMS- NOT HORSE AND BUGGY DAYS. 3) STOP STREET SWEEP PROGRAMS.

- THIS WAS NOT AS DETAILED AS IT NEEDED TO BE TO GET THE ANSWERS NEEDED TO TRULY ASSESS THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE.

- Normally, with one individual in this home, I don't need trash pick-up weekly as I recycle newspapers, plastic bottles, junk mail, aluminum cans, etc. With many single elderly (over 60), they should take this into consideration. When I lived in Manhattan before moving here, I was charged a set fee ($7 I think) when I did have trash picked up by a private contract. This worked much better for a single person. If they can't get a decent recycling system working, they need to make the railroad maintain the tracks off 4th street where we can take it currently. It is in horrible shape right where you turn into the parking lot! I'm almost afraid to go because I fear damage to my car and tires! Also, there is

no explanation of what type of cart will be for recycling--will it have various parts to split the above type items into so it can be reused and not just added to the dump? Salina definitely needs to do a better job in the recycling area!

- I'm not concerned about the cost alone. NO information is provided about the difference in environmental impact (e.g. between separate yard waste, collection of composting, and collecting yard waste with regular waste in carts). How do these affect our landfill, etc.? I currently take my recyclables to a local recycling company because I don't think requiring citizens to pay for recycling services incentivizes people to recycle.

- Fall and spring lend themselves to extra leaves. Our current 1x neighborhood leaf pickup is not working and could be eliminated. The leaves kill your grass and blow away before you even come to our neighborhood. Our yard cart with the option of additional yard bags is necessary or - bring back the free "drop off" of yard waste/mulch within the Salina city limits. The dump is too far away. We want our city tidy, but we shouldn't have to pay additional money to have extra-large items outside of yard cart. -Bad idea! - And it only occurs a few months out of the year. I would be willing to haul my leaf bags to a location for a FREE DROP-OFF.

- MY CURRENT WASTE RECEPTACLES ARE ADAQUATE.

- Why not recycling for an extra fee? The city will be the one's making money on it any way.

- We need 2 carts: 1 for trash and 1 for grass clippings.

- Everything is OK the way it is. Why are we needing this survey? We are concerned about items outside the cart. Very seldom needed, but, very nice when needed.

- I moved here from McPherson. They had automated trucks. If I remember right, no grass or leaves were permitted. Sure I composted leaves and grass, but all I had were tree limbs. Someone interested should check out their layout. All refuse was sorted in a building and they have plans for all recyclable items.

- Since we don't recycle, we don't pay extra. We like what we have. ("If it's not broken, don't mess with it.") If you want us to change to another trash service- let us know. Right now we like the job the city is doing. Sorry you can't keep us happy.

- I would support recycling sites around town where we could bring our recycling to dumpsters. Recycling is the priority.

- There is more than grass and leaves in yard waste. However grass and leaves are all items you can put into cart.

- Please keep refuse and yard waste separate. All yard waste should be composted.

- I am fully capable and interested in recycling, and do not understand what good it does to not to sort it. I would love to recycle, but do not want my price to go up. I also understand reality, but hate full automation. This change might encourage me to peruse other options available.

- If 9 employees are eliminated wouldn't that cover costs so there is no need to raise costs to the customers?

- Another instance of the city only thinking of what they want, not about the citizens on fixed incomes.

- The current recycling containers provided by the city are too tiny! I recycle my own materials because of this.

- So on very windy days, carts are going to tip over. The one driver will be working his butt off dealing with this. There is times when I have something too long for the cart and I will place by it and the fellas pick it up. Makes sense to me. With an automated system, that would not happen, in which case I would have to call for a special pick up at a charge. No, it does not make sense to me. For us retired folks on fixed income, any added charges puts us in move of a bind. Let’s think about the effects any charges will have on everyone folks.

- The only concern with fully automation is what to do with the tree limbs after a storm. If the tree limbs don't get removed then Salina becomes a termite oasis!

- I like having alley pick up. Then I don't have to remember what day to put the dumpster by the curb. I have 5 kids and a very busy household. Moving dumpster to the front would be one more thing to remember.

- Leave things as they are. Free recycling. Pick up city waste every other week to reduce cost of recycling.

- If my income were greater my choices would be different. With my limited social security, the economy has to be the first concern. With the uncertainty of Medicare and health care reform, there is no room for luxury of recycling.

- I don't want/have the space for all these huge bins, especially a yard waste (one that I would only use 2-3 times per year). Please pick up our cardboard with recycling. I dislike that I have to cart it to the recycling center, despite paying for recycling. We pay to have our yard mowed and landscaping trimmed, so yard waste is not very significant to us. I want Styrofoam recycling.

- There is currently a very convenient location for recycling. By using that service I can reduce my collection need to no more than twice per month. By taking paper, glass, aluminum, tin, plastic, cardboard and misc. items from my trash there is a reduced need for collection. I am not willing to pay more because some people are too lazy to recycle!

- Currently I do not recycle plastic or metal. All kitchen trash goes into kitchen trash bags. How would you sort it all in tied up bags? My guess is you would not recycle with my process of dumping trash. There would need to be instructions if recycle sorting is to be done at a sorting center.

- Very expensive garbage pick-up and yard waste pick up. The recycling bucket is so small it’s not worth it. Plus, all of us need to be recycling. All plastics, mish mosh, tin, aluminum, cardboard, glass, etc. Salina should be pushing a much bigger recycling program. Then our trash cents would go down. Plus, be understanding about limbs when people are cleaning up yards, trimming trees.

- I like the service the way it is, leave it alone.

- I can't figure out why I would have to pay extra to recycle. I separate it in containers for you. Makes no sense. I don't want any type of recycle cart. All I want is a trash cart and lawn cart.

- What if people don't want to pay for special pickups or can't pay. For special pickups that don't fit in cart?

- Currently, the rules are SO picky about what can be composted. Why can't branches be composted?

- Trash collection "tone" center part of lid (in front) that "latches" the lid shut. It still "latches" but "tear" is several inches long and thus I wonder how long before the "tear" gets bigger and the lid doesn't "latch" anymore. Also, my trash cart was switched with my neighbor's trash cart which was filthy inside. I saw my in the neighbors yard and switched them. I know these are minor things, but I'm very careful with things as they have to last. Not everyone is that way. Sorry I couldn't answer some questions, but my landlord pays for trash collection. I would guess he wants good service, no price increases.

- Looks like whatever, charge will go up. Maybe the city should get out of trash business. Other city's make private trash collection work! 2) How about having once a year neighborhood cleanup so everyone can get rid of the junk that accumulates. Charges could be rolled in. 3) As far as inability to find workers, how about paying living wages? Also decent benefits. Another scary thought -let's get the union to represent the workers. 4) Service now is good-understand change is inevitable-good luck!

- My only objection with the fully automated trucks would be what happens if I am using porch-side dumpster in which employees mess up and dump my refuse because I am disabled. The employees walk my dumpster to the curb as they pick up because I physically am restricted to do so. Would this still be taken into consideration with the automated trucks?

- I will change to a private hauler, if you want to eliminate jobs and injuries, just like Walmart getting rid of full time jobs. They claim we are trying to have jobs for citizens of our town. States it will eliminate jobs. Way to set the double standards. Elimination of jobs. Every jobs has injury risks. Don't try to use it as positive.

- The only reason for this survey is to notify is that the prices of service will be going up!

- I like the way the way the system is ran now. I have a concern with the fully automated system doing away with jobs. The economy is bad, jobs are not easy to find, and the city wants to do away with jobs?

- I believe in recycling and doing the city recycling. Would be sorry if city stops recycling.

- You don't want the refuse to be separate from the yard waste? I couldn't answer the last 5 questions because I want to recycle my own plastics, etc. I have lots of yard waste; more than refuse. I guess I could make it with one cart if need be.

- I have seen the automated systems and I'm sure they are fine to a point. But many people don't have off street parking so what do they do on trash day? And, you are taking away the livelihood of 9 people. They are actually working and not living off the system. It's sad how computers and technology have taken so many jobs from people and people that do have jobs are getting lazier and

unhealthier because all they do is sit behind a desk and stare at a computer all day, or in this case stand at a steering wheel. All day.

- The City of Salina should require residents to recycle. This would cut down on trash and is overall better for the environment. My house hold recycles and can easily go 2 or sometimes 3 weeks without needing a trash pick-up. If residents were charges for the amount of trash being picked-up weekly, it would encourage recycling. I think Wichita participates in something similar. I think full automation seems like a great option, except people lose jobs which are already hard to find in Salina and there are times of the year where items are left outside of cart; example being Christmastime.

- Large recycling carts are a must! The tiny ones provided currently are inadequate and don't meet the needs of our family because we recycle as much as we can. Would love to see the recycling service be the main focus.

- I don't agree with cutting jobs! I also wonder how other towns, like Hutchison, offer curbside recycling for no extra charge, and Salina can't.

- Living on Retirement, I can only support the most cost effective means of waste disposal. I feel the current method is the most cost effective, as there are times that I have more than the cart will hold. (Example Christmas or new product purchase with large cartons)

- I think taking away jobs to automation is ridiculous. The city should be worried about creating more jobs instead of taking 9 away. I like the idea of recycling but the current bins are way too small so I do my own and I think paying for recycling is absurd. We are helping the environment and SHOULD NOT be charged for it.

- It seems to me that the city is continuously changing things so that more money can be charged. Also, automated pickup would put people out of work. There are people out here trying to find work and the city is trying hard to put them out of work to spend more money. I'm one that thinks if something isn't broken it shouldn't be fixed.

- Change is not practical-needs vary with both weather/seasonal changes and holidays. You currently only allow very tiny sticks, leaves, and grass in yard waste. Most sticks do not fall into that category. When you have winds LIKE KS DOES, I often fill my refuse with sticks from mature trees and still have extra bags of garbage. The automated truck will not cover that. I cannot afford to pay more. Recycling is impractical as it requires extra space inside the house, which we don't have, until it's disposed of. Since recycling can be made a profit center, why not find an effective way to make it easy, desirable, and free?

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- I left question 10 blank because none fit my needs. What is being done now for my needs is 100% adequate and does not need changed; period. Also I already pay quite enough for trash pick-up. I don't need this automated crap to make my bill rise even more. Plus, when this automated system takes even 1 job away from some person and their family, I will never support that. Automation of the trash system, "very bad idea".

- The concept here is to raise prices, cut labor and provide less services at a higher price to us. Leave things alone, stop trying to fix what isn't broken! We don't want to pay more! How much did this survey cost us?

- Fully automated will never work. You have to have boots on the ground. When the wind is blowing a lot of refuse gets blown around the area. I've seen it happen many times.

- Glad to see this moving on. Yard cart pick up is very important for 'clean' city. Special pick up is also important for 'cleaner' city. What does one get for my own 2nd yard cart that I paid for?

- I will use the fresh cart for everything. ALL yard trash and trash from the household will go into the trash cart. I really don't care for separating the stuff. Kansas does not offer money for plastic recycling for the homeowner, at least not in the Salina area. Only aluminum cans, for the home owner, receives money. Yard trash is going into the trash cart, where it has always gone into at my house with the house trash. I don't care if the city wants automation. People go to work for the city, because it is an employer. Automation is not always a better way of doing thing for people who need to work. I DON'T have a computer/internet or cable/satellite TV. Not interested. Can't afford to pay higher prices, so I will put ALL my trash- house and yard into our cart. No matter what. Yes, this ticked me off.

- Please, please, please implement city-wide recycling! We need to teach people how to live more sustainably in all ways, and recycling is a great strategy. Thank you for this survey.

- I know trash collecting is not the best job in the world. But I hate to see jobs cut to working class people. I'm sure there is high turnover, probably, and that is tough to deal with. But, some of these folks might not be able to do much else for a living. That's how we feel about automating the whole thing. We already recycle everything and wouldn't mind seeing the city move in that direction.

- From everything I have read you are raising our fees anyways, so why not just include the recycling anyways? I'm not sure going fully automatic is the best sale. What will happen to those who lose their jobs? You want to raise our costs, yet you want to cut employees. I realize the automatic trucks are great (for big cities) but we're a small town with unemployment issues. Raise our fees for employment, that's money that goes back into Our City Coffers!

- We pay enough (kind of too much) as it is.

- I would like to charge a household with big trash for extra trash. Example: Old and broken furniture, mattress, chairs, TV, computer, big item and find when the house is not keeping the front a house clean all the time.

- To be the most effective, the city needs to require mandatory single-stream recycling of all customers AND trash haulers. Increasing city rates while allowing private haulers to offer cheaper single can co-mingled collection will drive costumers away, not accomplish community recycling and hurt your bottom-line.

- On a fixed budget and can't afford a big increase of any kind. I am disabled and my income and budget is tight now.

- I could not fill a 90 or 95 gallon cart in a month.

- Leave things alone. People need jobs. Automation will not work.
- I'm the only person at my address. Rarely do I have more than a couple bags of waste. The only time I have yard waste is when I clean up my small garden in the fall.
- Recycling should be a voluntary option.
- I think recycling is important, so I think it's a good option to supply every household with a recycling container & pick up.
- Recycling should be mandatory! Yard waste needs to take larger than first branches
- I think recycling should be encouraged to reduce landfill use. If it becomes too expensive to recycle, there will be more garbage going to landfill. The city should encourage recycling by reduced fees and incentives for less trash. Hays seems to have a good recycling model!
- We need to be able to put items not fitting in the cart by the trash bins. Not everyone has a pickup to take to the dump and then pay an additional fee for the dump charge. People with large lawns and trees take two yard waste carts to handle our grass and leaves. Then when tree limbs fall we cut them in three foot length, but if cart is full they lay on ground. Also if you do not have waste-yard carts you put grass in trash bags. How are they going to get picked up? City needs to have it as is and pay higher wages.
- Fully automated pickups on our block would be very difficult due to many vehicles always parked at curbside.
- I just changed my services to Salina Waste. I think the city's is a joke, when you pay for services and they skip your grass cart 2 times in less than a month is not accepted. Plus, in Kansas the wind blows. I think it's dumb they want you to cut it up in little pieces and tie string around it. Salina Waste takes everything big or small and actually it's cheaper.
- I absolutely support city wide recycling and would encourage the city to support and educate implementing this idea.
- Remain as is.
- I don't care for any of the options on the previous page because I don't care for the automated trucks, nor do I appreciate being told that I cannot have bagged or tied trash outside the carts picked up. Occasionally I have excess trash and expect it to be picked up right along with everything else. Trash collection is a necessary, but less than glamorous job. Perhaps it would behoove the City of Salina to increase the pay for those positions - an effort to decrease turnover - and forget about spending large amounts of money for new, automated equipment - Salina resident, Lifetime.
- I understand the need for automation, at the same time, fully automated will eliminate jobs. On the other hand, if they are having trouble filling these jobs, they don't have any choice.
- We don't like to see people lose their jobs due to automation, but employers have to find ways to fill the gap when adequate staffing to fill the jobs is not available.

- Do not like to recycle - waste of time and money. I like the way it is.

- The current is a disaster. The small recycling containers will not hold one days recycling - cans, glass, etc. Images Recycling Center is an embarrassment. Ken Reitz is rude to his customers, his place is filthy, they can't keep up with the inflow of items and the parking lot is very unhandy with rough, railroad tracks etc. This place is way below any standard that the city of Salina should accept. Other cities the size of Salina have recycling programs that work and are user friendly. We should not have to deal with an idiot like Ken Reitz.

- Have the people in jail be runners! Work release program for nonviolent criminals. Don't want to pay more than I am now - we are retired!

- We recycle now - I'm a firm believer - when city wanted it all in one small green tub - no sorting - we stopped city pick up and took ours to Images. We always hauled our yard waste to Markley Rd - loved that availability. Hated when it was misused - causing all of us to lose that option. Please don't add to the already over-filled dump!

- Leave it alone. It works like it is!

- Why not get a waste management contractor who has a recycling and separation facility and cease city refuse collection.

- I do not put extra bags out. We have the old, bigger trash cart and a grass cart. That is how I would like it to stay!

- None of the above - no automation. How many people are going to lose their jobs? Do not go automated.

- Would like to keep customers. Can have 1 free special collection each calendar year.

- Regarding #8, I've always thought we shouldn't be charged for recycling (have used the service and paid for it from the beginning, though). I realize it costs more to make a separate collection (as in additional trucks), but less goes to the landfill... and it's just a good thing to do! It looks like with automated pickup, there won't be pick up of additional material (without paying for additional pick up). I'd encourage you to give that careful thought because we need to encourage folks to get rid of all the stuff laying around. And not discourage that. Many of the smaller towns in the area have "free pick up" days and I think that would be good for Salina.

- Please do not raise our fees!

- Fully automated is entirely too limiting. 2. Limiting set out locations does not allow for neighborhood fluctuation of parking needs. Would be too restrictive & inflexible. Already have constant problems of where people park in neighborhood.

- This survey is a push off because of the introduction on that 1st page & Question 6 is even more specifically a push as it tries to influence the responder. It's clear that you're going to try to change to a fully automated service based on the format of these questions. I don't have a problem with the city wanting to improve their collection methods, but it would be more honest if you gave an unbiased poll.

- Would love to recycle and compost more but for lower income families even a slight fee increase adds a burden to finances.
- Yard waste should be separate, and available for composting. If folks won't separate voluntarily, then force it in. Composting good for the planet over long term.
- I will recycle if I do not have to sort the trash. I don't like removing more entry level jobs in our city.
- Leave as is - leave well enough alone.
- Recycling will only increase if it is made easy. We fully support curbside recycling. We oppose full automation is it results in lost jobs.
- I have lived in a city with fully automated trash & recycling collection. The problem with it is on windy days, people's trash ends up blowing around because the new carts cannot be latched closed. It becomes a big headache because it is windy most days in Kansas.
- We need help with twig, limbs, nuts and a large amount of leaves. We can survive on one 90 gal refuse collection without extra on the ground. We believe automation is necessary for today's workforce safety. We have had excellent service with no complaints.
- Would support recycle cart curbside if $5 or under per billing cycles.
- LEAVE THE SYSTEM THE WAY IT IS!
- I basically like the service you are doing right now. I don't have enough trash right now to fill one trash can each week. Sometimes I go several weeks without putting my refuse cart out on the curb. I really don't want to pay more than I'm paying right now because I don't even use it every week. I have a very low income and try to keep my bill low.
- Currently have one cart for trash & one cart for yard waste. Only have one bag of trash for family of 4. I recycle boxes, glass, cans, and bottles. I make two trips a month to recycle center. Container currently offered for recycling is too small.
- Going to automated trucks will make it harder for a lot of people. Automated curbside pickup will create problems with on-street parking everywhere. Some trees will be a problem. Does the city expect everybody to trim trees and change parking just to save a few dollars on manpower? Those workers need jobs. The present system is working. Don't change it.
- I want it to stay the way it is. 1 refuse cart - 1 yard waste cart - and additional material outside the cart allowed. This is why I didn't answer all the questions.
- My husband is 86 yr. old - I don't know what we would do? If the bill goes up, we'll pay it, but we can't go to the landfill with no way to haul it.
- We have heard strong criticisms about fully-automated trash service, but would strongly support a city-wide recycling program.

- On question 10 I put 2 & my second choice would have been 4, but do not have enough recyclable material to warrant a separate cart.
- I'm a single person household; a bi-monthly pick up would be a nice option for a reduced fee.
- I have been happy with present system and would be willing to pay more to keep it.
- This household has been on the recycling program since the city introduced it, we got it for free. We should not have to pay extra to recycle, otherwise it will just go back into the regular cart and the landfill can deal with it. Why should the consumer have to pay to go green for the city? As far as the yard cart, we have one and don't use it much. All my grass/leaves goes on my garden. Tree limbs get burned in fireplace or fire pit. Could probably do without, others probably not.
- Would like to see pick up of tree limbs (small size) included without the hassle of calling for pickup. Find present plan is too picky about size of branches allowed. Would hope an automated system would not put people with current jobs out of work.
- Salina needs to upgrade their trash service and reduce the number of employees. I should use grass recycling in the spring only.
- I like the way it is now.
- Sometimes you cannot get all trash in cart. I need 2 carts trash carts and a yard-waste cart. Why do you want to do away with jobs, put people on streets- THEN RAISE RATES? Less people means less expenses, and less money needed to collect trash.
- I understand the need for a possible price increase. I disagree with going fully automated. Get rid of Brian Johnson and his CPI crap and then you'll save close to $100,000 a year.
- Small bundles of limbs are at 1/4 in. diameter now. I feel 1/2 in. should be considered in the future and know people will push that issue also.
- I'm a single household
- At this time 99% of my yard waste: grass clipping (sometimes), small twigs/limbs, and flower beds clean up goes into plastic bags for separate pickup by truck. I have very little garbage/kitchen waste, usually one small bag. The present system of pickup has worked well. I would hate to see you do away with the bag pickup. I could get by with one extra 90 gal. container.
- Not interested in recycling. Need to keep jobs for people who do not have higher level education. We should be looking at creating jobs not doing away with them.
- Please keep service as is. Drop recyclables if needed.
- If it's not broken, don't fix it.
- DOES NOT NEED TO BE CHANGED

- Item #10: none of these options meet my needs. I need a 90 or 95 gallon refuse cart and 1 yard waste cart.

- Not happy with any of the options. I would like to recycle, dispose of yard waste, and dispose of trash all at once with a person picking up. We did this in other cities and it worked well. There was 1 normal monthly fee for all 3 services. This is costly and less of man power.

- I am so happy that you are taking the need for a better recycling program in this city seriously! Kudos!

- We initially participated in the city's recycling program. However, it made no sense to continue when I found myself downtown once a week and could recycle myself and save the $5 per month fee we were being charged. I still take my own recycling. If the city is serious about recycling and want people to participate, please consider giving people a discount for recycling instead of charging extra. Please charge the ones who do NOT want to recycle. You'd have many participate just to save some money. I'm not sure I'd go for mandatory recycling (I realize you'd be opening a can of worms with many citizens), but if people had some incentive to recycle, you'd have a better program. Most weeks I have kitchen bag in the cart. There is just my husband and me. On the very few occasions I could not fit everything in a standard cart, I would be willing to pay for the extra pick up.

- We paid for yard cart to get it years back. Question item # 5-Just a refuse cart and yard waste cart on 2 refuse carts, but NO recycle cart. I think it would be a big help if you explained what is in more detail as what we are getting. What about people who aren't able to put cart out to curb?

- I do not like the idea of not being able to put extra trash, (Example-tree limbs if a storm comes thru) outside the trash can to be picked up or if you have a lot of leaves or a few extra bags of trash or clean out a garage or something and have extra trash one week- this would require a special pick up at an Additional Cost or you would have to wait and put the items in the trash over several weeks. If the city goes to automated refuse service I will be switching to another trash company.

- Honestly, it is very difficult to make informed decisions with the information you provided. However, 1) I do not need large containers 2) I'm opposed to ANY RIF of employees 3) I do not presently recycle; would do if it were easier-but why would I want a 3rd 95-gallon container?! Also-I curious about "why" recycling cost can't be kept down through repurposing recycled materials.

- Why do you have to raise prices in first place if this needs fewer people? You are already saving money? Oh wait, I forgot it’s the city of Salina being like everybody else just trying to change things and have a reason to get more money for the same of not as much service.

- NO MORE COSTS FOR THE CUSTOMERS. STOP SPENDING. STOP SPENDING.

- TO BE HONEST, RECYCLING WOULD BE GREAT FOR THE ENVIROMENT, BUT OUR BILLS ARE SO HIGH AS IS - WATER AND OTHER UTILITIES ARE CRAZY EXPENSIVE! IF THE COST COULD BE AT A MINMUN THAT WOULD BE A GOOD OPTION. LIVING WITH ONE INCOME MAKES THINGS DIFFICULT AT TIMES.

- I take all my recycling to Images recycling as I work donation and is convenient and more cost effective than paying the City of Salina to collect it. I think the city's current recycling containers are too small.

- I have recently come across a problem with compost from yard waste from Kanza, which I believe is from Salina Yard Waste. It has to do with Herbicides which would have been used on those yards. Seeing herbicides damage in raised beds and possibly landscape beds where either all compost (raised beds) or large amounts of compost was used. I think this opens a can of worms possibly for the city without proper testing, not to mention costs for certified clean compost. I know other cities have a composting program but, when you don't really know what is getting composted there could be a problem.

- I recycle and do not want to pay for it. Usually I have 1 bag of trash unless I have a lot of company. I DO NOT want higher bills. I live on a fixed income.

- Actually, I'm happy with the way things are going now.

- The little recycling I do I can handle myself.

- Even though fees are unwanted, it would be nice for workers to keep a job for the company. Maybe there could be a couple of jobs that require workers to monitor the fully automated equipment to ensure safety and jobs. Also, please inform us about the fully automated equipment in detail so we can make better opinionated decisions.

- We currently have 2 waste carts-1 yard cart for grass clippings and works great. If you can provide a more economical way to incorporate recycling at an affordable rate I think more people would be on board.

- I want lower income families to have an accessible and AFFORABLE option to encourage recycling and composting- I'm not sure if the options for funding included here assist that, especially when wealthier families like ours can afford more

- I don't think you should change the refuse cart, but make the yard cart larger. I personally dump trash once or twice a month, but I'm paying for 4-5 weeks a month. Why not charge for what you throw away not a flat rate. City could sponsor city-wide cleanups like they do in Assaria and other smaller towns on appliances and large debris, furniture and such.

- Because we recycle as much as we can, we do not usually throw away much, so recycling for everyone would be great. Though we do not use the yard waste cart since we mulch as we mow, a way to get rid of the limbs that blow down would be helpful.

- We frequently have large boxes/items that will not fit in a cart. Having additional material is a common need and should be available. Also "reductions"? I would prefer those 9 people keep their jobs, along with convenience of additional items. There is NO need to Automate.

- Paying too much already! People need jobs!

- If city of Salina made me bring my trash bin from the ally to street I would quit my service. If you raise my rates much more than they are now I will get another service.

- We use total 1/2 of 50 gal bag, and that is all. No yard waste. No recycle material Find a way to make people who use MORE of the service, pay for it, and those of us who don't even fully use, the service we have, just stay at bare minimum.

- Pay the help a little more and leave as is if the question were yes on no all of my answer would have been NO CHANGE NEEDED
- I'm an 80+ year old and need only one cart.
- Would need to have affordable option, close to town, for larger items that don't fit in cart for NO extra cost.
- My frustration is that I'm paying to recycle while those who don't recycle, don't pay. This is backwards. At the very minimum, everyone should pay. But we should encourage people to recycle.
- If it is difficult to find enough workers, I am for automation, but I don't want people to lose their jobs if they want to keep the job.
- I compost the grass clippings. I recycle items that can be recycled -don't need carts. Single, widow etc. probably do not have a lot of waste. What is the cash for them?
- I do enjoy alley pick up. That way I don't forget to curbside, overall I'm okay with whatever needs to be done.
- City should only consider an option that does not raise base rates (OP#3). Any rate increase in basic service (refuse) would send me shopping for an alternative. If public works now better managed, you would not have this/these issues. Enormous waste in paper billing only. This should have been addressed BEFORE electronic water meters (that don't work properly or honestly).
- I probably would go to a private hauler.
- If no pick-up is provided outside the carts I probably would go to a private hauler.
- I frankly don't care for the options! My issues with yard waste is that it varies during the year and without being able to place bags out I now have to pay for an entire year so I have the service II need 5-6 times a year. I take recycling downtown where it costs me nothing so why I pay for you to do it, other that the convenience?
- We lived in Hutchinson for 3 years and they were automated. We had one cart for trash, one for re-cycle (everything). The recycle cart was picked up every other week, which was fine. They had sent out a schedule at beginning of year as to what weeks they would pick up the recycle cart. We also had a cart for leaves and twigs- they could be bigger twigs than they allow here, which was nice.
- You should not be charging people to recycle. Also, any new policies and structures should be based on the COST negative impact and comet employees with respect and job loss.
- Currently have a refuse and yard waste cart. Take recycling every couple of weeks to center. Would very much support a city wide mandatory recycling program. Don't use yard waste every week, but more so in the fall and spring.
- If you stop alley pickup, I will drop your service. I feel where I live on is a plus for property values with alley pickup. Can't you people do things without screwing with a system that works and cutting

people out of jobs by automation of trucks-we need to provide work for unskilled people that need it and not add to unemployment.

- We have two refuse bins and I do not like being charged extra.
- I do not like the idea of extra fees if someone is already coming to my house.
- Recycling in Salina is long overdue. It doesn't make sense to have an opt-in, for-a-fee program if we are encouraging environmentally conscious refuse programs. Even though I don't personally need composting, I would support it because it is the better option environmentally. The landfills would see a lot less garbage if recycling were city wide. Thank you for finally moving in this direction!
- I think we want people to recycle the extra fees should not be added. I feel that our bills are high enough adding more is going to cost the city more money to collect on past due bills.
- I did not answer #9 because I have no idea what that program would look like. If we currently have that program we would pay $2-$3 a month.
- These questions and their potential answers depend on if Images, our recycling center, is going to be closing. I would not want to pay for recycling pick up if I can still take my recycling there for free. If you know what's happening with that, you should include that info. Don't know what city wide composting would consist of would we have to use special biodegradable bags? Would only certain types of yard waste be allowed? Need more information about that as well. The answers I gave assumed I would just use regular lawn and leaf type bags. (#9)
- Cost increases are an important factor.
- Did not understand language in question #10. Understand you will be going fully automated this is not a question as you suggest! You will be reducing labor cost so there should be no need to increase current cost. But we all know that will never happen!
- *30yr veteran of solid waste removal* concern about vehicles parked on street. Concern about walk up service for those in need what happens if wind blows tall carts over before they are picked up. Won't city lose revenue if they shut down alley service since private haulers go down them?
- I don't need but one 95 gallon cart, because I'm a single resident and I don't need any more than that.
- I love the recycling program, and think that it should be mandatory for everyone, but also don't think it should cost extra for us to do it. Newton, KS. has mandatory recycling.
- Now they pick up branches and limbs to a certain size placed on cart. With automated we would have to pay $24 special pickup for 2 or 3 limbs?? I also do not like automated taking jobs AWAY!
- 1) I'm 70 years old and I don't recycle I rent and the landlord takes care of the lawn. If you want to sort through my trash knock yourself out. 2) You make question 10 sound like if we want to lower our water bill we have to choose the best option whether we like it or not. 3) It is hard enough for young men to find decent good paying jobs in this town without you taking them away.

- We recycle what the city picks up, but also take other things to Images. We don't have a lot of trash but fill the yard cart each week.

- I would like to see recycling be mandatory and every home would have 95 gallon garbage and 95 gal recycling at a base rate. Everyone SHOULD be recycling but not all will pay the additional fee to do so. Other states including CO and MN have much better recycling requirements and I would really like to see KS doing a better job. I will admit that I do not know much in regard to specifics about programs in other states OF the cost for Salina KS to implement a more: “mandatory" recycling program so I hope that we can make a change that is feasible while promoting increase in recycling.

- Question #3: happy with the 90 gal cart and yard waste cart we now have!

- Leave everything as it is- our city workers need their jobs. We are in our 90s-have very little refuse. There is no way we should move our refuse containers to the curb each week-NO WAY- we would have to quit using city service and have a private company pick it up at the alley (as we have had city workers do this for over 70 years)

- [comments attached to survey]

- These options do NOT meet the needs of every individual household! DISABLED and ELDERLY may need to have trash moved to the curb by the people you intend to "relocate"! What do you intend to do for the people who CANNOT COMPLY with your "fully automated" refuse collection? It was my understanding that we need to create more jobs, not take away jobs from the system. Please put yourselves in the place of the workers and the disabled and elderly, then think about THIS "fully automated" system again!

- Question 2, 5, 7 were slanted toward answers Salina wants. Option of NO RECYCLE CART not offered. 2) You might consider...if fees increase, people will charge their refuse collection

- If we move in this direction, I hope our current sanitation workers do NOT lose their jobs. I understand that some of them are not drivers but are very hard workers who need a job. 2) As a senior citizen, I wish there could be some type of fixed fee or a decreased fee. This should also apply to lower income families. I do see that people with large yards and waste disposal will pay more, but flat mandatory fees for yard waste, etc. gets expensive. 3) Right now we take our recycling ourselves to the recycling center.

- I am all for recycling-I recycle everything plastic, glass, Newspaper, cardboard, tin, aluminum, light bulbs. I separate it all and take it to Images-they make money from it. Why should I pay the City-you will make money from it- I would be providing a service to you-Everyone should recycle-you can’t promote recycling if you charge for it-you should be more than able to cover your costs from it-Images handle a lot, must be profitable- and sure it’s a lot of work, but I separate and make sure all plastics, cans, etc. are clean and dry

- I recycle on my own, because I am able to recycle more items. I strongly support composting yard waste.

- I don't like to see anyone get fired, hence, my preference for semi-automated service. However, my household is on fixed income and cannot afford more expenses. Fully automated should lower the cost per costumer just by the savings of the employee being fired.

- There are only two people in this household; satisfied with the system as it is.
- Do not force recycling on us. Charge those who want this service. How will the city help elderly? Handicapped?
- #4: I mostly mulch. However, for spring yard cleanup I use refuse cart, yard waste cart, and plastic bags. This happens only once a year.
- I would like to see the city make recycling easier. I think being able to get a large container to put all recycling in is the way to go. No sorting would make it easy and more people would be likely to recycle.
- Take recycling to the recycling center myself.
- Just leave my trash pick-up and price as is. I'm a widow on a fixed income and don't need price increase. If nine positions are eliminated then our bill should be less??
- Prefer no changes he made. We are happy with the way things are now.
- A good option for us would be a 60 gallon (+/-) automated refuse collection along with a yard waste cart. Would like to see recycling continue, but not with an extra fee.
- Fully automated is excellent/ curbside. The additional cost is problematic for some- one included.
- Currently we sort and take our recycling to Images recycling in Salina. We would love to be able to recycle everything through the city. I think this is a program our city really needs. It would reduce waste in our landfill and help the environment!
- I think that city-wide recycling is needed!
- I support recycling, but not an additional fee. The recycled material should fund this process along with land fill savings.
- Why don't you increase the bills of those who don't recycle instead of punishing the ones who are?
- Question #4 was not applicable because my landlord mows and unsure what he does with yard waste as well as #5.
- I am not in favor of any changes that would result in the loss of alley pick-up. I am not in favor of any changes that would result in an increase in my monthly bill. The purpose of the government, in this regard is to provide for the general welfare of the citizens. Non-essential services that do not benefit all citizens should not be employed. While waste collection promotes sanitation, which all benefit from, recycling does not benefit all equally and should not be mandatory. I am not in favor of any changes that would make any service mandatory that all citizens do not equally benefit from. I would recommend fully staffing manual labor positions with enticing pay and benefits and cutting administrative positions and non-essential services and programs.
- Holidays always pose an issue with larger boxes than fit in either the short trash bins or tiny recycle containers. Not allowing material outside the cart is concerning.

- Maybe it's time the city get out of the trash business. I know they would continue to run the landfill itself, but should to governments be in the collection business? City of Manhattan is served by private haulers and as far as I know it works fairly well. Might be a little more expensive but then I suppose they would pay others also. Since we have an alley, seems like the trash cart doesn't belong in the alley. Not front in the yard. Thanks.

- Recycle please. We lived in Lawrence and loved it.

- I bought my own cart for recycling from Ace hardware. Therefore I do my own recycling. My landlord does the mowing. Sometimes he mows with a bag, sometimes without. But the yard waste is always just dumped in the trash bin loosely and not in a bag.

- We like having the cart picked up in the alley, and hope that could be arranged. Thank you for the opportunity to have input!

- Our current cart is sufficient most of the time. My concern is tree limb disposal. Currently we bundle them for pickup. This proposed program appears to not have that option. I am not in favor of having to require a separate pickup for this type of waste.

- We currently recycle... that means our weekly "trash' is very small. I don't think we need to be penalized by having to pay for recycling charges. Should it be included for all?

- Q 4 & 5 Am I to assume that yard waste consisting of large weeds, shrub and tree branches, etc. is to go into the trash container rather than the yard waste container? Q 8 Would corrugated cardboard be included in recycling? Q 10. Since I do not use the comporting service and really have no information on how much it is used, I would prefer not to have it included in the basic cost. However, if it were available for a fee for those who do use it, that would be acceptable. Please call me with answers to Q 4, 5, & 8. 785-820-2929.

- Under question #2: A 95 gallon refuse cart and a 95 gallon yard refuse cart would be enough. I take up my recyclables it the recycle center myself.

- Please keep recycling but please add/replace with a larger bin on wheels. This is the only community that recycles that has such tiny boxes for recycling! The elderly cannot lift their boxes to the curb. I'd pay more for recycling if I had a bigger cart. The city should provide some sort of leaf pick up as well (in bags). I wish recycling was mandatory and everyone was charged to do it. The city workers do a nice job of collecting the trash. I'm pleased with my service (except for the size of the recycling cart.) :)

- The city I moved here from had automated service it was the best system I ever had. Because Styrofoam was the only thing you couldn't recycle, my receptacle for trash was just about empty all the time. My recycle one was full. It is the reverse in Salina. I presently don't recycle because the container is very tiny like a shoe box. Can't get anything in it. I hope they switch over to a regular size container. If they did the whole town would recycle. Our system in Salina is very poor and needs a major update.

- You should check out the waste system to Sunnydale, California, they do this. The customer has to separate all the recyclables. They have 1 truck doing all the pickup. It cost about $150 for waste and trash. They had to get all new trucks- which I don't see as saving money.

- Single individual living on fixed income. I throw 2-3 bags of trash away a week. Don't raise my rates.

- Keep system semi-automated, increase size of recycling carts, after free recycling - include plastics, subscriptions, glass and aluminum. Continue separate yard waste carts.

- We do not currently recycle, but we do use a yard cart. My ideal solution would be to pay for refuse and yard carts (plus fees), but not pay for recycle carts (but do pay for fees). Reasoning: We have a small household and would only need to set out recycling cart maybe every other week. Also, we pay for yard carts and fees for 3-4 months when it is not used (winter months) and don't stop and start yard cart usage when we could. We do agree with going fully automated. One suggestion: For yard carts- put drain holes in the bottom for easier cleaning! We have always received good service from city of Salina sanitation services. Thank you!

- Would have been nice on question 10 for more semi-automated options.

- I find it irritating that a customer pays $15.00+ each month for a cart in addition to the trash fee. Surely after 30 years at $15.00/ month I should have paid for that cart. It would be beneficial to us to quit paying for a cart after "x" number of years. In addition we are willing to pay for recycling but find it ridiculous to pay extra because we chose to recycle. We should receive a credit either one month free trash/ recycling service or a fee charged to those who don't recycle. Responsible customers should be rewarded.

- No increase in fees

- No kind of recycling. Please.

- Our household has paid for, as long as it has been available, to recycle. Consequently, we have less trash. We would rather not pay for recycling and would support single source recycling. More effort should be made to encourage recycling and there shouldn’t be "punishment" for being environmentally conscious and putting the extra labor in our part to recycle.

- This would be helpful better service, bigger and newer/new carts. Less injuries and workers comp, lesser change over rate for employees and the city-due to weather change. Maybe our cans can get cleaned; which I haven’t had in years. Maybe more sturdy due to bad weather and property damage blowing down the street, thanks City of Salina for trying to improve our city.

- I believe that for the betterment of future/current generations the City of Salina should incorporate a recycling system that is a model of success for other cities, countries, states, etc. For the "complete management" of our earths waste. The trash company could provide color-coded receptacles, bags, tags, etc. to maintain cost of sorting recycling. Each individual home would be responsible for the separation of their waste under the city/county ordinances that provide fees for services not fulfilled by individual households. This would mandate citizens to be held accountable for the waste they create is this wasteful country!

- Here is my idea. How about a big central dump box in several sites in city. Person hauls their own trash to the sites. Everyone pays a smaller fee. You are cutting down on labor and hauling it off in a Big Container which you just need to hook up like Salina Iron & Metal Trucks & haul to dump. Only labor involved is getting out of truck to use hydraulics to dump load. No manual labor involved and you don’t have to use automated systems that would cost you big time! I wouldn’t be unhappy

hauling my sack of trach or each time we get a sack or 2 to a central location when I go to work or wherever I go. I am constantly going down town or to football, baseball and basketball practices. I think I could dump a sack of trash whenever I need to. Don't overthink this!

- Automated trucks cost more to repair and keep working; more maintenance, and cost more to run. Also would have to get new carts. Is this last for the coly or is it for all services in town? Would go to cheapest service if not satisfied with trash pickup.

- My family lives at 1613 Lewis Ave. We love our route driver. Very professional and a nice guy. Every Tuesday, he takes time to wave at our daughter.

- I see no need to change anything.

- If curbside pickup does go into effect, who is responsible for the street side of tree limbo?

- Every so often, we have something large that will not fit into the cart and we put them on the cub alongside the trash cart. On some instances, these items could be broken down further, but sometimes not. I like being able to do this and it seems like the city is trying to get away from this. I hope not.

- Salina should insist on recycling and composting - not penalize people. The fee should be on those who do not recycle. We have large trees which lose limbs. We need special pickup. The city should stop picking up yard clippings.

- I currently have 3 carts: refuse, recycle and yard waste. I rarely have a full cart for refuse.

- Our trash and water bill is already high now so this just makes the bill higher a month. How do you expect people to pay if on a limited income and receive less service for higher fees? Plus cut jobs?

- Do not participate in city recycling program as bins are too small. Currently recycle everything through Images.

- I'm concerned that older people like myself could not move a 95 gallon cart from the storage area to the street, even if it were not completely full. I keep my trash container in my garage - 95 gallon ones would take up more room. I have a long driveway. I cannot wheel my cart to the street by myself. They pick up my cart up outside my garage door.

- The yard waste in with refuse is not a good idea it fills the landfill too quickly. The system the city uses now is working. Would consider automated service in the same way pickups are being done now.

- Still shoving the river prospect down our throat. Huge potholes on South Phillips. Bad water.

- Live alone and recycle on my own. Do not need larger cart.

- We need recycling city wide with aluminum

- Unfortunately, you seem to already have your mind made up about full automation. You may give one option on your last question for semi-automatic, which is basically keeping things as is and does

not show progress. I am not in favor of full automatic. But we should have city wide recycling and yard waste composting, which benefits the environment and would be stupid to not consider if we are making positive changes at this time. There are simply some needs that cannot be met when you do not have human beings involved in the process. I will not be in favor of eliminating jobs just to make it easier on the Human Resources department.

- I believe it is time for the city to go fully automated. Single stream recycling should be city wide and everyone should share in the costs of recycling. Our household was recycling before the city offered recycling and when the city offered it we subscribed. I do not like the idea of only some people trying to keep our landfill in operation and increasing its years in operation by recycling. We are all in this together and we should all be paying.

- I try to survive on a fixed income with an extremely limited budget. On average I have 1 bag of trash weekly and the yard waste card with grass clippings, leaves, etc. I may have a special pick up occasionally. I cannot afford an increase in costs.

- We had single stream recycling with a separate bin in Hutchinson. Very easy. We should not pay any extra to recycle if it is helping the landfill save capacity. Otherwise just put all trash and recycling in the landfill and don’t bother.

- Why can't the city put up recycling "huts"? Like a recycling dumpster at all the supermarkets?

- The average household never knows when they may have extra trash beyond one container. What do you do then? Where should extra trash go? Yard waste include small limbs or only grass? Will they have to be measured and bundled? Recycled material is great, but why should a person pay extra if they don't have much? With the loss of a crew that should pay for the new system. No increase needed. We need the crew to do the best job. I am not in favor of the new system, but if their city wants it, it will get it we all know that. No increase in charges should be reduced because we will be doing all the work. Spend the money for a Recycling Center and staff there rather than separate trucks, carts, etc.

- We do our own metal, can, recycling. Not very often do I use my yard waste can't that I already have paid to use.

- You’re putting people out of work, even if they chase another department to transfers to, there still will be people laid off. I think your pulling the word over everybody's eyes, besides being greedy.

- I'm not in favor of and form of automation. I would gladly pay more to help others.

- It is not good for us seniors who have very little trash and I take all my recycle to their recycle place to be put in one with families who have more than 2 or 3 in a family.

- Don't need waste pickup in winter, only in spring and summer when doing bushes, limbs, weeds etc... already mow with mulching so don't need that often. What happens when storms, ice storms how are we to collect big branches and some household things that won't go into the cart?

- City-wide single stream recycling is definitely needed in Salina and I'm sure that a lot of customers extra each month participate I would definitely be more than willing to recycle more, if I didn't have to take my recycling elsewhere to do so. The ease of having curbside would be fantastic!

- Some options took careful study to understand. I fear some of your response may not reflect the person's true preferences.

- The city needs new management; there is a lot of mishandling of taxpayer's money i.e. the roads are not well maintained; potholes everywhere and the water contains impurities. We need new management now, otherwise the city of Salina will fall apart. Get someone else in there who knows what they are doing.

- When doing these cost surveys you need to include "+ tax." Many people assume the increase is just $5.00 when in reality it needs to say "$5.00 + tax." My neighbor thought she could handle an extra $5.00 until I told her she needs to consider the additional tax that will be added also.

- I have lived in cities where recycling is not an additional charge, because the city is benefited by the landfill not filling up so fast. Recycling is also good for the environment, larger cities have transfer stations top sort refuse. In some cities the 1 man and a truck still accept large items, empty boxes that one person can handle easily, especially during the holidays. The yard waste is seasonal that truck would be utilized only half the year. My last thought is that if the city goes with three carts make them different colors- easier for the workers and customers.

- How about this option: Automated collection of refuse and yard waste only. Recycling sounds great but in the long run it does not save money or time. Some folk do not want to or cannot take the time to separate their refuse.

- The fees keep going up. Every time you try to think up something else to jack up the bill. Since when did you charge for maintaining the carts? Is this new? This city is getting bad about raising the rates, about time to live within budget.

- I fully support recycling, single steam. The place to recycle is outdated, filthy, very poorly equipped. It's past time to move forward.

- Mom's 92yrs. old and I'm sure there are many other elderly that cannot physically pull/push trash cart to the curb. How do you plan to address this issue?

- I use only 1 refuse cart and 2 recycling bins. That is plenty for me. I like the idea of automation, because I know how much trouble it is for the businesspeople to keep good reliable help.

- I order from Amazon and get boxes all the time. Fully automated would not get my boxes outside the cart. Tearing the down and cramming them into the cart would result in boxes being stuck inside cart. I hardly put grass clipping, in my other cart which I'm sure I pay for, but it is there if needed.

- I hope Salina never drops the recycling program! While I am a huge advocate of composting, I already have a 2 bin system myself. However, if the city of Salina includes a compost cast- I am glad it may encourage more to think about composting, but not everyone has room or wants to keep a 3rd cart. I prefer to compost myself

- I take my recycled items to the recycle place downtown about once every two months so I don't need to pay extra to have the items picker up by the city.

- I do not support automation if it is funded by increased taxes or increased fees. It automation saves the city and residents money, then I fully support it.
- What do I do with all the leaves in the fall? I have three trees
- I would like to know the sample size, standard deviation, confidence level, when the results one published.
- I think we need to recycle and compost as much as possible
- Don't waste people time and money on stuff like this
- Each route would lay off three employees. Have watched the automatic pick up in McPherson wasn't impressed. May have to take a look at the other services in the city. I bundle tree limbs beside carts now with this service sounds like a special $ and pick up. Or just throw in street. Not happy with this change.
- Please stop increasing the bill
- I have 1 refuse cart and 2 yard carts. I don't recycle. I need greater refuse capacity and the same compost capacity (yard carts). I am in favor of as much automation as possible.
- The city should worry and find ways to make the house owners to keep houses in a better "shape". Some houses are "bad looking"- falling apart and some are been vacant even for more than many years. Roads in an inquisition time looking. Lots of trash in some houses. Please do something about it.
- My household would use the recycling services but the fee prevents this. It would be nice if the city went to a no fee system but sorted it and recoup the cost through selling the recyclables.
- Taking away the ability to put larger items curbside would be a travesty. I understand that the city could use that as a way to get extra money from us, but there are a lot of times that simple items won't fit in the dumpster and charging extra would not be acceptable. In addition, terminating employees in place of automation is NOT a good alternative.
- What will happen to the 9 people you fire?
- Please think about us seniors. I am a widow, 84 years old, handicapped, walk with a walker, need support to walk, like my walker or my fence, can't walk without it, & I only need trash pick-up every three weeks, I pay the same as weekly, but I don't need a large cart, even if I put trash and lawn in one cart I then would use weekly or every two weeks, I cannot work on my yard so I don't have much trash, I would hate to think I was unable to put cart out and have to pay someone to do it for me.
- The yard carts are a joke because you can barely put a variety of sticks etc. in it. There's a limit on size of sticks. People have sticks bigger than 1/4" all the time. If you have ONE of those in the cart, they won't empty it. We don't use ours because with grass ONLY no one would empty it when it sits at the alley all the time. We do not recycle. A mandatory recycle cart/bin would not be useful. Make it a choice to recycle & add a fee for those that want it.

- I am a 71 year old widow with health issues - I can handle the trash cart - could recycle if the cart wasn't too awkward - I would vote for automated trucks if it did not put lots of people out of work - I understand good help is hard to find, but if a person has a good record he should not be replaced by automation to save or make money for the company - money should not be the absolute bottom line - Thank you and God bless you.

- Our refuse & yard waste are so small we already feel the cost is above what we use.

- During spring & fall is when the yard waste is larger. Any way to have the yard cart for the few months needed without having to pay for all months when it is not necessary?

- I'm sure this survey is taken for the purpose of increasing the rates by going "auto" & attempting to "recycle" here in Salina. Am I right?

- I personally think prices are too high for these services to begin with. I should never have to pay to be able to recycle. That makes NO sense.

- We had 1 container recycling at a previous home located in Silvis, IL. They picked up recycling every 2nd week with refuse pickup every week in larger containers. We did not have to sort our recycled materials. It was mandatory for everyone!

- Please stop leaving my trashcan in my driveway after pickup. Just take my trash and yard bags ☺

- The carts now might be large enough if we had mandatory recycling. I recycle & usually only have 2 bags in my cart.

- What's the purpose of this survey? I'm happy with what we have. If the city needs extra money, maybe they should get out of the trash business!

- At this time I do my own recycling of paper, cardboard, cans, bottles, plastic etc. I take it all to Images Recycling at no charge. For this reason I am not interested in paying for curbside recycling. I am happy with the current refuse collection with yard waste in a separate container. Thanks.

- Additional carts cost more. Right now we take a lot of our recycling to Images and that works well. We pay zero for that. What about storm debris? Right now the city takes that. How would that work?

- A better recycling system would be a great and long-past due improvements to your services. The current container doesn't look like it could hold much. So my family sorts our recycle good ourselves and takes them to Images Recycling. Which sometimes takes them from our normal lives, sometimes is discouraging to recycle things at times.

- I would love to do a recycling cart for a small fee per months < $5.00

- We currently have to pay a fee for recycling and have for years. We would like to see some credit for paying all three years - like a reduction on our bill for a certain amount of time. It is not fair to let others have recycling for basically free when we have paid all this time. And we would also like to see the city quit giving Images all the recycle & lining their pockets for free. Why should we be making this private company money? Find another outsource and please quit giving them all the recycling so they can sell it for a profit!

- If we go with automated pickup, I would think that the cost would go down and we could have a recycle program included for no extra cost! We are putting people out of work!!!
- I am a single person and a homeowner who makes $9.00 per hour at my job. I don't have an overabundance of trash and I can't afford too many increases in my monthly utilities.
- I assume the city will still pickup leaves in the fall, separate from any of the options provided in the survey. If my assumption is incorrect, my responses would have to change due to the large number of leaves in my neighborhood.
- Just so we are on the page, we do not want bigger trash carts, no recycling, NO composting and no increase in monthly trash pickup fees. If we are forced to comply with these changes, we will be getting a new company to collect our trash.
- What a bunch of BS now is how the fools will not take what is put in the compost carts at times. It is stupid what they leave and I have to dump somewhere else!!
- I still object to recyclables being given to Images for processing & resale and charging the subscription for something I can do myself for free.
- It would appear that renting a refuse cart forever would provide an excellent profit for the city! Where does profit go? There should be no increase when there is no increase in services.
- You say curbside, what if neighbors are all parked there due to all the rentals? 2) Will these new carts be lightweight & blow down the street on windy days? 3) How much more money are we talking about for regular service - If more than $1/month I am not interested. 4) I only have leaves in fall - you want them blown in the street? 5) Sounds like too much money for less service - city keeps raising taxes for art crap now!
- Why all the additional fees? Having trouble paying your law suit due to the city's negligence which took a little girl's life. People of Salina shouldn't have to pay for the city's mistakes & lack of safety precautions.
- I would be more willing to $5 more a month to increase pay to encourage employment rather than $5 to remove someone's job.
- If changes are made and the price goes up too much we will probably look into a private hauler to pick up our trash.
- There are too many confusing questions in this survey. What our family needs is: 1 refuse cart, 1 lawn waste cart. If recycling was to be implemented, we would consider the option if it had a small fee. We already take recyclables to Images so a recycle cart isn't as important as a lawn waste cart is. Don't like the idea of anyone losing their jobs because of automation. Let's just improve training to help reduce injuries.
- I would recommend a plan that wouldn't let workers go. Instead let's increase the trash bin size to 95 gal and do a trash run every two weeks instead of weekly offering those families that would fill up the one bin an option for two. In my understanding automated will cause frustration as citizens will have to locate trash bins in new areas. I would think using the automated systems would cause for some

additional restructuring of pickup locations which will be the case where we as citizens would have to see an increase in taxes to cover redesign process. So maybe automation would be more expensive moving forward and the best thing to do is cut out weekly trash runs and do biweekly with options to have extra bins at additional cost. I'm not looking for cost of this service to increase & bringing about new ideas will generate avenues to look at before making a final decision. We become more efficient when we cut out unnecessary use of a resource.

- Recycling should be required. Single stream is a great step. I now pay an extra fee for yard waste and it is dumped at the same time with refuse. What would happen with corrugated cardboard? This should be included somehow.

- I am open to possibilities. I would be happy with hauling my own recycling as I always have. I have done that because my weekly recycling volume is 2-3 times what the small bins can handle. A large recycling dumpster might make me rethink that, so that's a good idea. I like to once in a while use one of the bins for yard waste though. Is there a way you could have 2 bins and have flags to specify if they hold refuse, yard waste, recycling, and use them interchangeably?

- Put an incinerator at the land fill site and burn everything

- We don't have much trash but on occasion we do need to put trash outside.

- My wife and I live on a fixed income. Why not pick up my trash once every two weeks? Then reduce my rate! Green carts once a week, blue carts once every other week.

- If recycling saves money and space at the landfill, why must it cost citizens extra money and time to do the sorting of recyclables? In all fairness those who recycle should not have to incur an additional expense to help the city save money in sanitation operations. This service should be rewarded by a reduced fine for sanitation services.

- I believe the city should turn all trash pickup over to private haulers. Get out of trash business.

- Perhaps you could just do trash and let everyone handle their own recycling and yard waste. I compost mine and put it back into my garden soil. This may not be practical for everyone, but maybe it would cost less for taxpayers if everyone were given a small compost bin and encourage to return their yard waste back into the soil. I understand the desire to update the system and find something more efficient. But I'm saddened at the thought of 9 people losing their jobs. And as a taxpayer, I'm leery of the expense of buying new automated trucks and special carts.

- What will you do with old carts? What will you do with trash trucks? Why can you put yard waste with regular trash pick-up when you don't allow it now? I think this is wrong what you are doing. You are cutting employees, spending this money and not saying what you will do with trucks and carts. Also we should get a deduction on recycling instead of being changed to recycle. Bigger cities pay to recycle which makes people want to recycle.

- I'm very happy just the way I am. The trash is picked up once a week. I recycle paper, plastic, glass and cans. I love alone so I'm ok. I don't like change and I can't afford any additional charges.

- It seems everything hinges on money. What will happen to the employees if the automated trucks eliminate their jobs? People often have items that will not fit into even a 95 gallon cart, but can be

loaded into a truck by hand. A solo driver having to climb into and out of the cab in heat or cold will be tired more readily than one stationary behind the wheel.

- I already recycle. I take all plastic, glass, cans, etc. to the recycle center on 5th street. There are times in the winter when I don't put my cart to the curbs for weeks. I do not generate much trash as I am one person and elderly.

- I would love to have a recycling cart.

- Currently use two yard carts and one refuse cart. I mulch when I mow year round, except start of spring. I mow the top off and use the yard cart to hold the contents. In the fall when the leaves drop, I cannot mulch often enough for the yard to handle the leaf output of my seven trees in the yard. The yard carts help offset when the mulching does not handle in decay. It also makes no sense to not allow trimmed limbs that have been cut to an appropriate length, and have a weight limit to the yard cart. Right now nothing larger than the diameter of a mensal is to be put in the yard cart. I follow that. I have six hedges in the yard that I trim. The yard carts help with the trimming of the hedges. What am I to do with the excess of the yard cart choice that is so limited? Even with mulching my yard, and using 2 yard carts. I am a responsible homeowner and do not put anything curbside to be picked up that I cannot lift myself.

- No matter what system is chosen, recycling should be mandatory!

- I already throw all our branches in garbage cans as they are usually bigger than allowed in the yard waste cart. We have a mulching mower so goes right back into the ground. I believe that everyone should recycle plastics, glass, metal, and paper. This shouldn't even be an option.

- I am a single resident and have very little trash or yard waste and am most pleased with your service.

- The city needs to consider the incentive to recycle products if people will be motivated to comply. If there is a savings in labor costs that should lower the costs to customers not increase costs. Lower costs would motivate your customers to improve recycling and lower city costs, improve safety and save costs to replace dump. Finding options to sell recycle products would also lower costs.

- No desire for city wide recycling. Keep it a separate fee for those wanting. Yard waste if desired. Dislike full automation as often have extra garbage bags, boxes, etc. Yard waste automation would be acceptable.

- You need to make this as consumer friendly as possible. I tried your recyclable bin when you first tried it, and found it very unsatisfactory. I consider this very important if you choose to do this. You need to make it easy to do and affordable. Why should I pay $5.00 a month when I can make 1-2 trips to the recycling center a month for just the price of gas to drive downtown? If you add the grass clippings and yard refuse to the regular trash, what is the point of even separating it all these years? I thought they were compositing the yard waste, but if you put it in one bin, that is not feasible.

- My refuse is picked up in the alley. It would be very unhandy for me to put it on the front curb.

- If the city will be saving money by eliminating positions, they can afford to offer extra carts without charging more. The carts they have now are not big enough, and adding five gallons will not accommodate the extra trash which would not be allowed outside of the bins. Perhaps with the

money saved, the city could have the automated system pick up twice a week to handle the extra trash which is usually left beside the carts.

- I now have two carts. One for refuse and one for yard waste. If we go to one cart for both, would my bill go lower because I don't have two carts anymore?

- The existing system should be kept. It works well plus it provides more jobs than the automated system would. I feel that the city should provide jobs wherever it can.

- I do not want my time or the city's with recycling. I use a mulching mower and compost yard waste and kitchen waste as much as possible. Small tree limbs, etc. when wind breaks then down are cut up and placed in the regular cart, large branches go to a friend with a burn pit. Sounds like Salina is looking for more taxpayer money with less service.

- Right now I have a second refuse cart that I own myself, how is this going to work with this new program? We are now paying $15.90, your top level is $7.55 more per month not $5.40. When does this price increase stop? We will pay for automatic truck maintenance, the city is okay with that.

- Leave the system like it is.

- I consider recycling to be extremely helpful to our environment.

- Illinois, where we previously lived, implemented simple stream recycling with automated trucks. My family put far more into the recycling bin than the trash/garbage bin.

- We have a large yard with rock on curb side making it impossible to collect leaves for the 1 time city leave pick up so we bag leaves several times through fall and winter.

- Generally my yard waste and trash would fit in the same container if larger. When trees are trimmed, this would be an issue if you are not allowed to have them outside the container.

- I like the fact that I have Alley pick up and am allowed to put additional items beside the cart and the automated pickup doesn’t work as I don’t have a driveway and can only park in the street. I also do not like the idea of anybody losing their job that’s 7 jobs lost 7 families that would lose an income and could cause us to pay more elsewhere in unemployment.

- What you intend to do is save the city money by charging your customers more money for their service! Yes it would be nice to have larger carts! And automated service but not when you save money at our expense! What we have is good enough for me.

- I would be nice if all of our carts matched. As it is I have 3 totally different carts and it looks silly. Thought about switching trash service just to get a nicer looking cart.

- What do you mean by "single stream recycling"? We take all recyclable materials to the recycle center

- You didn't take into account larger refuse that doesn't fit in a cart. Yard waste currently is being composted which limits diameter of brush from trimming bushes. That causes us to not want a yard waste cart.

- One of the reasons we like city trash service is items not in the container are also picked up. Should that be discontinued, so will our use of city trash services?

- The present system works for our needs. We take out recycling to the recycling center ourselves. Once a year we clean yard well and take waste to landfill ourselves.

- I have been doing my own recycling for years, but many are lazy or do not care. I don't think I understand composting versus what we already do. If that would be better for our environment, I would be for it. When my grass is real thick, I don't' know if there would be room in my current trash can for the grass. I am only one person in my house and I don't know how a whole family would have much room for grass in the cart.

- Although automated refuse collection, I'm sure has its plusses, I would never favor any system that raises monthly rates or causes a loss of jobs. It's hard enough to make ends meet, we all need a job.

- It is absolutely ridiculous that recycling is only offered for a fee. The amount of money gained by city wide recycling would far exceed the cost incurred in the long run. I know California and waste management are not always looked upon with the highest regard, but their trash, lawn, recycling collection and mandates are far more effective then what we have here. We currently recycle aluminum cans for the animal shelter because we refuse to pay additional fees to the city to pick up. The amount of recyclables that fill up the landfill is ridiculous.

- We are fortunate to have a Salina Waste user next door. When we have a few large branches we don't have to "bundle ours in 3' length and tie" them. We use neighbors and we use them for other items outside the cart. Many times we have considered changing to this more simplified system without so many rules. At least I know now that yard and refuse are combined to staff shortage but I went to all the trouble to sort it only to have it all collected together.

- Fall leaves could be a problem.

- It's absolutely ridiculous for the city to charge this much or increase billings by this much, when or if you choose to go to a fully automated system, where your expenses would be considerably less. We don't agree with employees that work extremely hard, to lose their jobs over this decision. Also, we don't have the room to put three carts by our house. We will look at other options available if this is passed, because it is too expensive.

- I've been to several cities that appear automated refuse and recycling pick up. I would love to have a 90-95 gallon cart for recycling that doesn't require the sorting. Community composting is a valid idea, however, there is no guarantee of the quality of compost, chemicals used by others, etc. Without knowing who has put what on their lawns, I would not use the community compost. I encourage a strong recycling program that would be a great change in the current system.

- We recently moved from Emporia. When they automated trash and added single stream recycling we were amazed. Our trash was never full but our biweekly recycling went up. We would love a similar program!

- Happy with current carts, only use the yard waste cart during spring and fall when we trim back trees and shrubs. Like my recycle bins feel it should cost less since I am recycling and those that don't recycle should cover that cost.

- I like recycling and composting and had a bin for over 10 years until the trash guys pissed me off 3 weeks in a row with the bin. I always felt that it was wrong to pay $5.40 plus to recycle when others paid nothing. To me this was not encouraging recycling when they have to pay more.

- We dispose of 2-3 Dillon's bags of trash a week. This is because we recycle what we can, and drive it to Images when needed. I am not willing to pay someone to collect our recycling when I can do it myself. What about a program that costs less and collects trash only every other week? We could fix three weeks of trash in our current cart. Less trips would be less expensive for the collectors.

- I cannot afford any increases. Currently I have a refuse cart and a recycling bin on wheels, these meet my needs just fine. Income to my household has been reduced and many expenses increased. Please do not raise fees.

- I support no proposal that will eliminate jobs.

- I will never support full-automation of this system because it will put people out of work! I would love to participate in recycling and composting programs but I will not be happy with a fully automated system. If there is a problem staffing, one should consider an increase in pay rather than the purchasing of expensive new equipment to bring in and keep new employees!

- For older people, putting the yard waste in with the trash would make the cart too heavy to move possibly.

- If you do not allow other items outside the cart, you will find people dumping trash elsewhere, or filling large business dumpsters. AKA, Christmas and other gift-giving Holidays or special events- Birthdays, Graduations and such. I like the idea of mandatory recycling city wide.

- I do not like automating. People need to work. Every time you cut a job, somebody sits at home. I do not like the idea of single stream recycling. I am not sure why you think it costs $5.40/month. It takes less than 9 minutes to empty p whole carts and you get any revenue from valuable materials Alum, steel, white paper, etc... I want composting to continue. It seems silly to transport valuable materials to the dump to bury.

- Our city sanitation crews do a wonderful job. I don't understand why we would considering a change. If the city needs to increase fees to maintain the current system then I am okay with them doing so. I have often shared my compliments regarding the efficiency and speed demonstrated by our trash collection teams. They do a wonderful job and keep our city looking neat when they willingly pick up extra trash left at the curbside. Please don't go to some robotic system just yet.

- Thank you for addressing this issue in our beautiful city.

- We have occasional boxes that need to be taken- they are empty- right new they pick them up without extra charge- We have 1 reg. cart and 1 yard waste. Not interested what-so ever in recycling. We're happy with what we have now- be pick-up- The waste dept. should have a number to reach their office directly on the water bill- Not the water office number to be transferred.

- We currently take all our recycling to Lindsborg due to convenience of the process and because they accept more materials. Why stop at 1-5 plastics? Why not take tin/aluminum? Likely Lindsborg must do a fair amount of sorting waste, but seemingly, it works out.

- I don't think people that already recycle and compost should be penalized with higher fees. If recycling is mandatory by the city it needs to be minimal. The city is notorious for increasing fees constantly with ridiculous minimums such as their water fees.

- We already are green and only require our trash services every 4-6 weeks. The city doesn't need to take more jobs away. City council members need to be decreased along with their pay.

- The refusal to accept refuse out of the garbage can would create a lot of angry customers. The garbage can is always full at my house with the need for additional garbage bags outside the container. We also have a yard waste container but find it semi-useless since there are so many stipulations about what you can put in it. Unfortunately, we need a system to take all our garbage not just some of it. With the increase in online shopping, there will also be more boxes to remove from the shipments. I would rather keep the current system and pay a little more to keep the status quo. To me, these are big changes that will impact our trash service if implemented.

- Please make recycle bin the size of trash bin! It's too small currently. We would love to see bigger recycle receptacles! It would also be great if everyone can recycle- There shouldn't be a waiting list for that- We need to help our community be more earth conscience and friendly so that would help! Maybe this is part of that? I love seeing this progress so thank you! And love the yard waste/composting bin! We had that in our previous city and have missed it!

- I can't afford to have additional charges or a higher bill. I'm a single parent with a severely disabled son and raising 3 grandchildren. I take all of my recycles to the recycle center.

- I live by myself, I don't need another cart. I will not pay any more for trash pick-up. In my opinion, I pay too much now for what I put out for pick up. I will find another options for my trash if prices go up anymore.

- As I wrote inside, what are you going to do for the ones who cannot take their carts to the curb? And what are you going to charge them?

- I hate to see jobs eliminated and increased cost to automate. I like what I have now.

- Salina needs collection of small household appliances, more than once a year. I never know what to do with broken computers, toasters, speakers so a lot of times they just get thrown into trash. I would recycle of there was a place to take them.

- We currently use images recycling and would strongly support city wide single stream recycling. Recycling is very important to us, but the current city option is indignant.

- We moved to Salina from a town that had mandatory recycling and it was horrible! It was so refreshing to move here, put all the trash in one container without worrying about separating the recyclables. Make life so much easier!

- Yard waste is limited to the size to the size of a punch hole in a card. Ridiculous! Anything that composts should be allowed- branches from trees, sticks, leaves, weeds. If you don't do this it is useless- I like to occasionally be able to put out an item too big for the cart, sounds automation will fix that. We need to be able to get rid of larger items somehow.

- I believe recycling should be mandatory, like trash. My family sorts trash.
- We would prefer 1 cart for refuse and yard waste. No increase in cost each month.
- I take my recyclables to the recycle place downtown and don't need someone picking it up.
- Q5- I'd like to leave the carts separate. If I fill my cart full of yard waste, then there won't be any room for household waste and then this wouldn't get picked up if I had to use extra bags left outside the cart. I only fill my yard waste cart to over flow maybe 3 times a year. The rest of the time it sit empty. Q6- It would depend on how much the rates would increase.
- Why would the city want to get rid of the hardest working, least paid and most productive staff? I have relatives in towns where you cannot have anything outside the cart picked up. That is a real pain, causing unnecessary expense of trips to landfill or stuff being dumped where it should not be. People who do not want to mulch their lawns can haul the clippings or pay someone to. Recycling is a feel-good preposition anyway. Those operations never pay for themselves. Leave trash the way it is and let those who wish to recycle pay for it.
- What are you going to do with waste that will not fit inside the cart?
- I prefer not to pay for recycling. Those that don't recycle should be the ones that pay extra. I take my recycling to the recycle center here in Salina. The city should support the current recycling center. Have people use the center and charge those who want to recycle but can't take it to the center. Also charge those who don't recycle extra- they fill up the landfill with unnecessary trash.
- I do not agree with automation. People are very appreciated and necessary. Totally love that idea of recycling which we do ourselves at this time.
- We need 1 cart for trash and 1 cart for yard waste. Why should we pay for maintenance? They don't do any. They broke one and had to fix. We try to take care of our carts.
- I believe residents who ignore recycling of their items should be penalized. If subscription recycling is implemented for all of Salina.
- I have a family of 5 and run a daycare business out of my home. We place the trash cart in out garage and our yard cart in the backyard. My main concern would be too many carts for various reasons and where to put them out of the way and out of sight. I'd prefer one large trash cart that fits all of my trash bags and one yard cart. No items outside the cart would be difficult also as not everything fits into a trash bag. Another point is when there's special occasions, holidays, and what not, we always have way more trash. Right now my cart does not fit the needs of me and my family. We always have extra bags.
- I have 2 carts now. I don't need a 3rd for grass!! I already pay extra!
- I am concerned that people could be out of work if the city moves to an automated system. People should not be fired (laid off) if they have been a good worker, but are now being replaced by a machine.

- I think that fully automated service would help with employee retention and have huge health and safety benefits. Automation would also mean significant reduction in salaries, medical insurance. Automation would also eliminate manual loading, thus reducing job-related injuries from broken glass, used syringes, jagged mental and over loaded carts. Automation is the way to go. City is also a couple dollars behind the private companies this is why it's hard to keep help at the cost they pay employees.

- #6 Sure hate to put 9 employees out of work however #10 option 3 &5 that fits us best is trash and yard waste in one cart and it's fully automated refuse.

- Our family is interested in: 1. Trash cart 2. Recycling cart- same size as trash cart service. Majority of household "trash" is recyclable. Steel + aluminum should be allowed too. 3. Yard waste cart. Can this include larger diameter branches? 4. Household compost/ waste cart. Were too put decayed veggies, grains, etc. for composting? California does this with a smaller cart. 5. Large item pick up when needed. Where to put large branches/tree trunks, etc.? Shouldn't be landfilled. Can these be chipped by the city for reuse? Very interested in making this as environmentally friendly as possible for everyone to participate in easily! (And stuff going into landfill).

- I live in a neighborhood were this year and the storms we have had has caused a lot of tree limbs to break. I fill that the city needs to help us renters out and take care of these tress. Also I know you street sweepers need to be improved also. Instead of just push the crap, why don't it suck it up also? And it doesn’t come down my street once a week like I know it does other places and when it does, it only goes 1 or 2 times then it's gone.

- Would there be assistance (without an additional fee) for those unable to place the cart at the curb? I believe everyone should be required to sort recyclables without a separate cost. If an increase is needed all should pay a minimal amount and all should be required to recycle. If a person asks for a second cart for trash (not yard waste) they should automatically be required to recycle due to the large amount they are tossing.

- We currently have recycling at our house when we pay an additional fee.

- We live on a budget. I (we) cannot afford more money for waste. We have reduced as much as we can. Even went as far as buying another trash cart. 2. Why do you want to get rid of more workers? Nine people without jobs. Those people need those jobs.

- Your trash and grass collection has worked for years. If it's not broke don't fix it.

- Seems as though the city is trying to put people out of work. There is nothing wrong with the system as it is except the fee is too high now.

- I don't have room for more than two carts! I do recycle downtown.

- What is single stream recycling? Question 10- option 4 and 5

- Our driveway is on a hill and we have experience with fully automated system which means the wind will blow the cart out of the designated area and who is going to pick it up then, answer- no one. A fully automated system drops the cart back down increasing rate of damage. Who pays for the replacement cart? Right, the homeowner even though the collection service is the responsible party.

If the wind or storms move the cart from a designated area, who puts the cart back when the homeowner is not home? Correct no one- so we can bring the trash to the city office since they wouldn't pick it up?

- Yard waste carts are used mainly in the spring and fall when cleaning out flower beds, etc. The yard waste carts sit idle throughout the fall and winter until mowing season begins. Hard to say one way or other if a yard waste cart is needed all year especially if a yard service company takes care of the yard. Hard to anticipate realistic use of carts # when you combine the household refuse with yard waste and no option of putting extra bags outside when necessary.

- I prefer to have alley pick up. I am 84 years old, and do not think I can manage to push cart to curb.

- Remove people. Add to my cost? To collect? This form was not user friendly at all. It's your way or no way. They will more than likely do what they want to do anyways.

- Yard refuse waste cart going for a loss as trash people just dump with regular waste. Now automation? Customers responsible for added charges or positioning cart in specific areas/direction? Additional charges for refuse and yard waste carts? Yes or no? Need other recycling areas for #8 as Lindsborg has or what is off of 4th!! All fees/taxes are going up and you want to add more. Many of us do not earn enough to keep covering added charges. I.e. elderly, low income, etc.

- Right now I am using "Images" recycling center on 4th street for as much recyclables as possible. I have no problem doing this to help the environment and less use of landfill. Maybe those of us doing this should get a "discounted rate" instead of increase.

- I am very satisfied with the current system. Do not like to see jobs reduced.

- What you are doing now works. Change if you want but "no increase in cost"! Better yet a decrease! Thank you!

- Since I do not mow my yard or trim my bushes, I only use 1 cart.

- I don't have enough waste to increase anything. Only put out cart to be picked up once per month. I only put out waste cart once per month so don't need any increase in fees or whatever. Am on fixed income so don't need any increases!!

- I want a 95 gallon cart to handle my garbage and yard waste only! We cannot afford an extra $15.00 for an extra cart!!

- We live on a very limited income and cannot afford huge increases to our water and trash bill.

- Keep the recycling program, my refuse was reduced by at least a third when this was started.

- We need to be accepting of better wages to use our waste, as many places are now doing. Less landfills! More recycling - more jobs in renewable energy. We can do it. Cost increases verses reverse. It will take work and research but we can do it. We need to be more focused not continue down some trash path!

- Since I am a household of one and very little goes in the trash cart because I have a recycle cart and a yard waste cart. I believe strongly in taking care of our earth by recycling plastics, metals, and glass. Yard waste collection I could go either way. Mulching is good, but it would break down in the city dump and maybe help biodegrade other trash. With full automation would the trash carts be designed in a way to not blow down the street in a strong Kansas wind when empty at the curb? Thanks.

- Ecologically speaking, I feel yard waste should be composted. Sometime it's just too much for the homeowner to compost it. I might have rejected option 4, except that I feel our present recycling operation downtown dose a very good, more complete job and I really personally [???]

- I did not fill out #10, as I do not understand what the terms LIMITED SUBSCRIPTION RECYCLING AND FULLY AUTOMATED...SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING mean. If someone would call me or text me to explain what they mean, I would be happy to answer the question.

- Keep the system that we have now!

- While I would prefer no change, I understand change is inevitable. I only hope the changes you make will have the least financial impact on Salina families. With the community already experiencing income tax raises, lack of pay increases, and across the board raises in cost of living expenses, we the people simply cannot afford to pay more than we already are. PLEASE keep customer expense in mind as you build/design this full automated system. Thank you!

- We pay the people who handle our waste a horrible wage - Please look at increasing their wages - And setting automation without recycle - It appears a temporary fix - for a problem that needs a committee capable of long-term thinking and planning.

- We do lots of recycling, so we have very little garbage. Can there be a smaller fee for this? One community I lived in had 3 sizes of garbage cans. We chose the smallest - only $8/month. Everything had to be in the container. Because I do have so little garbage, I could go 2-3 weeks without a pickup. I surely can't be the only one. At this other community, they also did yard pick up only a few times a month and for only certain months - during busy "yard work" times, otherwise there was a fee for a pickup. Hope this helps.

- We are 80 years of age. We don't generate much refuse. Our lawn service either mulches or bags and hauls our yard waste away. We don't need extra carts or any extra services. We want simple, efficient, and inexpensive.

- You keep pushing recycle in these questions, currently we take recycle to Images (habit left from when we lived in the country). As long as Images or something like that exists, I would not want to be charged extra for city recycling. 2) We have wind in Salina, so we get small limbs, in many cases not enough to merit special pickup. How do you propose that we handle these, cut them up small enough to fit in yard waste?

- Leave it the way it is.

- Absolutely support a single stream paper/plastic/metal recycling system! Long over-due!

- This would be very hard for the elderly. I am elderly and would not be able to get the cart to the curb. I think the current refuse collect the best, I have an alley. It is very handy for me to get my trash out. I am on a very limited income it would be very hard on me, the cost each month.

- Will the yard waste fee/composting be for the summer months or only months used? Or will it be set for all months whether used or not?

- I moved to Salina from Hays. In terms of public works/waste, it has been a giant step backwards. Recycling is more easily achieved in Hays - And they took cardboard. The current Salina list is limited and the containers - even though we have 2 - are too small. Plus it's annoying to haul lots of small containers to the curb. I support expanded recycling efforts - but NOT at the expense of layoffs or pushing hard-working people out of work. Also - the city should consider incentives like Hays for reduction - water-efficient washing machines, etc.

- I am very supportive of recycling program. However, if I were to have only one cart (which would be all I need most of the time) if it is large enough this would be ideal. However, it is usually during summer only when I would need extra cart for occasional grass clippings. Seems like there should be a way to do this without having to pay for extra cart (or two) for the whole year. I do not like putting grass clippings in with my normal trash containers as the smell is sometimes too overpowering if you wish to keep the trash/recycle container in a garage.

- My cart is in garage - manage to get it outside for pickup Thursdays. Pay for person to take it curbside and return it just outside doors - I manage to get it back in garage. City bills for this help. Curbside automatic pick up would not work for me - I would have to hire someone to walk it to the curb one day and the next to put it back. From my handicapped point of view: Leave things as they are. Thanks for listening - Marguerite. 1 person-walker-handicapped

- The complex I live in hires for yard maintenance so it is up to them to take care of all yard waste. I have no comment on the last question. Other than I only need bi-monthly pick up the way it is now. I do not need my bill to go up. My income is limited at this time.

- I think everything we have with all of this trash pickup & yard waste pickups is OK like it is. What you want to do is take away a lot of people's jobs, and for some it is hard to find jobs. You might think about that if you were one of those workers.

- We have inadequate recycling. I dislike having to gift wrap our trash. If you decrease the number of employees needed for trash service, how would you employ them? Would other positions be open to them?

- I believe if a recycle cart was free, more people would choose to recycle.

- Don't like mixing grass with trash. Sometimes things need to be set outside the cart.

- Please go to automated refuse collection and make recycling mandatory.

- Our household is only 2 people. We often put only 1 bag of trash out a week, so are paying $15+ to pick up 4 bags of trash a month. I don't see any options in the survey for low use users (or much incentive for people to recycle lawn waste or other items). I would love to see Salina get progressive

about encouraged less waste - a smaller cart with lower fess & free recycling (keeps so much out of the costly landfill). Give people a financial incentive for less trash, less use of the landfill.

- I would like to say I'm not in favor of a raise in prices as I'm on SS & can barely make ends meet now. I am 81 yrs. old and live alone. We haven't had a raise on our SS checks in 3 years and the prices just keep going up. Think we senior citizens should be considered for Sr. discounts on a few things that would help us out so we could go out to lunch or even coffee and not feel guilty for spending that $2 that may help on prescriptions.

- I appreciate being able to use curbside recycling. Other areas in KS use a 90-gal cart but pick-up recycling every other week, could this be a possibility to help save on man/woman power?

- I believe if you provided smaller garbage carts and everyone had a recycle cart people would recycle more - recycling should include aluminum cans. We need more recycling!

- Truthfully we are satisfied with what we already have. We are 2 people - in our household - I recycle by going to Images. I would not want my outside stuff in a cart with my trash from the house. I know it is change - but what about the people that would be out of a job, then what? I am sure it is hard to find people to do this job - but the ones that would lose their jobs would you find something else for them to do? Again, we are satisfied but we are 2 people - thank you.

- As long as our rates don't go up more than $5 it's all good.

- I would rather be able to put all trash and yard waste together! And some trash may need to be set on the curb du to families having holidays or an event at their home. If you do it that way _fully-automated) why couldn't the drivers get out & toss it in the trash?

- This town needs to make recycling & composting easier and then more people will participate. I'm willing to pay extra for these services. Currently I recycle and take downtown once a month or so and I don't compost because I have dogs. But I would be willing to do so if it's made more convenient.

- I am a senior female with osteoporosis and arthritis. I am also only 5' tall. If these new carts are much taller, I will have trouble getting bags up & over the top. Also, I would hope they would roll easily to the curbside! It is rare that I fill up the trash cart that I presently have, but occasionally I have empty boxes (large ones) that don't fit in the cart. With this new system I suppose I would have to try to cut up large boxes to get them to fit. Could be a problem for me! My yard waste cart is usually almost full each week. Sometimes it is packed down full during early spring. So I only need a trash cart and a yard waste cart.

- The fees are high enough- if they are to go I will have to look at different options for waste collection.

- I use one bag per week. 2) I use Images recycle for the rest. 3) I feel what I am paying now is too high. 4) I am retired & on SS. 5) Planners are dumb, the city needs jobs why take away jobs to increase monthly payments. City is always crying no jobs no jobs. Don't they realize that the jobs they take away means less taxes family housing spending, etc.? Why don't you work with Images more? I cannot afford an increase for what I am getting now. Keep the jobs, screw automation.

- What about the people that will be out of a job because of this? If the city can't find enough help - what about inmates. Get them off their tails and do something productive.

- Do not like the city not picking up limbs - not everybody has a truck to haul off trimmed shrubs.
- I requested a recycling container 7 years ago. I was told I'd be put on a wait list as they had none available. I never heard back. Never. Recycling doesn't feel like a priority here. We spend our winters in the Phoenix metro. We have a separate recycling cart (90 gal) and the city charges no extra fee for that. They also have a separate green cart for yard waste but we didn't need one of those. The city sold the recycle items so no need to charge customers for donating recycled items. Recycle pickup is a different weekday than regular trash pick-up.
- #4&5: 1 bag occasionally from April thru October I prefer not too much leaves in the fall so I don't need yard waste cart year round. I am satisfied with recycling every 2-3 weeks at our local recycling center so a separate cart would be of no value to me. I see no mention of fall leaf pickup for which there currently is no fee. #5: My household would never generate enough recyclables to justify weekly pickup - it would be nice if charges for the extra cart could be based on the number of times the cart is actually emptied!
- I'm on a fixed income now - would like to keep city bill about the same - can tree trimmings be put into new cart with the household trash? I can always mulch my yard grass. What about fall leaves? Still packed up by city crew in the fall?
- Would love, love, love single-stream city-wide recycling program! Have lived in a town that had it and it was wonderful. Great for the earth. Please strongly consider it!
- Suggestion - jobs/jobs/jobs - Cities which offer jobs are cities on the go - People look for those that offer jobs and live in a city Growing for people wanting to find jobs and want to stay -
- City of Salina should already recycle, should be mandatory for citizen to separate their garbage. The city could be making a profit from it & create new jobs.
- We are all about keeping cost down. We are able to take some recycle items to our local recycle place.
- I hope you aren't paying a bunch of my taxes for this survey that any 8th grader could solve the issue.
- I am against fully automated refuse collection as these trucks are outrageously expensive. Also it puts people out of work, hauling trash is still a job. I do believe in recycling for a nominal fee.
- Fully satisfied with the present system - one cart - one yard cart - recycle when necessary at Images Inc.
- In my area I pick up trash daily in my yard. I quit for 3 weeks, now yard is full of trash. I decided to let wind blow like everyone else.
- I feel that the system now is just fine. I have seen the automatic system and don't think it is good.
- No self-respecting robot would work for the city of Salina. I need a cart large enough for my elephant shit and occasional bear crap.

- Do you realize maintenance on fully automated trucks will be horrendous, not to mention purchase price. I know this from experience. Why is there a fee for recycling? Previous cities we have lived in provided the service for free.

- Thank you!

- I would hate to see the city cut jobs. Also, you didn't explain this fully automated system. What would it require of me for it to work?

- Putting recyclables and yard waste in with trash means the land fill fills faster. Please tell me someone has done the math on lifecycle costs for the landfill. It seems that recycling and composting should be reducing the bill, not increasing it.

- Those tall cylinder looking refuse containers do not belong in Kansas. I guess you haven't figured out that the wind blows in Kansas. Is the driver going to get out of the truck every household he comes to, pick up the container and then pick up the trash? Maybe the person trying to sell this to us should be the guy to pick up all the trash then. I like and want to keep the containers we have now for refuse and yard waste. If you like them so were you use them at your resident, not mine. Why do we always have to fix something that's not broke? Does anybody have any more common sense?

- Sometimes it is difficult to physically get the existing carts to the curb. Larger carts and more carts would make it even harder. What if I am unable to get the carts to the curb? I barely have room to store the two carts I currently use, a trash cart and yard cart. I don't know where I would store a third without being a public eyesore. I don't currently recycle so I don't know how that would affect my needs. Would you consider a free special pick up once a quarter or even twice a year? Christmas and other special occasions when I usually have a pushing outside the cart. Another is when I bundle larger clippings and branches not allowed in the yard waste cart.

- I do not think we should have to pay for cart maintenance. Do not understand all the options.

- Our current system does not effectively initiate people to recycle.

- We purchased a sale cart 15 years ago so we have two carts- would this ever be an option considered?

- We have participated in the recycling program since it started and have always wondered why we were charged because we DID recycle, and those who didn't were not penalized. It seems somewhat backward. It seems like it should be an across the board fee to encourage more citizens to recycle.

- We lived in Shawnee until out move to Salina in Oct. 2014. In Shawnee we had one cart for refuse and one cart for recycle. Yard waste was put in large paper bags. We really liked the system. We presently have a setup in our garage for collecting newspaper, magazines, other paper as well as cans, bottles, plastics, etc. I drive everything to the recycle center downtown so our refuse is more limited.

- I think people who recycle should get a break on their fees with the people who don't pay the additional charges as the people who recycle are putting less materials in the landfill.

- I think it is ridiculous that you charge an extra fee for limb pickup when a huge storm hits the city. I live in an older part of town with old trees. It looked like a war zone. Most residents compiled limbs by the side of the road. As a single homeowner and a woman with no access to a trash it took a while to get my limbs removed. The city should pick up the limbs with no charge. Thank you!

- Still need some term for outside pick up for tree limbs and other without extra charge not every week.

- We were unaware the city had maintenance for carts by fee. At present we have not experienced any cart maintenance in 27 years. However, the cart is nearing replacement due to normal use and effects of weather. Will the current small carts be replaced with new larger carts with any charge the city makes? We have observed refuse and yard waste being emptied into the same sanitation truck. Are the staff not following city procedures?

- Would there be an extra for limbs, small branches that won't fit in the cart?

- I believe that all along the recyclers have not been treated well. The city should look at the primary reason to have a recycling program. Land fill for Saline County use only, bigger carts for recycling. I used to recycle but in reality the large trash cart should've been for recycling stuff and the smaller for actual refuse. Recyclers get penalized for being conscientious of what we want to the land fill.

- Please let us upgrade to 1 yard waste, 1 refuse, and 2 recycling bin like Wichita. That was one of the hardest things to lose when moving here.

- Doesn't matter what we say, you are going to do what you want anyway

- I am definitely not in favor of automatic. It would put people out of work

- It will be an inconvenience to not put out extra trash by the cart occasionally, I don't think anyone abuses that. The business that has been accepting recycling should not be cut out of the picture. When he started the City wasn't at all interested in supporting it

- I am disabled and on a fixed income. I can't afford increases or separating my garbage.

- The automated system sounds nice but what provisions are being considered for items that don't fit into any size carts? What do I do with old mattresses or other furniture? Could drop off sites be considered? The present system may not be the most efficient but it works well for me.

- I am a disabled person. The trash people come to my house to get my cart. Take to the alley to empty and brings it back to my house. The automated would not work for me at all. Unless the person still comes to the house to take my trash to the curb. Plus, I am on limited income and can't afford anything extra

- We need more jobs not trucks.

- I do not support your fully automated plan. People need jobs.

- I don't need any extra changes

- One trash can is not enough for a family of three, we always have more. Also i bought a grass cart and you guys said you would dump it for free for life. I'm not dead yet so you need to keep dumping my grass for free. We used to have a family of 5 and always had extra bags. No trash service should not pickup extra bags of trash at the curb. I'm not for any changes if you don't clump the grass for free and pickup extra bags and boxed at the curb.

- I lived in Hays before moving to Salina and when I moved here I could not believe we have to pay to recycle! It's better for the environment and should be mandatory and free. Charge for trash.

- I think everyone should pay the $5.40 recycle fee, whether they recycle or not. Maybe they would be more inclined to use it if they were paying for it regardless.

- The monthly charge is plenty high already. I stopped doing the recycle because all the prices kept creeping up higher and $5.40 was one place I could trim costs. Looks like you intend to raise rates again.

- I think it is ironic you want to consider recycling yet eliminate composting. I thought the reason yard carts were introduced was to keep yard waste out of the land fill.

- Not sure I am typical as to usage as I am a widow living alone doing very little cooking

- I live alone and am a senior citizen. I have a hard time keeping my bills paid as it is, I can't afford to have an increase. usually the one trash can I have is enough without needing to place more bags outside the cart but I have a big family and several times a year they will all be here and we often need at least a couple of bags outside the cart. None of these options work for me.

- I am a single homeowner. Do not fill up on my present cart. Maybe once or twice a year when cleaning out my garden. I am gone a lot where I don't set out the cart, but will have to pay the full rate.

- I take my recycling to Images. Our lawn care service doesn't collect clippings.

- I didn't know yard waste was collected separately from refuse. 90% of the time, out one bin is adequate for both refuse and yard waste there have been a couple of times per year that i have had to leave a bag or two of lawn clippings outside the bin. Also, we recycle about three times as much as we throw away. When we first moved here 5 years ago, we were told there was a curbside recycling waiting list which we asked to be put on. We were never contacted about it again but by now we have incorporated a biweekly trip to Images.

- Many streets are very narrow and an automated truck would impede traffic. Truck stopping on Ohio Street? Empty dumpsters blowing into traffic? Extra refuse during Christmas season? With only one trash, what happens with mechanical issues?

- As for my current trash pickup, I'm okay with what I already have

- We use one waste cart and one recycle bin, we nearly always have more material in the recycle bin. Its not difficult to do, it seems reasonable that the city could go to an automated trash and recycle program for little more than the current cost of trash collections only. A small increase to everyone's

bill should cover the cost of recycling for all. City wide recycling should save the cost of depositing trash.

- These are great ideas! I would love to have an additional cart for recycling. It will be so much more convenient than taking it downtown and sorting it myself. I would love a yard waste cart too! $19.50 a month is great!

- My biggest question concerning automation is the placement of the cart. During winter with ice, snow etc., it could be difficult to spot the cart or move it to a common pickup location. Also, if the carts were placed in a common area for pickup how do you prevent someone from taking your clean cart and leaving you with a dirty cart they never wash out?

- To promote recycling, the city should not charge customers to recycle. They should promote being Green and give customers a "perk". There are several city owned vacant buildings that can be used as recycle centers. The city needs to put themselves in the position of the residence who are trying to support a family of 4-5 on less than $30,000 annually. Stop raising the cost of everything. Reduce their income and benefits to meet budget gaps.

- Just pick up trash for a reasonable fee.

- I feel that it is very important to recycle as much as possible. Includes items used in home and yard waste. Many larger cities I have visited are already doing this.

- No increase in costs. No automated because we are losing a service-picking up items outside the cart. Increase in fees exceeds the increase in social security I received. What do I do about other increases?

- Why not just pay your employees more and let them keep their jobs? Visited Florida where they do this and if trash spills out of the cart while they are dumping it the trash just lays there or the wind picks blows it all over the streets. The drivers don’t get out of the trucks to pick it up. Who would be responsible for cleaning that mess up?

- Other communities provide recycling carts without a fee involved. I currently load up all recyclables and take them downtown to Images. I do not feel like I should have to pay to recycle and help the environment. Same is true with yard waste, I mulch when i now and use the yard waste cart for small limbs and leaves.

- I don’t support automation for the purpose of eliminating jobs. I am always impressed by the work ethic I see in our city sanitation workers and have personally known two employees. I believe it is better for the city to have these jobs available for men and women who are willing to apply themselves and develop a solid work ethic. It is a great starter position that can prepare people for the next career step. I will gladly pay more to keep these jobs in our community.

- This is all totally ridiculous. I have very little refuse at times and occasionally fill that cart with yard waste such as twigs and limbs which is larger than what is presently accepted in the yard waste cart. Very rarely do I have just grass or leaves, but when they don’t accept anything larger around than a pencil in the yard waste cart- it just sits empty. The present cost is crazy. Don’t buy such expensive equipment-charge less. You may lose a lot of your customers.

- Because we recycle almost everything, we could go to an every other week trash pickup. Many of our friends are the same way. Wouldn't this save a lot of money in fuel and equipment wear and tear? What is the inconvenience to those that don't want to recycle? To encourage them to? Why are the do-gooders that want to be eco-friendly financially penalized so that others that don't care can use cheaper trash service? If you have 2 carts, shouldn't the 2nd cart be substantially less since the majority of the cost is in the service and not in the cost of cart. Is there an option to purchase our own carts? Is there an option for us to take our recycling somewhere on our own? And finally, we are taxed and feed to death, shouldn't this just be covered with the amount of property taxes we pay?

- I see no need to change what I have now - 1 refuse cart and 1 yard waste cart. I don't want bigger carts because when my yard waste especially is full after mowing its heavy to take to street for pickup. I'm an older citizen living alone. In the fall I need the yard waste cart for leaves. I have no trees but neighbors do and they all blow into my yard and both neighbors do not do their yards. I think I already pay enough for the waste and pickup I require. I do not have pickup for recycling and take it there myself.

- My friend and I are on a fixed income. If your prices get too high, then we might have to look for a different trash company.

- Question 10 - Option 4 or 5 could work for our home - It would be nice to know how much special pickups would increase if dept. goes fully automated. I think to get more support for recycling, price must stay as low as possible. Single stream make it convenient.

- Would be very supportive of city wide recycling. Just determine the cost for city wide. recycling and incorporate the cost into a single fee. It's tragic not to do everything possible to encourage recycling. Throwing glass, plastic containers, cans, and aluminum containers into the landfill borders on criminality.

- Salina needs to enforce junk and cars in front of yards and streets more strictly. My neighbor has these items all over his front yard and curb side. Why should I want to pay more when the city lets people treat neighborhoods, like this and this in the middle of town by central high school? Other than that I like me service, they have always done a good job on collecting trash.

- Please consider the elderly. A 95# cart with refuse could be too heavy to push to the curb. Maybe a plan could be modified so pickup service could be done at residence without taking cart to curb

- I take my recycling to the recycle center myself. I put yard waste such as flower bed cleanup and branch trimming in yard waste cart also bush trimmings. Grass clippings I put in plastic bags outside trash carts

- Often a windstorm there is no way to get off the limbs, need special service pickups after storms

- We pay enough property tax to cover all this.

- Change should only occur if the end result is less cost for the city and citizens. Regional recycling dumpsters should be considered throughout the city, showing citizens to drop off recyclables on an "as needed" basis and reducing cost. A yard waste drop off site should be re-established for city wide citizen use, to reduce manpower and precious land fill space. The resulting mulch and/chips can be put back in use.

- We lived in cities that had fully automated trash carts that were picked up by the automated trash truck. This process worked very well and efficient for the city of Rogers Arkansas to pick up waste. The only negative was if the cart was overfilled trash would spill out and the neighborhood would need to pick up this waste. However when the cart was filled and lid closed. The automated process worked fantastic.

- Right now nothing over the size of a stick pencil gets picked up. That size restriction is absurd. I think that size should be increased to at least 1''. The motivational prowess of city employees should not be the deciding factor, if your yard waste does or does not get picked up

- My lawn clippings go into compost area in backyard. In spring, trimming back bushes may not be able to all fit into even 95 gal. Also storms can produce many limbs which could need to be set beside trash cart

- Present system works well, and on fixed income cannot make additional fees and if I have additional waste we hold over to next week to balance our present system and work well.

- We currently recycle everything at the recycling center and compost all of our yard waste. Consequently, we only have 1-2 13 gallon bags of trash a week. Why do we have to pay for services we don't use? We would like to see a refuse only collection. It would even be nice to have it every two weeks, since there is no way with all our recycling that we will fill a 95 gallon cart even in 2 weeks' time.

- City of Salina needs to sponsor free pickups of debris following storms. I have had the some trash cart for most of the 40 years I have lived here. While others not as old have been replaced with new carts

- I think it is sad that those of us that recycle are penalized by paying more. It should be the other way around. I want to recycle but the cost keeps going up.

- Loss of jobs, street parking, trees are not worth the special equipment. Start with cost and maintenance. If you are limiting us to a 95 gallon can with nothing allowed outside the cost should be cheaper since you are not paying for human wages not more expensive. I have a huge family, we recycle and still fill our trash cans full and have extra bags outside. Trash cans should be based on house hold size as one person's usage is less than eight.

- We have a lot of trees so when all the leaves start falling several times we have quite a bit of yard waste as well as trimmings from bushes. Even though we have an extra cart for yard, it still requires bags to be filled. As seniors we are on a limited budget so would hate to see a big jump in cost. We try to at least get it to the curb which isn't always easy but it would be very inconvenient if all of it couldn't be taken because it was in bags. Hope this is helpful.

- Why change? I live on limited income. Why put 10-15 people out of jobs? Manual labor is good for some people, not all people have college education some don't even have driver's license and have families to support. Why put them out of jobs and back on public assistance?

- Fully automated trucks should be gradual, as employee attrition allows not costing jobs and gradual financial outlay for equipment. Yard waste should be composted not put in landfill.

- I have also loved in McPherson with fully automated service. I will say it is nice to be able to place items that are large outside of the cart, when driving all the way to the dump it is an inconvenience for one time. I love the recycling proposals as this is something I would like to take part. I see the pros and cons of fully automated putting items outside the cart will be hard to give up.

- As of now, I take care of all my recycling. I do have some yard waste in the spring, I try to mulch the rest of the time. As a single person, one cart works for me most of the time

- I have very little interest in subscription recycling. I do my own recycling of cardboard, plastic and aluminum cans. I occasionally bag yard waste and put them in the cart. Usually I mulch. I might occasionally have extra bags of discarded things that might not fit in the cart, but mostly of the time my present cart does fine

- Everything is already too expensive for me. I don’t get how the cost of living raises. It’s all going to change regardless of my opinion. I am a 1 person household and I don’t recycle. My landlord handles all of the yard work.

- 1 cart for household trash. 1 cart for yard waste. 1 cart for recycling. We must recycle.

- Lowering the second cart fee would be ideal. We leave items outside of the cart weekly due to the high fee for another cart.

- I do not participate in the city recycling program as I have spoken to friends in other cities who don’t have to pay. I take my recycling to the recycling center downtown at my convenience as only the cost of my gas.

- The time for Salina to implement automated refuse collection and city wide recycling has come. Please approve these measures ASAP! Automation reduces manpower, increases safety and creates efficiency. City wide recycling helps save valuable resources, protects our environment for future generations and reduces the waste going into our landfill. The city should purchase all new automated trucks at one time to standardize and modernize the fleet. All new trucks should be equipped with GPS and other technologies to keep the operators safe and efficient. Trash should not be allowed outside the cart without a special pickup at customer’s expense. Single stream recycling and separate yard waste collection are the intelligent, responsible solutions for proper solid waste management.

- Fully automated systems are the best. Family and friends in hays are very happy with this service.

- I prefer to be able to leave boxes or other items that will not fit into the cart beside the cart to be picked up on trash day

- I'm not interested in paying for anything extra

- I have been given the option of putting the cart right out the garage door. Would I still be able to do this under a new plan?

- This is a horrible waste of taxpayer money. It's sad that you can’t even have a company in Salina perform in the survey. Ridiculous

- I will be changing my service if you go to this. I have been with the city for 30 some years. If I have an extra bag I want you to pick it up. Your competition will do that. You are eliminating someone's job. I'm sure these guys don't get paid that much. Don't the trucks cost more?

- I believe everybody should pay for what they want. Subscription for recycling for those that must have I believe refuse collection and yard waste. Should all be covered under one umbrella? They only provide this service from April-September for yards anyway

- In Emporia, city wide recycling goes on so my sister has a second cart for recyclable items. But she does not have a bunch of small bins, it all goes into one cart. It is sorted wherever it is delivered. I would like that.

- Amount increase matters. Now physically take recyclable to local place. As our age increases might be harder to do. Senior discounts should be considered

- City wide recycling with the full size poly carts is a great idea. Just copy McPherson County. They have it figured out

- Make America great again; pay taxes; make money work. Automation does not pay taxes. Thank you.

- We already pay extra for our recycle container. A bigger container would be helpful. Most of the time we have only one other sack of refuse. We mulch mow our yard except in the spring when doing clean up. Sometimes we put a small amount of yard waste in our trash. In the spring when we have a lot we haul it to the landfill ourselves.

- City- wide recycling is by far the most important consideration for our household!

- If the city is serious about residents recycling and requires them to sort recyclable material into separate containers, no additional fees should be charged for recycling. If recycling is required, no additional fees should be charged.

- This survey lacks total cost of automation. The survey implies 9 less workers, plus additional fees will pay for the beginning of automation. However what about the cost of repairs to the truck? Cost of training drivers? Cost of the truck? If city goes for automation, then they may lose my business as there are other companies. This survey lacks a lot of information needed in order to answer the questions. Using words like "very likely" instead of "yes" and "very unlikely" instead of "no" is very misleading. "Yes" and "no" are much stronger words and are better indicators of answers.

- I would welcome simplification of trash and more importantly recycling. I currently easily use both of my little-lidded bins and decrease my trash load. If the city made recycling more readily available to all residents it would effectively decrease refuse going to the landfill. I think making more widely spread recycling benefits our city for generations to come.

- Loss of jobs is sad. The people we see now are hardworking and run a lot of times. There is another case of machine elimination of jobs for the working group who needs jobs. Salina hopes to increase the number of workers and this remove people who are willing to work from needing financial assistance. Does this meet that objective? No! Nine people lose their jobs! A decision like this makes sense in the "business world", but certainly does not make sense in the "people who need jobs. Would I always favor workers!

- Occasionally I have larger items that don't fit in the cart- bundled tree limbs, discarded screen door, etc. It sounds like this is being eliminated completely unless special pickup ordered. I hate to see this service eliminated. I understand large amounts that require special pickup.

- My trash cart is in bad shape. I don't need yard waste removal so should have cheaper option if you don't need yard waste. I take my recycling to Images, it's free. I am a senior citizen and on a fixed budget. Trash removal for no more than I have is expensive as I do recycle.

- There needs to be available a means for picking up materials outside the carts. That has not been addressed, and needs to be.

- I strongly feel that recycling should be mandatory and those who don't recycle should be charged, instead of the other way around. I have trouble paying my monthly bills now and do not want to add anymore fees. I take all my recycling to Images to avoid the monthly fee.

- I have mature trees that lose limbs during high winds. If I lose enough limbs, I take them to the free yard waste area. I appreciate having the free option for limbs.

- For the past 12 years, I have recycled paper, plastic, glass, metal, and cardboard by collecting it and taking it to images on a monthly and sometimes weekly basis depending on how much I have. 2 other families recycle with me. We take it ourselves due to cost. If there is going to be a fee for separate yard waste collection, can the fee be suspended during the winter months when there is no yard waste in December- February? Senior citizens on fixed incomes should have discounts as they have very little trash on recycling and even yard waste.

- A 90 gallon cart is not easy for this 70 year old with back problems and most elderly are on fixed income. I feel they should have lower rates. I got rid of all tress in my yard because it was too much to care for. However, I still have to have a winter yard cart because neighbor’s tress blow in my yard and I'd much rather have peace than cause hurt feelings.

- Christmas Holidays would be an issue. Possibly 2 pickups that week?

- On Question # 6 I put no because I feel it is a lot for one person should be 2 persons per truck then I would say yes on fully automated.

- I now have alley pick-up. Because of my medical condition it would be impossible for me to place the cart at curb-side. I have no one to do it for me. The street I live on is narrow with on-street parking and overhanging trees. I do not know of any other set-out location, nor would I be able to move the cart there. Occasionally I have an item to discard that is light weight and should not require a special pick-up, but because of its shape will not fit into cart. A fully automated system would not work for me.

- I feel we shaved continue with the system we have and add workers where necessary. The services who collect my trash are (workers) earning a living- and they appear to me to EARN that pay CHECK. They automated and eliminated joke?

- Our only concern with fully automated system would be the resulting loss of jobs in our community. Also, there have been times when we've needed to set larger material outside of the cart for pickup. It could be a problem in the future if this is no longer an option.

- I am satisfied with service as it is now. I do not want to pay more than I am. # 10 has no options that I am satisfied with. I am too old for yard work or recycling. If prices go up of will switch to a private hauler.

- They say yard waste is picked up separate. I see them frequently put yard waste in same truck w. trash. We get charged, for yard waste.

- We already recycle these items paper, glass, plastic, and tin cans, cardboard by taking them to Images OURSELVES!

- Please do not eliminate jobs. Too many of our jobs are going to automation. To eliminate something like trash collection seems like a read kick in the pants to me. If we are going to pay more for our grass carts to 5e picked up why don't we do like the city of Hays and have a spot to dump grass and turn it into dirt that people can came and get Salina needs to stop thinking we are Manhattan or Lawrence. We are Salina, ACCEPT THAT!!!

- Goal-City wide (mandatory) recycling. 2) Have some mechanism to have extra trash collected when it's not enough for a special pick-up. (E.g. Can residents throw extra bags in truck?) 3) Will there be a place to drop off extra recycling?

- We do all of our own recycling. If we have extra trash such as boxes, small branches (twigs), etc. They are always placed in waste bags and placed in the cart we now have so there are no extra carts needed. We don't agree with going to a fully automated system since that cuts out more jobs and that's something the city of Salina should not do with the health of the economy now.

- Do not change anything. We recycle and like the system as it is presently run. Raise the usages and the city employment issue for sanitation workers will improve-they work hard-they deserve better pay. This survey is based on a false premise. Let's address the root cause before we spend extra dollars on symptoms. I do not support any changes-and owned own 20 properties...and recycle now.

- Not really into recycling unless forced to do it. Use yard waste separate cart about 50% of time depending on how fast it’s growing-sometimes too thick or too high to mulch. Mulch whenever I can. I've seen fully automated units in Lindsborg-works nice but they beat up the carts fast from rough automation. But consider everything in a perfect world-if automation stops-I feel you ought to store current trucks at landfill-DON'T get rid of them-might need in future. The skill level isn't very high-but garbage collectors should be paid well for what they have to put up with. Even if it means higher fees.

- I'd love to have city-wide recycling available for everyone.

- I don't like the idea of doing away with jobs. We as a household disagree with full automation. People need jobs. Why take that away?

- I'm a single mother, don't even fill the trash cart I have now. Sometimes have 1 kitchen bag of trash in cart. I would NOT need a large cart and an increase in my monthly rate. No increase for me!

- Salina has lots of trash always sitting beside the carts, they always take it, and how are they going to make rules in Salina, since there have never been any.

- We live in a town home section of town. The city picks up household waste. All other waste is carted by individual contractors who, in turn, dispose of all other waste.
- I think recycling is extremely important and should be city-wide.
- I would not mind recycling, but I have never understood having to pay extra for it when you can get money for cans/steel and cardboard.
- I am glad the city is investigating this and hop recycling and composting can continue and grow.
- Our household enjoys the service of alley pick-up and would hope this service would combine regardless of possible changes with solid waste services provided by the City of Salina.
- This residence consists of 2 people-senior years not yet retired! We are pleased with our city 90 gal. Trash container. We have no need for additional containers. Recycling in a good program. However we do not have very much to contribute to the city, for the purpose of recycling refuse from our residence.
- I am one single old man.
- I am 71 yrs. old with arthritis. Breaking down boxes to fit into the cart is difficult, that is why I sometime just sit them beside the cart. Also the rubber strap on the carts are difficult for me to unhook.
- Some of the older customer are unable to full their cart to the curb. ??? The city charges extra to full the east down to the curve and refine back into the yard.
- Question 10 is to confusing! We don't do compost or recycling, BUT we do want the City to be responsible for repair and maintenance of cart; as if you ever watched them handle, pull push, shake, throw carts over curbs no wonder they need repair and we shouldn't have to pay for their rough handling!
- Feel like we already pay for service, can't afford any increase when I am on fix income.
- Recycling should be included in all to encourage conservation
- We only have yard waste a few times a year so I really don't want a cart sitting around for that small amount. I think 95 gal. Recycling is much too large. The box we have now works fine. I am not in favor of fully automated. We live on a private street and I can see being forced to roll carts clear down to the city owned street.
- I will be 80 yrs. old soon I have always recycled at Images I have a compost pile and chickens not much left to go in the cart. Salina has a lot of narrow streets with lots of parked vehicles. I don't see how you could make this work! I understand that no one wants to work anymore! We have a lot of manpower on the "dole". (Jail-men at the mission-welfare-too bad some couldn't be required to EARN a living.
- We recycle and feel the City should work with private business to develop. 1) Recycling collecting and sorting (I.E. Images) 2) Yard Waste (I.E. Kanza). City should manage trash to reduce landfill cost and

increase life of landfill. Recycling should not be option. If they don't recycle, fees should be higher, encouraging user to recycle.

- I have long felt that charging for a recycle bin was nuts. The extra fee should have been to those who are too lazy to recycle

- A lot of your options on your survey sound good on paper. As a smaller older person they will not work. If your carts become any taller I will not be able to lift kitchen garbage into cart. If you combine garbage and yard waste, I will not be able to push it to the street. As it is now, I can only fill garbage cart 3/4 full and yard waste 3/4 full in order to get it to the street. This is a very confusing survey!

- I have only a small plastic bag of waste. I only need just the one container.

- I rent so yard composting is not needed, as landlord hires yardwork out. Single so would not have big need for large recycling container.

- I like what we have now keep people working and there is some time there is outside the cart. If no outside the cart there is always OTHER CARRIERS.

- I can't answer question #2. It sounds like I have a choice to have one 90 gal cart for ALL-reuse, recycle, lawn waste. OR I can choose up to 3 big containers. Recycling and waste composting is important to me. The 3 containers as they are now are big enough for my household. I do not want to see recycling or yard waste collection stopped. I have no OFF street parking and no alley so placement of containers for my home (my neighbors as well) for automates pickup probably won't work. My cars would always be in the way. I'm willing to pay for ecologically sound waste disposal.

- I've seen the automated trucks pick up trash and most drivers are not trained well enough. They knock over carts and just leave the carts that way. If your strategy is using three carts, there will be carts all over the place. Going to make the city look very trashy. I also think we should stop letting other towns use our landfill.

- Don't go up in price-fixed income. Look at El Dorado's system. Would do recycle if no additional charge now take my recycle to place downtown and call popcorn.

- I would like to say that I am not in favor of a fully automated trash pick-up. My carts currently are picked up in the Alley, which I prefer over a street pick up. If the yard waste program is often abandoned due to staffing shortages. Then maybe that service could be contracted out to an outside company.

- I have a large yard with several mature trees and bushes. Windstorms often bring down limbs that presently I am able to cut into four foot sections, bundle them and tie them and place by my cart. The refuse collectors have always taken these with the trash. How will this be handled with the proposed fully automated system?

- Hire more people-use minor offenders in jail if you need to. Don't spend a fortune on all new trucks etc. I only want alley pick up, that works best for me. If I have to switch to pick up by the Street I will change to someone who will pick up in the alley. We have a trash cart and a yard waste cart and have been very happy with the way the city takes care of our trash.

- I already pay extra for recycling. I am not willing to pay any more. Wish I could have my bill cut and only have pick up 2 times a month.

- We would look into other collection options if fees go up.

- We do our recycling so don't need recycling service. In the summer and fall we put yard waste in same cart as refuse. During the remainder of the year we only fill about 1/3 of the cart each week 50 don't need an extra car.

- You're just trying to raise the price.

- During the 'Off" season could the yard cart be used for refuse? I would prefer Refuse cart and yard cart not recycle cart. If not allowed outside refuse bags need larger yard carts for "peak" grass mowing and leaves in the fall. All of so options in #10 have drawn backs especially all the "additional fees" and one cart for refuse and yard waste.

- Methane should be captured at the landfill. City should provide composting bins, for a nominal fee, to homeowners for their private use. This would lessen the impact of yard waste recycling.

- I take all my recycling to the place on North 4th, Salina. Do not want a small cart. Special pick-ups even after a storm should not cost customers to pay. For your workers to come out and take away tree limbs. The street of Cheyenne Ave. here in Salina looked like a "war zone" after that last storm we had and I did not see one truck on the street to pick up all the limbs.

- It would be great to have curbside recycling.

- #10 sounds like a university survey unclear. Must be Trump sponsored.

- City wide automated truck pick-ups and have a one- stop BLDG. to recycle all trash collected, to sort trash. I truck and 1 man to pick-up waste. People in 1 place to sort trash on Automated Belt (or Device) or could be automated like the mail is doing now. (And Fed Ex, UPS). At the same cost as of now.

- I appreciate the city looking to improve the whole pick up situation.

- I don't want my rates to increase. Already, I pay more every year for utilities. The city of Salina government does not know how to manage money. Cut administrative jobs. We don't need an overpaid city manager and assistant city manager. We shouldn't be paying city commissioners anything. We had an increase in sales tax recently! We don't need trash pick-up increasing! The river project is a JOKE and a pet project for the elite. STOP wasting my tax dollars!! NO INCREASE in RATES! P.S. How much did the city pay for this study?? Waste of money!

- This system was looked into in the late 70's early 80's. At that time it was believed not a good system for Salina. I still don't think it is a usable system. As far as help, the collection people work harder than any city employee for the leas wages. They work in what even the weather is. If it's 20 below on 110 in the shade, they carry out their duties. They get the job done.

- We rarely need the 90 gallon cart. Would not like to see compostable waste go to the landfill. We support a pay as you throw program. Would like consideration of giving refuse collectors certain

sections of town, rather than having the potential of several trucks driving along the same street on a weekly basis. Would like to see more waste prevention, source reduction education.

- Nothing wrong with present system- except for yard waste. Won't take branches bigger than a pencil so not better at all. 2. Increasing the unemployment is a bad idea. Not enough jobs here now. 3. Get rid of the fat ass cats in the Arc. Offices and replace with robot. That would save more money than 9 hourly jobs.

- I have one cart for yard waste. Then I have a deflons bay of trash that 2 don't recycle. 2 recycle everything 2 can at the images recycling center, and urge the city to contract with Images to provide recycling pickup.

- One in my household. 1 cart and one yard cart in the summer. Where are we to put boxes if they don't fit in the trash can? At Christmas time.

- I am very satisfied with the service we have now.

- 20 Answered yes, but there are still occasions that I would go over? Probably 10 times in a year. 2a) Answered yes. Have not really gotten into the recycle thing yet. 2b) Answered yes, but again don't really recycle yet and the only yard waste I have is the occasional furniture that is tossed out or 6 '-0 long branches that I cut that long and put in 1'-0 wide bundles, because that is what a pamphlet from the city told me to do. 3) Don't really want to pay extra, because money is tight already.

- I would be glad to recycle but refuse to pay for it. Why do you want to get new barrels and trucks and put people out of work?

- Please do not go to automation! People need jobs. Contact Salina Rescue mission. They have several MEN needing jobs.

- We just moved to Salina several months ago from Lincoln, Nebraska, where we had single stream curb side recycling. We had to wait about a month (on the wait list) to get that here in Salina, but very happy we have had it and would gladly pay more to support more wide spread recycling across the city. We think city - wide recycling (us subscription) is what it would take to change the culture and norms here and want to support that with our $.

- Prefer not having all the trash carts at the curbs because they make our city very ugly on trash day.

- Dear Sirs: My wife and I are both retired and live on a fixed income. We do not need any more increases in taxes, fuss, etc. Thank you.

- None of the options on #10 fit our needs. Our current dumpster is adequate for our trash most of the year. In the spring I mow Bermuda grass short before it grows up. This generates about 9-33 gallon bags (much here than a 95 g. dumpster would hold). We also trim shrubs and occasionally have a couple of bags of trimmings (2-3 x/yr.). Our mower mulches so we don't collect grass clippings during the growing season. I rototill most of our leaves into our garden. If we had a dumpster for yard waste it would be empty most of the year and would not be cost effective. Our current dumpster usually contains 1-33 gallon bag of trash (usually 60-70% full) and we throw in a few sticks before we mow each time. If a storm takes down large limbs we cut them in short pieces and bundle them for pick up next to our own dumpster (1-2 x's/yr. depending on windstorms). We also currently use 1 recycling

bin which is usually full each week. We take corrugated cardboard boxes to recycling at least monthly.

- Question 10 options were very confusing! Not sure if I picked the right one. We use a cart for garbage and another for grass clippings.

- Am I to understand that the fully automated carts will be on wheels as is our current carts? I am disabled and limited as to getting carts to curbside if carts are not on wheels.

- Glass, aluminum, cardboard, and white paper are so readily recyclable. I' like to see the city investigate having our own recycling center for these items. Is there any way to incentivize less refuse? In the winter (when the trash doesn't smell), we can go 2-3 weeks without taking our trash to the curb. How about a 2-tier recycling system: everyone pays for single- stream, but those who sort their own pay less.

- They have this in Hutchinson where my mom lives and I've been looking forward to it. One cart for waste and one for recycling. You have so much paper and plastic you can't even fill your regular cart!

- This isn't a non-bias survey. This didn't cover that lots of people take recycling to Images. Makes us want to use a private hauler.

- I do not want fully automated trash service - have friends in other locations with this type of service - when picked-up trash falls into the street - truck drives off leaving mess lay there. A lot of times real messes all over town.

- I could care less about recycling & paying for it. The city has had a recycling program for years & it has not been profitable. So why are you now forcing it upon us now by forcing us to pay for it regardless of if we want to use it? Keep the refuse cart & yard waste cart as it is!

- The survey was a little limited for me to answer completely and honestly. Our household finds every way that we can to dispose of things. We take our recycling to Images Recycling Center on 4th Street, we compost all grass clippings in our background for garden soil, and various ways; thus not throwing much away in the refuse cart. For us the current system works just fine, although we would be very supportive of a city-wide recycling system. I believe the convenience would cause more people to recycle.

- Though it seems to be included in all options, it is important to note the current recycling bin is far too small. It would also be a great help to allow corrugate in recycling, as well.

- A 2 person household so have very little refuse Average no more than 2 13-gal bags per week. Yard waste cart is used occasionally in summer and fall. Recycling is collected and separated on premises and taken to the recycling center on average every 4-6 weeks.

- We have 2 carts now - one for refuse and one for yard waste. There are items of the year (summer) when we couldn't put all in one cart, but in winter we could.

- This survey does not consider the needs of a single-person household, seniors, or residents on fixed incomes. It also doesn't consider unemployment numbers for Salina. And what happens when these automated trucks break down and there's no manpower available to pick up the slack? I have lived in

Salina more than 10 years and have never received information on recycle services offered and costs. NEVER! IF there's a problem with recycling and staffing, then let the public know. The questions on this survey were nothing more than a way to ask permission & how much to increase rates. Our rates are going to need to be increased to pay for this survey!!! We get the feeling this decision has already been made and this was just our notice. Kind of like the Salina Fieldhouse vote!!!

- In reference to question2. There does not appear to be an option for 1 95 gal refuse cart and 1 95 gal yard cart. 1 refuse cart and 1 yard waste cart would meet my needs.
- My present cart if efficient for my use, no change necessary. MAKE NO CHANGE
- Prefer semi-automated: no job displacement. Composting is a no. We don't know what the city does with it. It would be ok if used or given so long as it’s not sold off. In the end, information insufficient.
- If you have to have new carts please consider ones with secure lids. The newer taller ones blow over too easy and the lids won't stay shut - they need to secure better. When the wind blows they make a mess.
- I would like to be able to recycle more from the house! Colored glass, corrugated cardboard, other things our small containers don't allow. I probably do not need a larger waste container just recycling.
- Households should be charged extra if they do not recycle. - A refusal fee as recycling should be the norm not the exception with an additional fee. Keeping items out of the landfill should be rewarded with cheaper cost. Would encourage those who want to or have to save that additional $5.40. I already pay $20.70 for cart & bin. Merging both and adding compost for $17.40 would be great!
- Go to an every-other-week pick up
- An option is needed for large-item pick up if single carts are all that is allowed.
- I don't believe there should be an extra charge for recycling. You should be encouraging people to recycle, not discouraging it.
- Most cities in Kansas provide recycling carts and pickup without an extra fee. Why doesn't Salina? It would help from filling up the landfill. I do believe they would get money back on recycled items anyway.
- The trash cart belongs at the alley not the front of the house. We need outside the cart pickup for oddball things that don't fit in the cart. We need yard waste pick up. Will change services if necessary.
- I recycle everything I can so would need recycle container. I need a container for grass clippings. Would only need a small container for trash. I just want to plans to continue - very important for everyone to recycle! Thanks!
- The system we have now is working well & keeps our city fairly clean and attractive. You start limiting everything and a lot of people will start letting things just pile up in their yards.

- I am single, no pets. Rent - landlord takes care of yard waste via hired crew. My trash is 1 - 3 full kitchen bags/wk. Most trash is from bathroom and paper towels, napkins, some food packages and food waste such as potato peelings. Hardly nothing in my trash is recyclable - maybe a half gallon milk jug once a month! Set a small rate for citizens like me who produce only a few pounds of trash per week. Also - where does recycling items go? Piled up at landfill for years? Just because recyclable items are picked up separate does not mean it is actually "recycled" or even "reused." Thank you.

- Automated pick up - OK. 1 cart for household - 90 gal OK. 1 cart for yard clippings - current size OK.

- We live in a townhome complex and all yard waste is taken care of by contractors. We also take all recyclables downtown to recycling center.

- We currently have large refuse cart plus smaller yard waste cart. Because we are not permitted to put large sticks in yard waste we use yard waste cart for some leaf & small twigs. We feel larger limbs 2"-4" diameter maximum, is a necessary service requirement. That service is handled by semi-automatic service, option #1. We bundle our sticks, cut to specified length and include with refuse cart or put outside cart. We recycle all materials ourselves. Composting/shredding is welcome service, but only if we can dispose of 2"-4" max. Limbs, for a reasonable extra charge.

- We look forward to advances being made towards community recycle program! Our family currently recycles - glass, cans, plastics, paper, newspaper, & cardboard. Having curbside p/u would be a great addition to the families of Salina!

- Works fine the way it is. Full automation will potentially cost people their jobs. This city has bigger problems than trash collection.

- We usually only take yard waste to the landfill in spring and fall when cleaning up. We are not currently using the city recycle program. I take items to Images periodically. I don't feel like we collect enough for a $5.40 monthly fee. The yard waste placement at Markley was very handy for people, especially on east side of town. I understand there was some illegal dumping. I found it hard to believe the cost to operate was $180,000. I believe another site/sites for yard waste recycling would be very beneficial and utilized. Not everyone knows about, or like to go to, Images. I also think a monthly or bi-monthly curbside p/u of large items would be good. You could add $1 per month to bills to pay for. I don't know how profitable the extra fee for pickups too large for cart is.

- Under item #10 - does this mean each household gets to choose a specific option? Will there still be city wide pickup of leaves in the fall? Or will there be a special pickup charge for each household? Hopefully we can get by with only two carts.

- Has picking up trash twice weekly ever been considered?

- We are a retired couple with a smaller townhome. We don't have room for another cart other than putting it on the front porches which we won't do. We have grass bags & tree limbs that we bundle and put beside the cart. We cannot afford another cart. We take all of our recyclables down to the recycle center once every month or so. The price of going fully automated will be substantial. Try giving the refuse collectors a raise in pay!.

- We have no yard waste here. This is an apartment complex and taken care of by owner.

- The current yard waste disposal site @ the landfill works fine for us. If a fee is imposed it is still fine. We currently do not recycle but would do it to help save landfill space.

- #2 and #5 my cart is not usually over half full. About 3 or four times a year I need to trim shrubs that would fill 1 cart 2 or 3 times. #8 I deliver my recycled materials to a recycle center about 3 times a year

- Would prefer to keep refuse cart and yard waste cart @ a low cost comparable to what is being paid now.

- Except for grass and evergreens we need to have a larger yard waste or mix it all in 2 large units

- Alley pick up mandatory

- I hate upgrades at the expense of people losing jobs!!

- We have some concern about "current set-out locations that may need to change" and what cost/labor we may incur due to these modifications. We rather doubt that these trucks will speed up collection times. We have always been impressed with how fast & efficiently the trash collectors move through our neighborhood. We have concern about the cost of the trucks and new trash carts. We're sure we will have to pay for this in some way - higher taxes, etc. We do NOT want to combine trash and yard waste in the same cart. This whole thing seems like a sales pitch for something you are already planning to do.

- An automated system sounds good BUT a lot of areas around town parking would not leave room for the trucks to get to the carts. We paid the fee for a yard waste cart several years ago. We don't use it a lot because of rules about size of sticks, etc. There are times that we have extra trash in a bag and if I have to cut up some limbs I cut to around 3' long and bundle with twine and this has worked for years. The way trash has been handled works for the people of Salina. It has also provided jobs for many. Just because someone listened to some sales pitch does not mean that it is a good thing to do. This survey is very slanted so any way you answer the questions it can look like people of Salina are for this bad idea!!

- Recycle & yard waste are a priority to me. The automated system makes sense! Recycle = I like that there is a separate bin & that sorting isn't necessary. I would like to see more items accepted, corrugate, plastics. Thanks for conducting this survey. Logistics and changes are difficult when automation takes place but injury, efficiency, and finding employees (good ones) far outweighs the current systems!

- All the city wants to do is raise fees. How long would it take the city to pay for other expenses by eliminating 9 jobs of these fine people

- I live by myself, some weeks I don't even put my cart out. I take things to be recycled (Images) paper glass plastic metal to junk yard

- I would like curbside recycling of paper, plastic, glass, cardboard; but we do not have appropriate sized boxes of tubs. Salina uses very small tubs. I bought a yard waste cart and Salina only allows grass clippings not tree branches or limbs.

- I would prefer to have regular trash and yard waste separate. With being a family who has a large vegetables garden there is need for a regular size yard waste cart and regular cart for placement of plants at the end of the growing season. Also, I currently recycle but take my items to the local recycling center. I would like a recycling cart but do not need 95-gal cart with a small household. If the fee for recycling is too much, I would discontinue recycling and throw all of my recycled items in with my regular trash.

- Everyone must be mandated to recycle or system will not work.

- Sounds like you about to spend money we don't have and put more people out of work. No reason to do it.

- If nothing is outside of a cart will be picked up just how clean do you think Salina, the county ditches, streams, and parks are going to be? Some people can't haul stuff to the dump, others won't, and it will simply accumulate in places and left. Cut down on employees? SALINA NEEDS JOBS!!!

- Recycling is a bit of a pain but I agree it is needed - my concern is everybody wants us to recycle - but you charge me to do so - even when the city is getting paid when selling recycled goods. It should be no charge to the homeowner to recycle - you would have more households participate if there was no charge- I currently refuse to pay for recycling and throw it all in the refuse.

- Why it is someone is always willing to spend tax payers' money? Why do you want to put someone out of a job? How much is the total cost of this proposed operation? Why do the rich get richer and the poor, poorer?

- I would not like the city to eliminate jobs with automated system unless these jobs are difficult to fill.

- I am 87 some weeks no pick up. What do you put small broken limbs on yard waste rules? In fall, 1 pick up a lot of leaves some neighbor flowering in my yard. I have 30 bags or more. None of their questions answered this type of thing.

- I think all residents should have trash service either by the city or private. It is a part of their city services. This will keep the fees down, and it will help keep not cart users putting their trash where it does not belong. If they choose not to have a cart they still get charged. The fully automated truck sounds like a great idea. Salina is a city of street parking people. Have a truck that has a long enough reach. Don't complicate things too much by having us put carts only on one side of the street or not within 15' or so of vehicles. I can really see the "cart placement" being a huge issue and pain for all.

- I am an old retired lady. No $ for extra pick-up or extra cart.

- This is in regard to Question #2- We can use the 95 gallon cart for all of our weekly trash. But we would prefer to have a yard cart to keep grass and plant clippings out of the landfill. Also we prefer to recycle as much as possible.

- Volunteer groups to sort recycling, heck, for that matter, I would help sort recycling. The guys do a great job especially for the work they do and the little pay.

- No automated services period! Don't fix what is not broken!

- You can't take away on street parking and homeowners have no control on who parks in front of their homes.

- We currently do not use the recycling option. However, we take lots of recycle material to Images Recycling. If Images would no longer be an option at some point, the city recycling program would be much more attractive to us. We would be interested in the city recycling option more if the proposal would also include metal and aluminum cans. It does not mention these items in item #8. It also does not mention "mish-mosh" recycled items.

- Would like to have had more info on where the yard waste is currently going? As on "to the landfill" or "somewhere else"

- Had a bad storm come through, lots of tree branches everywhere. We were nice and pulled a lot from the street so people could still drive through. We find out we now have to pay for them to be picked up. I understand it's extra for the workers and all that stuff but we didn't have to pull it all from the street. Bit sad to charge extra to all of us that just tried to help. Next time I'll just leave it in the street so our city can look like trash.

- Would like to keep yard waste cart and option to set reasonable item beside cart.

- Improving our system is great. However people losing their jobs is not.

- Tis survey is extremely confusing and hard to answer correctly. Too much extras- lay it out so people can really make a choice-

- Already take plastics #1-5, cans, cardboard, paper to recycle center located in Salina

- How detailed will the recycle be? Voluntary recycling could improve if more places were available. Let's see. 1 cart for glass, 1 for metal, 1 for aluminum, 1 for paper, 1 for cardboard, 1 for yard waste. How long would it take to collect 6 different cartons? The driver handling all this has to get in and out of the truck too many times to count. Plus the truck really shouldn't be left running unattended.

- While we do not currently subscribe to the city's recycling program, we do recycle through images. If the fee were less, we may recycle through the city.

- No change! We'll be forced to go to an independent.

- I understand our current set up allows for one or two special pickups a year. I think we should plot for that due to Christmas and maybe 4th of July. In a new system. Another option is an addition of an extra container on a by-monthly case when you can anticipate the need.

- Do not want a bigger cart because I am 76 years old. I would have a hard time pulling it to the curd with a foot of snow.

- I hope that city is aware of issues using the "automated" trucks on dead-end roads and culverts. I'd like to see something similar to what Lawrence KS does.

- Prefer to recycle at Images downtown. If Images closes, we would recycle at curb. 2) Want yard waste separated from refuse collection- but don't think we should have to pay for it in winter months and other times those trucks don't operate.

- Leave the trash pick up the way it is now

- The refuse cart could be smaller in size than my recycling container.

- The new collection would be great for me. My neighbor can send trash bags for my cost. The more you send the more you pay. Should be the way to go.

- The only problem I see with going to fully automated is not allowing material outside of the cart. While our household only has 8 or 10 times a year when there is an overage beyond cart capacity, what is the procedure going to be when this happens? I'm not willing to pay for a special pick up for 3 or 4 bags or cardboard boxes even on infrequent occurrences.

- I prefer having my trash picked up in the alley. I would not be satisfied with curb-side pickup.

- We want to see MORE recycling! Our trash bin is only really ever 1/2 full but we have 4 recycle bins and would use MORE. SAVE THE EARTH!!

- Concerns: 1) Loss/cut-back of city jobs and employees. 2) Expected loss of parking on street to Accommodate Automated system. 3) With addition be recycle cart, Loss of space to place (3) carts and loss of on street parking. 4) Certain times of the year extra trash is produced (holidays, etc.), the city is unwilling to dispose of extra bags/items. 5) Don't need additional cart on regular basis, only on occasion. Why pay extra fee for cart using more space for events maybe 5x/year?

- I am perfectly happy with our present collection system, we have to much automation in our lives today. I do not want to see people lose their jobs because of Automation. Keep things as they are.

- Any increase in monthly rates will be hard on seniors living only on social security. Looks like if you are cutting jobs that should offset an increase for the trucks.

- Folks, keep it simple!! I have additional homes in Wichita and we pay $66.50 for 3 months with Ballinger for 3-39 gallon trash cans plus about 3 additional bags allowed. For yard waste we just pile it on top at the cans bundled neatly (tree refuse) and it is all hauled away w/o issues. Call Ballinger and use their system! Saw tree limbs all our Salina a lawns today which were very unsightly. When storms hit, go pick the limbs up w//o change. Let people recycle on their own to community locations if they wish which we do. If you made trash too expensive, people simply dump their refuse on others' land. Then we all pay for it!! This is not rocket science.

- How many jobs will be eliminated moving to fully automated tucks?

- We are considering have Salina Water Systems do our trash service. Haven't made a final decision yet.

- Live in established treed neighborhood. Sounds like there will always be an additional charge for extra yard waste. At least 30 or more bags of leaves in fall. Sweep and clean street gutter regularly ALWAYS bags of debris in the spring and fall that I pick up. Street sweeping isn't done enough. In

established areas and vehicles parked in the street impedes street sweeping. Automated pickup requires the carts to be placed in the gutter with access from the street--How do trash trucks maneuver with vehicles parked along curb and gutter? Carts that enable automated pickup also usually don't have locking lids/tops what happens when they topple from all the Kansas winds as they do now periodically? This all sounds like it would only work perfectly in a new neighborhood, no on street parking allowed, or parking rules(with ticketed fines enforced) for your given trash day. Since there is almost always Kansas wind it is rare to not have sticks or limbs especially after storms. Can't imagine what residents in established neighborhoods will always have to do with their trash. Can only imagine that established areas in Salina will only look worse.

- Recycling should be added for everyone in the city. The waiting list is too long to get curbside recycling and a fee is involved once you receive this service!

- At our age a single cart at current cost is good.

- I am not sure which option would be best for our household. We currently have one large trash bin, 1 medium-sized refuse cart, and 2 small recycling containers. We will do with one less of the recycling containers. But everything else is sufficient. Whatever option is most efficient and eco-friendly for the City of Salina, we are in favor of that. m

- My son has fully automated collection in Arizona and does not like it. The city continually adds fee increases. Water rates are already ridiculous. Any temporary reduction in waste fees due to automation will be short lived.

- Depends on time of year for yard waste. Fall w/ leaves increases yard waste and spring time clean-up.

- Automate Refuse is the most important thing. Composting grass is a waste of money.

- Trash pick often includes unanticipated circumstances where a second person besides driver prevents extra phone customer calls and special pick-ups to handle what automated system cannot solve efficiently on site.

- Dear Sir: I am a disabled veteran. Any increase of any service that the City inflects an individuals like myself is not acceptable. Tell the people that live on the hill, or are member of the Salina Country Club, the people that are building $250,000 to $400,000 homes in S.E. of E. Salina to pay for my increase. There people have old money and can afford increases.

- I have lived away from Salina for over 60 years. Separating the refuse was normal there.

- If it is not broke; don't fix it. 2) Automated trash pickup carts cost Big $$$ 3) Automated trash trucks with pick-up bodies are bigger $$$ 4) we have a lot of people in this city looking for work. Put them to work at a decent wage. Use tax money or whatever on workers not hotels restaurants convention CTRS and such.

- We have a tree trash and short yard cart. Makes perfect sense to me, but some people have both short and I think that makes it hard for workers to tell them apart.

- I will try one cart and see how that will work! For now! Keep my bill as is or even if it goes up $5.00 is good with me!

- Currently unable to have recycling as an option in area; would like to have included. Would agree to an additional fee to apply for automation for refuse, yard waste, and recycling but not more than 25% current code. Special pickups and cart maintenance fees need to be listed before being able to agree with. Also would ask what is being considered with apartment complexes as well as multifamily dwellings and not just residential home owners.

- I have lived in several states and seen where some have free recycling carts. And even a state that gave a discount for trash depending on the amount or lbs. of recycling that was collected each month. If there is no incentive financially for people to recycle then the results for recycling will be low. Just my opinion hope this help.

- I cannot answer your questions honestly. I recycle all that is recyclable. Therefore I have one small bag of trash weekly plus small tree limbs. One trash cart is enough except in fall and spring when I have yard waste. I do not like to see people lose jobs because of automation.

- WE recycle newspapers, cardboard, glass, plastic, aluminum, tin cans, etc. by personally taking it to Images Recycling Center at 108 S. 4th St. I think that the Images Recycling should be better publicized and utilized.

- We currently have one refuse cart and one yard waste cart. I usually try to mulch the lawn mowing back into lawn or compost for my garden. I use the yard waste cart for when we've treated the lawns with herbicides or I have diseases plants in my garden. We recycle to 'Images Recycling. Frankly, the recycle containers provided by the city are woefully inadequate (too small). I understand there is a large container that is available for a fee which I am not interested in paying.

- We recycle paper, newspapers, magazines, aluminum cans, plastics, tinfoil then the local recycle center-We want a separate cart for lawn waste-grass, leaves-with occasional need to dispose of excess leaves of branches. We have had occasional need for special pickups. WE support measures that preserve our environment.

- Actually I may be changing systems. I don't use by extra carts (maybe 2 a year). I usually set by trash cart and once a month. Asked for reduce cost, said no. We you are on a fixed income everything reduced would be helpful.

- If you take away periodic refuse collection you will increase blight. 2) No one wants 2 carts, much less 3 3) Why not expand Landfill size? 4) People don't need refuse collection all the time but when we get limbs down or need to trim the bushes, etc. we can't be running out to the landfill every time, plus not everyone has a truck. People aren't going to pay extra for a refuse cart they may only use 1x/month so the waste will pile up in the yards or get dumped illegally. People need refuse service, so increase the rates on whoever but you may want to reconsider these ideas.

- I see no reason the City of Salina needs to change anything concerning hauling of trash, refuse, leaves, broken limbs, etc. If those in charge of the Refuse Dept. would only pay these helpers a good living wage, we sure wouldn't need these trucks you are trying to get us Salina Costumers to agree on. Besides-that means we, as members of The City of Salina, will have to start paying an extra exurbanite amount to pay for these Automatic Truck machines. Lastly-I am completely against any changes/other that better salaries for the workers who work behind out trash trucks. That Salina would have to do to make us recycle-most of us do now!!!

- I have trees that continually drop limbs. I use both the city cart and the yard waste cart I own for more, 2 other fill both with tree limbs. I recycle paper, glass, plastic and metal with local recycling centers. I wish you would expand the recycling locally and separate orbs here rather than ship if to mechanism. I really need to see the wide mouth older style carts and make them taller ones for yard waste. You did not say what the fully automated would be like. I probably need 50 bags of leaves separate from carts each years my concern all along w/ the recycling/yard waste program is, if the goal is to reduce waste in the landfill, then price structure should reflect that goal. I.E., there should be little charge for recycle or composting bins.

- I take my recycling to the Images Recycling Center and do not want to pay extra for the City to do it. It’s cheaper if I take care of my own recycling.

- We shouldn't have to pay to recycle, if it was free or we got a break on our monthly bill we would gladly recycle. Automated trucks are wrong. Why do you want to put people out of jobs? So you can save a few dollars? Shame on you.

- The automated system would not work in my neighborhood due to on street parking. If my cart is full and oversized objects or trash are in the cart, I'm not sure the automated system would work- I am against the automated system.

- If our bill is going to continue increasing after cutting staff, then I'd rather just pay a private collection service to do the job.

- The city of Salina is stupid. Resident refuse volume is a function of the number of residents present and living at the premises. The city should simply have carts of 3 or 4 sizes that correspond to the number of people residing at each residence. In that way the container is sized to the family's refuse footprint. No fee necessary for putting you on the right path. Hack Salina is so dumb it embraces and supports sodality. They are hopeless!

- I would hope Salina should have city wide recycling.

- Due to high winds and frequent summer storms, it would be really nice for the city to offer tree limb collection service to sanitation customers. Many of my neighbors are elderly or otherwise unable to break down large limbs for the standard refuse cart. I don't know the city's policy but sometimes the sanitation crew picks up limbs left at the curb and sometimes they don't. People can't afford the $25 special pick up fee every time a tree limb comes down!

- I/we currently recycle with Images and do not pay anything so we not want to pay.

- I am happy with my one trash container for all my needs. If I have tree limbs in my backyard or trash that is not allowed in my one container, then I will make arrangement to take care of the items myself by going out to the landfill.

- 95 gallon refuse and yard waste cart. Working for us for years. Your survey is long and too many questions. Survey is confusing. City of Salina is doing a good job with no changes.

- I am physically unable to move my refuse cart to the curb so the City provide free walk in service. Will the kind of special service still be available?

- Almost always two carts: yard are enough for us. Occasionally 4-6x/year we have when items outside the cans. What would it cost to have these removed? Would it be possible with the new system to have them removed? We hand sort our own recycling at Images every week. It is good to see how this works, encourage our family to sort and GREATLY reduce overall trash in the can.

- I am hoping that all replaced sanitation employees will be retained in other positions within their same or higher paying position.

- Looks like regardless of the choice made, an increase is pending. Would bidding out services, save money? I believe in recycling, but think that there should not be an additional fee. The recycling Co should be able to do it for the return on recycling. My daughter in Hutchinson has recycling cart (for everything, glass, plastic, etc.) with no additional charge as far as I know. The $15.30 for extra cart I would think would cover this cost. I do hate to think yard waste will not be composted!

- I have lived in towns with automated trash collection with recycling. Hated the automated trash, if my cans were to close together, they would not pick up. They spray-painted lines for where my cans should go. Hate nothing outside of cannot pushed up. Have had recycling before at no cost just had to pay for bins. One week was cardboard, paper. Next week was glass, cans, plastic and that was awesome. My trash as of now is awesome, they (my trash guys) are kind and do a great on awesome job! They should get a raise!

- Don't want to pay extra for recycling. It shouldn't be a punishment to do well.

- Bring on the city wide recycling! Make the case for 17 with the public.

- No matter what the rates will be raised. If the city would raise the wages on the trash truck workers they would not have such a shortage. Those workers have to literally race all day long with the truck. The wages are too low. The 90 gallon cart is sufficient for me. I do not have room in my house to recycle everything. Like I said no matter what the survey says our commissions are going to do what they want.

- City will do what they want.

- The city of Salina, in my opinion, needs to implement city wide curbside recycling as an option for all residences.

- Very confused as I thought composting and recycle was to save room in the landfill, is this no longer needed. Do not believe fuel automation is the way to go as people need jobs, so not feeling eliminating 9 jobs is not a good plan.

- I would suggest you leave things as they are and attempt to perfect what is being currently done. Automating a trash trucks which will break down, and putting a dozen people out of a job is Un-American. Put yourself in their shoes. Put yourself in their shoes. Those employees work very hard for low pay while you sit in your office trying to take that job away from them. You all should be ashamed of yourselves.

- I like the trash cart I currently use. The cart is older but suits my purpose, and there is always enough room in my cart for the weekly trash. I don't care for the tall carts I've seen in some yards. Very happy with the service I currently have.

- We recycle and do not fill our trash container with any more than 2-3 bags. Is it possible to get smaller carts as an option

- We are satisfied with the way it is currently operating. No change is necessary.

- We're not in favor of losing sanitation worker jobs - but don't know if you have problems filling them?

- Other services are way more flexible in that they allow additional bags for refuse - or yard waste w/o requiring an additional cart. The city is very rigid about cart placement, type of refuse, additional bags, etc. Private haulers are more customer-oriented.

- We take our own recycled paper, plastic, glass, and aluminum to the recycling center. We don't have room to store 3 carts! We often have items that need to be bagged or bundled as material outside the cart. We don't like the idea of having to pay extra fee to have that picked up. If this goes into effect we will pay more for less service!

- Emporia and other KS communities do it already. No need for survey. Just do it.

- I don't know what the difference is between picking up yard refuse and city-wide composting.

- Ecologically, three systems of waste disposal are needed for the city of Salina: yard waste, recyclables, and household trash. The expenses to go fully automated will undoubtedly be costly with all-new trucks and containers for every household. Personally I prefer the current 3 type system. Perhaps private companies is the way to go - and the city not involved. The wording of these questions is not good - very confusing - if you really want to know what people think - yes/no answers to simple questions would be better - i.e. Do you prefer (A)(B)(C)?

- I'm a single homeowner with alley service. 2 huge trees overhanging Santa Fe may make curbside unrealistic. I mulch my yard waste, have hunting dogs that recycle anything remotely edible and eat very little packaged food or bottled drinks. Most weeks I only have a couple of tall kitchen bags in my trash can - mainly paper.

- Thank you for our input into sanitation. We want or need 1 refuse cart and we very much want a yard waste cart. Do not recycle cart - we take it ourselves. Questions (wording) a little confusing.

- The amount of money that would have to be spent to change to an automated system would be better spent upgrading the current system and paying employees a really good wage. This would take care of the shortage of workers and give the job of "garbage man" the respect it is due!

- If the city goes to fully automated system who will handle large trees or pick-up? There have been times when I have used my trash cart for limbs and branches in addition to the yard waste cart. I'm fine with the system currently in place. Though some branches cannot fit in either trash or yard carts.

- We support city-wide recycling and composting, but we do not want 3 carts! We rarely have yard waste - just mainly leaves in the fall. We do recycle, and the green box we have now is sufficient. The system we have now appears to be a lot more flexible than the automated system presented. Under the automated system, people will just want one cart and they will put everything including recycling and yard waste into that one cart, thereby defeating the purpose of recycling and composting!

- I normally do not fill my regular refuse cart. When we have tree limbs or household goods that don't fit in the cart we need curbside pickup. We should not have to pay extra for this service.

- No matter what I say it will not make a difference: 1) I'm single 2) I'm 66 yrs. old 3) I have very little trash 4)I'm on fixed income and any added expenses is hard on the elderly 5) I think it would be hard for some of us to push and handle large carts. Thanks

- Would prefer things as they are even if price increases.

- Anything that promotes recycling would be great. The more convenient it is, the more people will do it, the better for Salina. Curbside recycling pick-up with no extra fees would be huge!

- With single stream recycling, do you not have more broken glass? Where would the recycling material go? Where does it go now? Can these answers be in an article in the Salina Journal?

- -Where it is determined carts need to go (street side/not alley) assistance is required to remove trees or stumps. -Paint curb for designated placement of cart (no parking zone). -I am all for the upgrades; however, do not have the funds to remove tree stump, which is in the obvious location for road service. We only have street parking. Most people probably do not have this issue, as I do. I am a senior (live alone) and limited income.

- Even if you go automated you will raise the cost. The recycling should pay for itself. This may not work for me, I may seek other sanitation pick up.

- I don't see the need or point to increase cart size by a whole 5 gal, not even enough for 1 more trash bag and then in return charge us more and have 9 people lose their jobs for it. This makes no sense.

- I am surprised Salina doesn't have a recycling program in addition to trash pickup. This is an eco-friendly venture.

- Don't believe it is necessary to spend all the money it would take to change the way you have it now. Don't think you should take away jobs. Don't want any changes from the way things are now.

- This so-called survey was written to suit you - not the customer. My guess is you will do it anyway. You won't bother with my answers.

- #2 the 90-gal cart far exceeds my household needs. I would prefer a smaller cart and pay a smaller fee. #3 those who need 2 carts should pay approx. double. #4 Add compost pile. The city should facilitate composting on site somehow. #5 Yard waste should not go to the landfill, it should be shredded and composted. #7 the preceding paragraph refers to sanitation, which I think of as trash. If it includes recycling, I am not sure that is the best option for recyclables. We need other options. #8 See #3, incentivize recycling with "pay as you throw." #9 Grants should be sought to facilitate carbon-based materials composting, such as equipment for a city site and/or residential loan program such as garden waste shredders. #10 none of the above, really. I am willing to pay for services that reduce energy consumption, are good for employees and get the maximum value out of recyclables. Salina needs to generate less trash, and our system needs to encourage conservation. I don't feel the options presented here do that. Our city should focus more on having a clean and safe and healthy environment without placing more burden on the population - that is not a wealthy population. Education and incentives to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle and programs to facilitate that are needed.

Get creative instead of following a trend. Ask people what they want and what they can do in a community-building way.

- It's too bad the city can't work with the Rescue Mission or other agencies and find people to work these jobs. We need to compost. In addition, I've heard many young families that come to town and want curbside recycling but can't get it.

- So with the automation of trash pick-ups, does this mean elimination of jobs, because I'm willing to pay a little more for full recycling and for keeping jobs, As of right now I take all my plastic bottles and glass to the recycling facility myself.

- This will make a hardship on people with fixed incomes. The fee is already high enough I think it should stay like it is. Would also put a lot of people out of work.

- Our refuse cart is rarely over halfway full, a bi-weekly pickup would be better. Our trash does not contain any metal or glass, we recycle on our own and sell it each quarter. We purchased a yard waste cart 14 years ago and use it approximately every 6 to 8 weeks it is full and is dumped once every 6 to 8 weeks. We buy only items that don't have a lot of packaging.

- Don't like the options at all

- The city should not charge the customer for recycling or composting when it can make money through the sale of recycled products or composted organic material.

- The service we have now is just fine.

- Large cart for single stream recycling and make this a city wide mandatory program. The pilot project has been going too long. Require recycling and make it easy.

- If my charges for trash collection increase I will switch to Salina Waste

- Recycling and separate yard waste collections are an important part of being responsible for our environment, but they need to be affordable and simple before people will subscribe to the services. I think all three services should be offered at one price. Everyone would then be able to participate in all services which will help keep our landfills from unnecessary waste

- We take recycling to Images - paper, glass, plastics, and cans - with my pickup. We save al cans for recycling at St. Mary's school.

- More information on the costs/benefits of composting would have been helpful in answering this.

- The present dump cart is large enough for our household. Usually the cart is less than half full. In the cooler months I usually go for two weeks in one pickup. The automatic arm would be expensive, wouldn't it? What about the people you would lay off? How much training would the current driver need? What would the new cart cost? On windy days would the trash blow all over? I currently recycle newspaper, plastic, steel cans, and glass on Fourth Street. Would your total collection put them out of business?

- Would love to see the city make it easier to recycle even if its multiple ... drop off locations around town (like Topeka has at the Walmart on Wanamaker)
- If no additional material outside the cart would be allowed please increase current cart size to 95 gallon.
- Keep people working?
- Would like to have resale of packing supplies (packing peanuts, bubble wrap, air pillows)
- As a single mother with no extra help, any increase would be a struggle. Also only other concern would be how many people would lose jobs!
- I don't think it’s good to put people out of jobs & the trucks you have serve the purpose why can't people take their own recycle stuff to the recycling center & the city drop this service
- Those who recycle should get a discount. The one's who don't should be charged more.
- Most weeks I don't even fill my cart. But, on occasion, I need to put out more than what will fit in the cart. My trash is picked up at the alley, and I would very much like it to stay that way.
- We have recycling & yard waste now and out regular trash is 1 grocery sack recycling could be every other week if it's one of those tall containers.
- We don't like to see people losing their jobs.
- For whatever reason, if driver cannot get close enough with truck, is trash just left sitting? If compost and mandatory made mandatory, will change from City to private collection.
- ??? - pay more for semi-automatic trash service and not eliminate jobs. Salina has too few jobs and housing is too expensive. Things need to improve or Salina will become a ghost town.
- I would also suggest that if composting was being done, the end product should then be available to citizens (non-commercial) free of charge.
- Quit wasting so much money!!
- I think the city should take on the costs of recycling, compost, etc. It is the right thing to do in 2017- actually the city of Salina is quite behind times in green initiatives. It is absurd to charge individual customers fees to recycle, etc. that is like punishing them for doing the right thing.
- At present as I am only one. I only put cart twice a month as 15 so am totally against any increases in fees.
- I currently mulch. I currently take my recyclables to Images. I support automated trucks, but wonder if new carts must be purchased for everyone served?? What will happen to the old carts (if so)? This seems wasteful and expensive (if so).
- Fort Riley's recycling program generates a profit and it's a smaller community than Salina. They have a composting area that's free to the community to pick up. Salina should use Fort Riley for a model.

- I'm not stupid, but tired. The temptation is to mark whatever would be cheaper since I no longer work. But. I support composting- have my own. I support recycling- glass, aluminum, all metals- paper, plastic, etc. One trash can is fine for me. But I do use the yard waste can occasionally. Mostly in the spring. And I've been known to put out large items by the trash can to be picked up. All these things should be weighed in.

- I don't like the fact that in the auto trash pickup you couldn't put anything outside the bin. Sometimes objects are too big to fit in it. Maybe the city should get out of the trash collecting business and let private companies do it.

- Need to use "yard waste" cart as well if the household waste cart is full because those of us that are on fixed income are maxed out of income and disable residents can not push the cart to the curb if it's too big or bigger than the 90 gallon that they have. I don't understand when people complain that immigrants are over here taking "their" jobs when they think they're too good to do trash pickup. I guess when you get hungry enough- you'll submit. The survey claims that trash service cannot keep employees. Give them an option. Get on job employment service or give up welfare! "It's called the Domino affect when you have to make changes that effect all.

- Very much would like to have the composting component added!

- If the city of Salina went to a fully automated service, what would happen to the nine fewer positions? Will these people have jobs?

- Less labor should equal lower cost.

- Don't really understand some options. I live on social security so have to watch every dollar.

- Although going to the fully automated system may be more efficient, I believe it would eliminate several low level or part time jobs which the city needs or this would lead to more unemployment. After all, the reason for needing more equipment or personal is the fact that the city is getting larger and there are more people.

- As previously indicated I am disabled and they come to my back door and get my cart, empty it and return it to my back door. Recycling would be fine if they also would come to back door to get cart, empty and return it.

- A few times a year, I bundle limbs I have trimmed and put them by the cart. I would miss the ability to do so. I would hope special pickups would remain reasonably priced. I prefer trash pick-ups in the Alley. That's what alleys are for. I don't mind taking recycling downtown. I don't want to be forced to pay extra.

- Special pickups would still be made after storms that damage tress.

- This sounds like another attempt to make trash contractors wealthy at the cost of jobs. An answer to a problem that doesn't exist.

- My husband and I are in our 90's and are unable to get the cart to the curb. An employee picks up are cart- takes it to the truck and returns it. We need to have this service continued. Will this be possible? What will be done about tree branches? 2. Will pampas grass be picked up?

- I hope that Salina will adopt option #4 or #5. Topeka went to a large refuse and recycling (every two weeks) without a substantial increase in the monthly bill.
- As a person rarely fills my refuse cart, it's very frustrating that it's likely monthly fees will be increasing.
- This survey was very confusing. Definition of terms would have been helpful. Experience with city tells me they are going to do what they want anyway. I.e. Dog park location.
- I'm 80 years old on ss. What do I do about getting recycled things to the curb? What do I do about limbs that come down with wind? I don't have enough trash to recycle anything.
- I would like to see higher wages for sanitation workers. It is a dirty, laboring job while dealing with the weather elements and they get paid the same wages as an employee at Subway. No wonder there is a staffing shortage. Salina city commissioners push their own agendas anyway. So I imagine this survey is a waste.
- Limited income. Can't afford fee hikes. Don't use yard waste or mowing in carts. Take recycling to a center on way to work for free and share with neighbor as we are both on limited incomes.
- The encouragement for city- wide recycling is a must. Thank you for your efforts!
- I have been recycling for 6 years. Paper, cardboard, plastic, aluminum, and everyone should be doing this but I don't want to pay for something that I already do. Also not sure what people put in them little green boxes you use for recycling but looks like a pain in the ass. Also have spoken to your staff about landlords trying to get a yard cart at a rental that I don't have water service. They say there is no way to get me a cart. You need to rethink this and figure out a way to get us a cart so we keep from putting it in trash cart. Also explain to us why any sticks can't be any bigger than a pencil thickness.
- I'm handy- capped and cannot get dumpsters out to curb. City picks it up at garage door.
- My household does not currently use any recycling resources, but would gladly pay an additional small fee to support the costs of recycling. Our yard cart use is intermittent, as we have started mulching the grass clippings back into the yard depending on the time of year and moisture/ grass height. We use our yard cart once a month or less on the curb for pick up. I would be in favor of automation, so long as the cost for special pickups of excess that would not fit in a cart were reasonable. I do not know the cost of special pickups currently, but I am thinking around $10-$15, as a special pick-ups would likely become a more common happening with automation and no refuse outside of cart capabilities. Best luck in this endeavor.
- Single member in home. Two large trees in back yard that needs cleaned up in spring and fall.
- We experience fully automated trash service previously in another city and were unimpressed. We would not encourage a move in this direction.
- #2 the current cart is big enough for us. #3 Does not apply- very small yard, 2 people. #4 we use all clippings and leaves on the garden. #5 All yard waste should be composted. #8 we utilize "Images"

recycling- will they be staying? #10- We like the option of bundling tree limbs and leaving them beside the cart.

- Why not take the cardboard to stlly Iron metal. They plastic to Image. Have landfill open on Sunday. 8 a.m. to2 p.m. Because trip to McPherson is 80 to 90 mile trip.

- I do not understand why I should pay extra to sort trash to recycle. (More work for me). I do use my yard waste cart a lot. I am careful to only put the "correct" items (No trash, no big limbs) and then I see the regular trash pick-up. I wonder why I did the extra work and it was not picked up to recycle.

- On question 4, I marked two answers because sometimes I do one and depending on circumstances I do the others.

- I am from California. We had a fully automated pick up cycle like the one being considered by the city of Salina. Refuse (grey), recycle (Blue), yard waste (Green) color bins/carts. And about the same size 90 gallon as Salinas. My recycle cart was consistently full!!! With the proper resource cart and no subscription fee the people f Salina would be more likely to recycle. I have long since thought the city's attempt to implement a recycle program futile. The little bin, and having to "subscribe" hardly make the process worth it. Salina would do well to put refuse and yard waste together in one cart for composting and one cart strictly for recycling then to take it a step further and open a facility to sort the recycled items and sell them to supplement income for new facility and put the laid off workers to work at the recycling plant. Perhaps have a couple displaced city workers running the compost pile and charge citizens of Salina a small fee for hauling off compost as needed. I would hope city officials are examining other cities successful models. Fully automated is the way to go. 1 truck driver, 1 driver, 2 carts. Sanitation fee stays the same and NO subscription fee. Please reference Los Angeles county., specifically the city of "Bell flower" and how they operate their wonderful program. (Per cart). 1 truck, 1 driver (per cart), 2 carts.

- I dislike the idea of "fully automated" pickup. We need to supply jobs, recycle city-wide, and compost separately.

- I currently pay for a yard cart as well as 2 trash carts and a recycling bin. I never use the yard cart because anytime I do I always have a twig that is too large in diameter for pick up. I mulch my grass, so the yard cart is useless except for trimming from bushes, weeds, etc.

- We take most of recyclables to recycling center. Hearing rumors that Images recycling center might close. If this happens we would have way more trash or recyclables along with many other people. Which may lead to more trash needed picked up and recyclables hauled to landfill. We probably take 104 gallons of recyclables a month to Images recycling.

- WE support fully automated, with the idea that no jobs are lost. People are transferred to other departments to maintain their employment.

- Really great. Hope you get many returned surveys.

- Our bill keeps going up!! Same service since 1989 at this address.

- We moved to the Salina area two years ago. At our pervious location a fully automated system using one person was used. Appeared to work very well. Do not remember the cost.

- I moved into this area in 2000 and trash is, pick up was 9.99 every so often raise late with no warning now in 2017 it is up to 15.30 and same service. I don't have enough trash for a pickup every week. Also a lot of people are saying can't get a job and Salina wants to have prices and have less service people. Might get them to do recycle of trash going to run out of trash dump in the future so then what will Salina do?

- If I got a larger cart I would eliminate the yard waste cart and put all waste into one 95 gall. Cart. But there are certain times of the year where I would need X bags to be picked up. I don't like the idea of city eliminating 9 positions-these people need their jobs. And please be mindful that older citizens may not be able to push the larger carts or be able to afford a raise in their costs. I will review any additional costs and if they aren't reasonable I will change my service to a private hauler.

- Having to pay to recycle is ridiculous!

- Some of these options are not read clear as to what they mean. "Limited subscription", "pick up and composting" vs. "not composting"? What else would you do with it? I know I enjoy and like the service of trash pick-up and yard waste as it is, especially for the price! I do approve of paying more to update the type of pick up and services. The prices quoted are reasonable to me. The waste system of the city is fast, clean, professional and curious to my property.

- I like having my trash picked up in ally. I do not want a trash cart in my front yard and the fact that I would have to move it around my yard.

- We would love to see recycling required for every household.

- We used the curbside recycling for the first free year. It was convenient to take in our recycling so we did not continue the recycling service.

- I will not support any increases in bill. If my bill increases, I will shop around for private haulers. Cost of living is too high as it is.

- I do not understand why there would need to be increase cost for service when as much of the labor costs are being significantly reduced or eliminated!

- Automation works great if you can get everybody to put their carts facing the right direction and located in the proper area. What would they do if they weren't? Just skip that bin or get out and adjust it accordingly. Because I know it mine was out and not picked up because the wind has spun it. I would not be happy that I'm paying for a service that doesn't always happen due to convenience.

- If raise price of recycling I will discontinue recycling. If employees lose jobs over this is not fair to them! Concerned if length of time for trash P4 I would think you could get more done with 9 employees than just one employee doing it all!

- Water bill high enough! But recycling is and should be the furture!

- Whatever you do we are on a fixed income of Social Security. I don't really have a problem with the size of the cart it’s never cleaned. I don't have what I need to pressure wash it out like it needs to be.

- Recycling service should be at no extra charge. This would encourage more people to recycle, less space being taken in land-fills, and a message to the community that our city administrators care about the environment. Once more people get use to the idea, they will realize that one can recycle 50-80% of their refuse. I lived in Raymore, MO for many years and never did I have to pay extra for recycling. The refuse service was app $15.00 per month. I now pay to recycle and fill my regular refuse cart about half full. It just makes sense not to charge for recycling. The city would have less land-fill trips saving money on fuel truck maintained and labor.

- We need jobs and a city jobs are good jobs with all the benefits. Automated equipment would be expensive to purchase and would require extra pick up when not place in the proper place or set therefore another week.

- Much of their really does not apply to me as I'm a single person living in a retirement community. I am responsible for my water bill and trash pick-up but have no yard waste and don't do recycling. I need my bill to be as minimum as possible.

- I currently recycle everything I can such as newspaper with ads; cardboard; glass containers; all metal cans or containers; all aluminum cans, also plastic containers and paper such as letters etc. We have a recycle center already in Salina which I use all the time. On rare occasions I will have more than 1-33 gal. Trash bag of trash.

- I don't have yard waste just needs recycle bin.

- People on a fixed income cannot afford the extra expense, plus many don't have room for 2 or 3 additional carts (not to mention the added burden (for OLDER people) of having to get their heavy carts to the curb! This is not New York City-- it's Salina, KS! Cater to your small town customers!!

- I take all my recyclables to Images I compost all yard waste.

- IF THIS IS A CURB PICKUP, AND ANOTHER VEHICLE IS PARK IN OF THE REFUSE CART WILLIN CART BE PICK-UP OR NOT. I DO NOT HAVE A DRIVEWAY TO PARK MY VEHICLE. And if I park my truck in the backyard that has ally, if we get a heavy snow storm I be strangled several days tiller the snow melt. Do the City of Salina going clean the snow in the ally during the winter season so I can get through the ally???

- This seems to be less service for an increase in price! Don't like that, plus the loss of jobs for some people.

- If you go automated think about areas for yard waste drop off. Why not labor areas open for recycling. Maybe large trash drop off areas multiple times of the year. Look at what other cities do outside of KS.

- If the goal is to entice people to recycle, you do need to work on the options. In every one of these options, special fees seemed to be prevalent. Our state is in a tough spot right now. Cutting jobs is not the solution. Trying to get more money from people who are already struggling is not a solution. Everyone in city limits have to pay for water, which is expensive even when you limit showers, laundry, dishes. Our state needs to stop being stubborn, look at our successful neighbor and stop adhering to foolish policies to have proven over and over again to not work. Reefer madness was propaganda. Time for our state to grow up and acknowledge it.

- #10- I do not find an acceptable option. Being on a fixed income becomes a hardship as prices increase in every aspect in life. When choices have to be made weather to purchase medications, food, whether to heat or cool home, etc. It appears that cutting nine positions will increase funding for sanitation dept. I imagine that transferring those nine individuals will be through attrition and not new created positions with the City of Salina. It is also noted that it is a rare occasion that my waste container is filled 90 to 95% of time it is less than half full. You will need to establish a more acceptable solution for everyone.

- I would take full advantage of the recycling part of everything. It's an awesome idea.

- I rarely come close to filling my current cart and I can take recycling to the recycling center. I would not want to pay more because I don't get that much use out of what I'm already paying for.

- I am happy with the way things are. Why fix something that is not broke???

- I have my own recycling bins, so I have no need to pay extra for the city to pic k up my recyclables. I drop them off on my way to work at Images recycling center. My current cart hardly ever gets full the way it is: Getting a bigger one would be a waste of money. I also like that it gets dumped in the back ally away from traffic and people on the sidewalks.

- I'm on a fixed income/disabled and need help getting cart to curb, so pay extra for yard pickups. I have a friend who I pay extra for recycle proper only at recycling facility (no glass, paper which goes into trash cart on weekly basis). Otherwise everything cans/plastic holders, etc. goes into regular trash.

- Currently have no recycling bin and with my schedule and newborn stopped taking it in. Would really like curbside service for this. Will eliminate my waste drastically and may go over my 1 cart when there is boxes. Still boxes were picked up by recycling too- wow could you imagine.

- 9 jobs is a lot to get rid of.

- Everyone needs to recycle make it happen

- As a Senior Citizen on a fixed income, I would probably change to a private contractor who would gladly take the job and remove all items in or next to my cart.

- I would only want to pay for recycling if all recycling is collected. With our current system the containers all too small and they do not take everything, so we don't use it. We do not want one additional fee and price increase after another.

- Our concern is that not allowing additional waste outside the cart creates problems. Large pieces of cardboard, such as boxes from furniture, cannot be made to easily fit in cat. This leaves us needing alternatives for disposing of such things. For lightweight items such as this, the landfill is prohibitively expensive, with its $10 min. Fee.

- It seems to me that all residents should pay the recycling fee whether they use it or not. Presently there isn't any incentive to recycle.

- We need to think about our EARTH in these decisions, not just the $. I think recycling should be mandatory (It should not cost extra) = you recycle you get credit/you don't you get debit. Composting would be good. Also, people need jobs!

- I would not care to pay for recycling pick up. I transport all my recycling items to the recycling center in my car trunk at very little cost because I go to that location for other reasons. Also. I was told to leave my dumpster out for repair-because of an ill-flitting lid. The lid was not ill-fitting. The replacement was ill-fitting. I have put up with that ill-fitting lid for two years now. I am very unwilling to support any increase in trash pickup fees.

- Automated garbage trucks always sound great- UNTIL the rates go up (substantially). If you can guarantee LOW rates then ok. 1 95 gallon cart will work for me.

- Current set-out locations due to conflicts with on street parking is a concern I have

- Normally my cart is not close to being full but I like being able to put out the extra that I can't get in the cart three or four times a year.

- I currently recycle with Images-Refuse usually consists of one tall kitchen bag per week. Yard waste consists of small limbs and branches - cut up to fit in carton as needed.

- Our household takes our recycling to our local recycle business once a month so we would not use a recycle cart unless that business closed, therefore our cart is not that full each week. A yard cart would be helpful is you don't like yard waste in lawn bags or inside the trash cart especially in the fall/spring clean-up season.

- My wife and I live alone, we are almost 90 years old and don't have much trash. So any changes you wish to make is okay with us - hopefully not much over $25 a month. Sincerely Yours, Angel and Beatrice

- I am concerned about the handicapped that cannot get a cart to the curbside without assistance.

- Would like Yard waste carts not to be limited to size of branches put in -

- Sometimes being in moderation can be good but how many people are you going to put out of a job? Just because the city can't budget their money and politicians want raises all the time and raise tax or cut budgets can cost a person more than you think. Look to Washington. All are asses and morons thank God I don't vote. They are large dumpsters that put people out of jobs to live in houses they don't need.

- I'm handicapped How are going to do your pick up? As of now city worker gets trash cart and empty it. I am eighty years young.

- The city will do what is best for the city to hell with what people want. They should change and not get any more money if less people need to be on job. There are a lot of people on fixed incomes that can't afford all the increases in water, power, and gas. Old people to veterans also.

- Some of the waste carts are becoming damaged and not repaired. When hinges are broke or partially damaged the waste guys need to note this or give the owner a number that can be called so carts can be repaired or replaced.

- We like the present solid waste collection service we now have. One refuse cart and one yard waste cart that together meet our need very well. That is what we want and think going to automated type system would be in long run be best way to go.

- We prefer to only have two carts - refuse and grass. We recycle by going to Images. We often have tree branches, beans, etc. from neighbors' trees that we can bundle or bag and place curbside at no extra charge. We don't want to pay for special pick-ups because of neighbors' trees. How will automation affect the people that now have walk-in handicapped service?

- This is not a well-designed survey. It refers only to cost of service dollar increases. What is the projected cost of the automated trucks? What is the plan for existing equipment? How can the alignment of carts and automated truck arms be coordinated? Is cart assemblage at terminal locations being considered, and if so, by whom? What is the "all-inclusive" cost of the present system per year compared to the proposed system including cost of new equipment? Only nine fewer positions Reductions in the Public Works Department? Difficult time hiring manual labor? - Why not pay a much higher hour rate (40-50)? This automation program by the city of Salina is ill-timed, not cost effective, based on a false premise, and if implemented, would cause far more problems than it solves. Just improve the present system and Pay field workers more $$.

- We need one dumpster for trash and one dumpster for yard clippings. No recycling for us.

- I can get most yard waste in the cart but sometimes I use plastic bags set out by the trash but I can get it in the cart if need be If we change this I can adapt however I have alley pickup and I live on a corner so I would need to know where to place cart Junction City has automated truck’s driver drives on right side gets out set cart on truck it is curbside collection

- Cheaper trash pickup would be good, bigger carts for trash. I don't think jobs should be taken to have everything automated.

- I do recycle but of all the places I've lived this is the hardest to recycle.

- I'm retired and do not want to pay more than I am right now. How about a senior citizen discount?

- Right now we have the 90-gal refuse cart + a small green box (plastics) for recycling. I like the size of both. We are a couple and our family is no longer at home. Both are perfect size for our family. I really don't like the idea of 2 big 95-gal refuse and recycling carts. The 95 gal recycling cart would not fit in our garage: the small green box is perfect for our family of 2 for recycling. I realize larger families need larger recycling bins, but we don't and wouldn't be able to have room for a big 95 gal in our garage. We do like to recycle, however.

- I think a slightly bigger cart, offering recycling (for a $1 or $2 extra or fee) would be beneficial.

- Yard waste is the biggest obstacle in early spring - later, mulching works but heavy grass is collected, stored in yard carts - Don't take that option away.

- Those with less needs should pay less. I like our current system of special pickup fees. Recycling should be city wide. All compost should be used by the city.

- I feel that more residents would participate in recycling if there was no additional fees. The process needs to be simple, no requirement to separate items, and a large enough cart/container is needed. The bins that were available were way too small. I currently take my recycling down to Images on 4th street, but feel it's necessary to have another cheap/free option if it closes.

- As I noted before, 80% of my trash is recycled. If I have less trash going to the landfill, there should be compensation for that. McPherson has a great trash system all trash goes through a sorting center. Recycling is removed & the rest of the trash goes to the landfill & composted with yard waste. What Salina does seems very inefficient and costly. If the price goes up too much I will likely go with another trash service. If all forms of recycling aren't picked up and I still have to take metal to the recycling center, why would I pay for an extra recycling fee?

- I think that on back to school season and Christmas season there will be problems with "no outside of cart" pickup policy. Foregoing peak times I anticipate no problems with my selected answers.

- For the most part I use the cart for trash - recycling I take down myself - mowing is with mulching mower used to take tree limbs to the E Crawford area when they had it during late fall early winter I rake leaves to curb for city to pick up for mulch/compost.

- Check with Clarkdale AZ. Trash service they supply two carts and you don't have to separate the recycled materials. Cost $19.25 that includes 2 carts and recycling fully automated!

- The current system of collection fits my needs very well. Probably because I recycle my grass clippings back into the coil or put it into my garden. The other yard waste is put into yard cart. We recycle the other items: paper, cans, glass, cardboard, plastic by taking to the 5th street recycling in Salina. We have become very close to the "trash free" with a little effort and no additional cost. We add 4-5 Dillon's grocery sacks to the landfill per pickup. How can the city recycle when 15,000 people put their items into a cart? That would be a large amount to process - what are the plans?

- I take my recycling to Images. I do not want a pick-up for recycling. It would be nice to have a separate cart for yard waste, so it does not go in with the regular garbage. I do not have much money, to pay for extra carts, so the monthly fee would have to be at a minimal amount of $2.00.

- We cannot get all of our grass clippings in yard cart - now g 3 weeks of buffalo grass. So on the weeks we now have 2 extra bags of lawn clippings! Not only do we have to put household waste in our cart for twigs from our trees cannot go in yard waste cart.

- We are retired and living on a fixed income. Can't afford an increase in cost.

- I think it would benefit the city of Salina to have a day in the spring and fall that excess large items could be picked up by your dept. and disposed of. Kansas City, KS, has such days twice yearly and they are much appreciated.

- I am very interested in recycling & would like it to be at little cost as possible. We love to use the grass clipping cart as well. Thank you for all you do!

- Should get credit for recycling instead of being charged.
- What happens after storms, and tree limbs are down, and have to be cut & bundled - too big for cart? #10 - Not right combination - I need refuse cart and yard waste cart.
- Definitely need a larger recycling cart. I have two of the small ones and that still isn't enough. Would also be great if we could recycle more items, like cardboard.
- I'm a single person, 70 yrs. old, and I rent. My rent includes yard work. Nothing on Question 10 applies to me.
- Need pickups for tree limbs for people who do not have a truck or any other way to haul them off.
- Finding ways to collect money from consumers and eliminate jobs is NOT what I support! Automated system is NOT a good idea! It's most definitely a BAD idea!!
- By providing free leaf-grass-etc. removal we are HELPING our city stay beautiful and promoting growth in population & businesses.
- Do not want to be charged extra for recycling. Bill high enough.
- They should keep semi-automated recycling. That would not put people out of jobs. Also have an option of composting.
- We work hard to keep our home looking nice and having a yard waste cart greatly helps with this. Yard waste will look terrible along curbs and sides of houses if citizens have to go to the burn site each time. Please keep the yard waste cart!
- We want recycling! Really like the idea of a recycle cart and a refuse/yard waste cart fully automated pick-up.
- The new twenty-year city tax signed into law can fund any "improvements" to our refuse collection. No recycling!
- We currently take all of our recycling to Images. Which include plastic bags, tin, and aluminum. Will these things be accepted by the city? And what affect will this have on Images?
- Would this put people out of jobs?
- Please keep yard waste system in place. The current system works fine for me. I would not be able to combine refuse and yard waste in a single cart especially during spring and fall.
- If there is no outside the container pickup you will start seeing trashy streets.
- We do not have room in our kitchen to have separate bins for recycling.
- I am outside the norm - I produce very little trash. I have a friend that has 2 carts (for 1 person) and they are always full. I think citizens need to make a conscious effort to cut down their waste.
- I place priority in keeping fees to a minimum I am a senior citizen on limited budget!

- Currently we put our yard waste in our trash container and always recycle. Other than people losing jobs, full automation is fine with me.

- I don't understand why I have a separate yard waste container if it gets dumped in the same truck as my trash cart (on Monday). Why not just put the grass clippings in the trash cart and only have one cart?

- For a city the size of Salina, recycling should be part of the trash collection system for every household using whatever system is most cost effective to accomplish this. 2) Has anyone ever considered working out a program that would utilize Saline County Jail inmates serving more than 30 days to work in the city's trash collection system as a way to work off fines, learn a job skill, and rehab a criminal mindset?

- We currently do not use the city recycling program. We have our own recycle for "free." I think people who do not use recycling should be charged a "fee," therefore the recycling program would be used, even if it costs me a little more to my bill. I don't want to see a charge for recycling. One trash (refuse) cart is all we need. In the spring/summer/fall I need more than 1 yard waste cart.

- I don't have enough recycling for a large cart. i do have trees that lose limbs in storms that I bundle for pickup. I have a large locust tree that drops beans in the fall and I can get up to twelve bags a week. I have maple trees that have not dropped their leaves when you do the leaf pickup and I fill my yard cart up and put out bags of leaves. I like my alley pickup and will probably switch to a private hauler - I will pay more to keep alley and out-of-cart pickup. What if someone parks in front of my house? Why don't you automate in new areas with large driveways for parking and no large trees? I'm getting older and don't want to have to pull my dumpster all the way out front when I can keep it at the alley now another way to automate people out of jobs.

- Quite often we have an extra bag or 2 of trash. The "no additional material outside cart" would NEVER work for us. Additionally, I refuse to pay for the added chore of recycling. If it was free I would do it, if it was convenient and not time-consuming. Finally, we currently use a yard service that disposes of the grass clippings. If we ever switch services or left them we would not be able to fit all the clippings waste in one cart.

- It is very important to keep special pickups...? Cost us now. ? Recycling boxes? Too difficult to handle - reason why I can't my own to recycling. If recycling center were similar to current trash center, might be likely to use one. Always thought it is important to reduce amount of refuse by composting as possible. Have you considered long time costs of combining compostable materials with trash?

- Lived in other cities where we used a 95 gal recycling cart and...? Profited from the items being recycled. This helped pay for a lot of city services. I think Salina should do a free recycling pickup and use that...? On their own for revenue. Why is it Salina do this? It would benefit a great many things.

- There are several times each year in which we have excess trash or excess yard waste. In order to maintain our yard + gardens this may happen several times in the fall and again in the spring. It would be nice to have a small number of extra pickups at no charge. Like 2-3 each 6 months on yard waste and maybe just once a year for trash.

- As a widow woman I would still like to have the outside material picked up. As cannot afford pay for special pick up. If you would have a special day a month to pick up outside materials that would be

wonderful. You have to think of the people who cannot afford this. They might have to go to another service. Not everyone is going to need the pickup every month. I would be happy to go for the automated service. I have been with the city pickup for almost 50 yrs. I don't think it would hurt the city to have someone to have a free side once a month. Look at the money you will save with the automated service.

- Most of the time one cart 90 gals handles all of our needs. The issue with no items outside the cart only becomes an issue 5-6 times a year when special occasions or holidays generates extra trash. Christmas- 4th of July - Thanksgiving - Birthdays - a furniture or appliance purchase. With no outside cart pickups - some of the above would be held and portioned over several weeks most likely.

- We do not want to pay for special pickups every time we have extra oddly-shaped or items too long for the refuse/yard cart. We are concerned about paying for extra leaf pickup in fall - usually we use extra bags - if we miss the one time the fall pickup comes. If personnel is an issue, the city should consider hiring enough people, paying them great, giving great benefits, so they don't have to RUN down the streets. If the city goes full automation and we find it doesn't work for us, we will change trash service providers. The city should be able to enforce rules for excess and charge homeowners that leave 1/2 of their house junk un-bagged out on the curb (maybe the city does?) Extra bags should always be allowed as there are times where everyone has special occasions - Christmas, parties or just responsible deep-cleaning. How much clearance does automated truck need? Is the city going to trim trees or require homeowners/renters to cut trees in the area in front of their house?

- Because of my disability it is a challenge for me to get my cart and recycle to the curb each week. Would there be a special fee I can pay to have a worker take my cart and bin down the driveway to the curb, dump it, and return cart to back door? I have not had any problems with current service. Regular weekly service has been very reliable and requests for extra pickups, like furniture and large boxes, has been done quickly and worth the fee.

- I don't want the alley pickups to stop. It is difficult to move my cart to the curb. I want you to continue to pick up extra bags and large items from next to the cart, otherwise I think people will throw things out in the country and in other undesirable spots and cause more unsightly areas.

- We need a recycling program in Salina - the recycling city owner is a jerk!!! If I have to cut my branches to a certain size, they best recycle them - saw last time they just put in with trash.

- At this point, I take my recycling to a private business. We only have a couple bags of trash on typical weeks. Since the city would make money off my recycling, it seems unfair to charge for it. That is why I've never paid for recycling before. Green Bay, Wisconsin, has a great system. They pick up all trash for no fee, but you are required to recycle and are fined if you don't (because they have paper plants and make money off the recycling). You could put out a mattress or a washing machine and they pick it up for free. It was awesome!!

- Definitely some type of curbside recycling especially with addition of cardboard. Would also like to add plastic bags. I hope to avoid adding yard waste to the landfill + to encourage more recycling.

- It's so sad by because of changes 9 employees will lose jobs. 2) I do not like way recycling is done. That's the reason I don't have interest to subscribe to recycling. I personally bring my recycling to our city recycling place.

- We have done the plastic and glass recycling in the past. We did not feel it was a successful program and stopped using the program.

- A 95 gallon cart would meet all my needs. I rarely have the 90 gallon cart even half full. I would rarely have need for special pickups: fall leaves, tree branches, major cleaning/organizing. I endorse the change to fully automate.

- I don't want 3 separate carts to store at my house. We pay for a small recycling bin which we often need a bigger one at this time. For the majority of the time we also mulch our yard. It is nice to be able to put yard waste in sacks at the curb when needed. I don't want to store a separate cart or pay for a separate cart to my use 1-2 times per year for yard waste.

- I am interested in mandatory, city-wide recycling and mandatory yard-waste composting. We all should be sending as little to landfills as possible.

- I am not willing to pay extra for recycling where I have to separate my trash. I believe the service I am getting now is excellent and if I happen to have a large box or more yard waste than fits in my containers, I do not feel I should pay extra. I already pay enough.

- We would like yard waste pick up in the fall and spring for seasonal use. But we don't require yard waste pick up on a weekly year-round.

- I support a recycling program.

- Salina should not have a waiting list for recycling. Will these new trucks be electric? How can Salina be green? I would be willing to pay a little more so I can recycle without having to take it somewhere. For the people who usually have their trash in the ally will they just have to move it to the front of the house? During Christmas, will the truck have another round or will Salina bring on more people to pick up the extra trash that we have? MAKE RECYCLING AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE IN THIS TOWN! Thank you!

- Hoping there is a good and positive response to this survey. I've been recycling since the city started the program and can't imagine not doing so.

- If going automation fewer employees then the rates should be lower due to $$ saved by fewer employees and no benefits to pay.

- I take my recycling to images when the city could recycle everything that images does. I wouldn't be unlimited in recycling services with the city of Salina comporting. Would be a great service!

- We would prefer to leave things as they are. We cannot afford any increases to be on fixed incomes. Why put people out of work? Would those unemployed by the automation system be transferred to other departments?

- We support option 4 for collection of water.

- I think every recycling that I could feel good about has been great. If single stream means no sorting I am for that. If curb side recycling could be sorted, that would be ideal. I am also for the composting.

- This entire plan is nonsense. You'll be spending a ton of tax payers for all the new equipment. And putting people out of a job. No composting- Just fills up landfill quicker. Recycling seriously. Most people don't know what that means. I sort my own trash and then sport recycling to Images. I think you should have rates based on how often customer needs pickup. With my own composting or mulching, I barley use yard waste mostly at fall cleanup. With self-recycling only need trash pickup every 3-4 weeks. Biggest problem is nobody wants to work anymore. You want big paychecks. Start cutting salaries at top and work down. All are overpaid! Got to have fancy equipment so operation can sit on butt and not work.

- Right now I take my recycling to Images. It is a pain. It would be nice to have a cart for this purpose and I think more people would do it. We also need to reduce our waste by recycling and composting.

- I am satisfied with current system.

- What happens to the current waste containers? Do we get a credit for returning them/recycling them? I paid $35 up front to have one. I don't like the idea of eliminating 9 jobs okay jobs. What happens to those affected employees? For the safety of the driver, there should be a "buddy system". How are the automated trucks being paid for? Does Salina already have some? Can you "Retro-fit" the existing trucks up the lift arms? How has Salina "outgrown" its refuse system? Citizens should be responsible for their own yard waste. Kanz will take it for free.

- Feel you have your charges backwards. Should charge those who don't recycle more and a lower rate for those who recycle. More waste of any kind in the stream means more long term investment at the landfill. Maybe we could build bio-digester for yard waste to produce fuel or electricity. Where do we want to be 50 years from now?

- I'm satisfied the way it is now. Hate to see people lose their jobs.

- How about a Salina discount. Most generally we have way less staff. Who separates your recycle if you put it all in one cart? I separate mine and take it to Images for free/ I know it's a problem so wish you luck.

- I was very disappointed with the recycling options available when we moved to Salina. The downtown option is out of the way with incontinent hours. The city recycle bins. I have never lived in a city where you were charged extra to recycle. I also came up against a waiting list when I inquired. Another possible recycle option is sorting bins located in parking lots in the city. Residents can then load up and deliver their recyclables anytime. I felt that residents in the city that I participated managed the locations well with minimal litter. For a city as large as Salina, we need to do a better job with recycling.

- I see no reason to change the present system. If fees need to be raised by a few dollars that’s ok. Why put 9 people out of work? The present system meets all my needs. If it isn’t broke, don't fix it.

- I'm satisfied the way it is. If you need another truck of two go for it. If it's not broken, don't fix it. I recycle plastic, and newspaper down town.

- Steep driveways will not allow carts to be placed in specific directions without rolling into the street. This may interfere/ "Automated" pickup of the cart.

- Leave it the way it currently is and the fee.
- Is the current management not properly overseeing maintenance of equipment or training of employees that encourages inadequate equipment or work injury? We have an area Rotech that could be possibly contracted for maintenance that could support the school, lessen school taxes. Local jail's populations that could provide employees through work release. Changing pick-up locations in neighborhoods with alleys could cause traffic congestion on streets that are barley wide enough for compact cars to travel through the on-street parking required by multiple renting residents of low income level. Entry level, labor- intensive jobs have encouraged our society for generations to put forth effort improve their station, learn pride in themselves and communities. Come on, Salina! Life is not all robotics and computers! I take the lead in the community building customer service! As a life-long working tax payer, I would like to truly see my tax dollars at work through purposeful resolution!
- Raise wages for young men dumping carts. Tell them not to run from one cart to another. Will taxes increase to buy new carts and trucks?
- Recycling should be a free or included service like in every progressive city in this state and others.
- We currently do our own recycling. 1 Dumpster would cover everything we need. Would prefer not to have 2. Would hope to keep our current fees comparable.
- I feel the city should not charge for recycling which would encourage people to recycle. Those that have a lot of trash should pay extra. No pick up outside the cart is a step in that direction. Spring and fall - bags of yard waste an exception.
- As a 1 person household, I rarely need trash pickup each week. I would need recycling picked up even. However, I would recycle more often if I had a bin and it was picked up for me.
- Have seen this work in New Mexico- like it. Problem would be people who park their cars where the carts are and trucks won't be able to get to them. What then? Fines?
- Hopefully no matter what city does with recycling, we can still just go to Images ourselves. Sorting stuffing the city’s little tote was a big pain. We much prefer taking stuff in ourselves.
- None. Do not want automated service.
- Make trash pick-up cheaper since you bill save 9 peoples jobs per year.
- I am handi- cap and they come and get my cart. How would a fully automotive do that?
- Won't take over lawn waste for compost. Has pine needles.
- Would love the larger recycling bins. The small green bin is not enough to recycle everything we use in one week and recyclable items often end up in the trash.
- Recently a large old TV was dumped in the middle of our alley. We moved it to the side for safety and called your office. We were told we could move it back to the middle and it might be picked up or

have a special pickup at $24. That is wrong! Because someone had an accident at night or pay a bill you can't afford. And are not responsible for. Please help us.

- In Kingman, Kansas they have two big carts. They are the 95 gallon ones. One is for trash that is picked up curb side once a week. The other is recycle plastics, cans, and jars, anything they accept for recycle in it. They pick it up the same day as the trash but only every two weeks. On the trash they pick up and toss for you anything in extra private barrels or cans and leave the cans and barrels when done. And pick up anything in trash bags such as grass ext. They have one or two trash men following the trash truck. This is a fantastic option as I go down and stay often with an ailing 94 year old father. I just paid $32.00 for 3 months for trash and recycle, but would pay $45.00 every 3 months in Salina. Lawn care people can put the grass in bags as I did when mowing other people's yards and my own for weekly pick up. You might call Kingman up and see how they are able to do this so reasonable. Hal Morris, 785-342-5193

- I won't purchase a recycling container as I think it is absurd to expect citizens to pay for a ridiculously small container and then pay monthly to have it picked up. It should be part of the service as it benefits all. An across the board (for all whether you choose to participate or not) increase of $3-4 per month is reasonable. Otherwise you are fining people for recycling. This does not encourage recycling. It discourages it. Would be better to charge extra to those who don't participate. Large families have more trash- should be provided additional cart with minimal to no fee otherwise they will have additional special pick up fees repeatedly. Do not punish working families for being larger by charging additional monthly fees or special pick up fees for regular trash.

- We currently own one of our carts. Our recycling is taken to the facility on 5th street by us. Nine people losing their jobs is too much. New trucks and carts are super expensive.

- We are a 2 person household with limited yard waste. We recycle items through the fourth street recycling center. If this source becomes unavailable, we would not need a 95 gallon container for a weekly pickup. We are aware of a city in Texas with an automated system. They pick up refuse twice a week and recycled items every other week. The system seems to work very well.

- Recycle should be encouraged by including the fee in everyone's service.

- I am not for the automated trash pickup. It would cost people jobs and cost residents to have to pay a charge for the dump to get rid of extra refuse. Also would require people to put trash at street which would cause trash to be in people's front yards. No.

- Yard waste rules not enforced. Your first sentence, "We appreciate efforts you make to come for you. If it is not enforced, my efforts are futile. I end up picking up my neighbors trash blows into my yard. Obviously need a bigger cart. Not going to happen. What you rule of our trash blows into my yard. It's my responsibility. What motivates them to do their part, nothing? Vehicles that never move. City must assume more effort to enforce the rules and help people or reward us that do keep our yards nice. Instead of making us be the bad guys or police. How many elderly can drag trash can to the front. Use of automated pick-up. No alley service. Not going to beautify the city- you will just see trash cans out all the time. Unless you make an ordinance which I am sure is coming once trucks are paid for. You're not paying salaries or benefits. I bet our rates do not go down- just service.

- If I have too much for cart, I haul it myself.

- Go visit Abilene recycling center- they do it very well. Manhattan recycling center is second best in area. Salina is worst!

- Recycling is a great idea! I don't think penalties for non-participation is right, but neither are fees for trying to do better and reduce the landfill. If you move forward with free city-wide recycling, I would support that! I would do it already, but life is busy and expensive.

- Please keep in mind there are households that are on a fixed income. Any increases in fees could impact them greatly.

- People are always best! Eliminating jobs and services are not a good option. I believe you would start seeing people throw their trash along highways and dirt roads. (i.e. larger items an "automated" truck would not pick up.)

- Main problem is items outside of cart. Most common for our household would be limbs/ trimming from bushes- only sporadic nee for pick up. We already do recycle. You also might consider multi resident units. A lot of singles/couples under use space in carts on a regular basis. Would consolidate bins and lower stops for service.

- We would have to have weekly pick-up of refuse, recycling, and composting. We have two trash carts, and one composting cart. We drive all recycling to Images weekly. Our street has a horrible parking situation, so curbside with a swing arm will probably damage a vehicle, highly concerned! I see automation being a nightmare for our street specifically others probably ok. I don't think I should pay for recycling pick-up. They can sell it and make money.

- Definitely need bigger recycle container.

- A fully automated pick-up would pick up only be in the front yard of the home address? As our collection is currently done on the back of our address on 4th street. 2. Yard waste. Does the city not have a heavy duty chipper for tree branches and limbs on the dump? Plus, why would the city not do composting of leaves and grass clippings that would be used in city parks, etc. Plus, are tree branches and limbs used in city parks for mulch, if the city has a clipper? 3. In recycling, I would need to know in detail what the city would collect: newspapers, tin cans, tin foil, plastic and metal lids, shredded white paper, egg cartons, etc. Basically anything that Images recycling collects.

- I'm worried that if you go with automation, customers will end up paying more. For the simple fact that on special occasions, especially Christmas, the carts that are going to be available won't be big enough, thus adding more cost to the customer for a special pick up. That being said, the customer will go to a private waste collector who will not charge extra for this added debris.

- The staff who compiled this survey should be put in a youth time out? Let's see comments, I have the following and would like to continue? 2-small recycle bins (not adequate, new 1 x 95 gallon), 1- trash cart (new 1x 95 gallon), 2-small yard waste carts (new 1x 95 gallon) Current charges $20.70/ month.

- Yard cart fee depends on what yard waste is allowed!

- Stop taking jobs from our community!

- Yes, this not very friendly to fill out. Very confusing.

- I live alone so would rather not have a larger waste container. Recycling is a must (in my opinion). With lots of trees in my area, refuse would be nice. Thanks.
- Recycling should be managed in a manner to pay for itself.
- #10 - none best fit my household.
- All waste goes in same truck to the same spot in the landfill. Why so many different carts and categories. You will raise are rates but no increase in workers' pay.
- We take our recycling to center for that. Sometimes we don't put our trash out because it's hardly full. There is only two of us live here.
- We need a larger recycling cart.
- I am on a limited income. If my fee goes up more than 5.00 per month, I will look for another carrier as I fell that I am do anything plenty now for a single household. I see a carrier goes across the street that picks up everything. Tree limbs are all outside the cart.
- Automation would be good. Tired of the neighbors putting 3-6 bags of trash by their dumpster every week and my weekly trash fits in my dumpster and have to pay the same amount.
- With any automated system, what are those with limited means (physical and small vehicles) supposed to do with tree limbs and household waste that will not fit in carts? Why should they be fined (charged extra fees) because of their inabilities to self-remove additional waste?
- Bills are high enough. You would put more people out of work. I will not pay extra for recycling.
- I take my own recycling. I like to have the option of things outside our box, like large boxes or extra 13 gallon bags.
- If city goes automatic, will charge service to private service.
- Live by myself. Current size is too big. Use pick-up twice a month. How about us, should we pay some? I don't think so.
- I feel that (trash and garbage) plus (yard waste) should continue to be picked up as it is now. (Recyclable material) should be handled separately. And if possible, by a separate contract handler that is responsible for sorting it for their disposition and/ or sale as they find necessary. Simply put- Discontinue picking-up recyclables to reduce operating costs and allowing recyclable merchants to be responsible for their pick-up and disposition.
- We mainly recycle with limited trash so we do not need a bigger trash cart. Education regarding avoiding trash would benefit many households. I don't believe we should be penalized for recycling. I do not think we need more automation while we are supporting households with unemployment compensation.

- Why charge for recycling when the center then makes money when it sells? Love the service as is if only the workers would make sure carts are empty when dumped.

- If you go automated, I expect my monthly bill to go down, since there would be no employee to pay!

- Taking into account (elderly disabled) recycling should be mandatory. It "should not" cost more to recycle. It should cost more to "not" recycle. We believe if a household needs an extra refuse cart, full charges should apply. We don't think very many people are interested in recycling if they have to pay for it. I clean houses for a living. Only 2 out of 23 clients recycle. We are big recyclers. What about tin cans and plastic lids, aluminum foil and Styrofoam? Images is not meeting our needs.

- The city is not designed (streets not wide enough for automated pickup). Thiers no room for cars, pickups the way it is now. Would not need a recycling pickup every week. Would small tree or bush clippings be allowed in yard waste container?

- Some items will not fit in a cart. Limited outside the cart items should be included in any trash removal. I have been taking care of my mother's trash in Hays, Ks. for 5 years and they don't allow items outside of the cart. One big pay, not at all a good system. You want the phone to ring nonstop, then implement no outside the cart trash. Hays has blue carts... stick out like a "sore thumb"... like the green.

- Salina used to have free drop off of yard waste, tree trunks, etc. That was nice within city limits, also free mulch pickup. Wish we had that back. The city of Salina, taxes way too much already.

- My main concern is cost. I would be happy doing whatever is required so as to keep the cost at a minimum.

- Just two of us. Our needs are minimal.

- Maybe if you cleaned our water properly our landfills would not be filled with empty bottled containers! And oh wow maybe if we recycled, those containers wouldn't be in the landfilled either! It isn't till you run out of space or employees willing to work for poor wages that you panic and send out a survey. Can you not think for yourselves? Where is my paycheck for doing your job for you? For as much as we pay; you should already be doing recycling and composting. Additionally special pickups and extra carts are reasonable to charge extra for. Recycling and yard waste carts should be available at no charge for one of each. If you need more than that, it should be considered excessive waste and additional carts charged accordingly. With as long as recycling technology has been available, what is the excuse that a responsible city government agency has for not being environmentally and ecologically responsible? Why is our city water so clean that I have to purchase a separate water filtration system to protect my family? And you can think of no other solution but to charge us more money for sub-standard water quality and trash collection and recycling practices?

- Present yard waste pick up is a joke. You limit so much it doesn't even make sense.

- Jobs are hard to come by for unskilled workers. DO NOT ELIMINATE JOBS!! SENIORS DO NOT HAVE DISCRECIARY money to increase constant insidious increases in COLA (cost of living). Request financial assistance from property tax receipts. Look for other efficacies in city out. DO NOT KILL JOBS!!!!!

- I see where safety for everyone is a #1 priority, but deleting 9 people's job for it isn't right either. I am not going to take the time to separate everything out, but there are many times I have to set bags on the side of my trash cart because it's jam packed already and I have more trash. My dad mows for me and the grass clippings get mulched back into the yard. In the fall and spring clean leaves up 1 time each and put all the leaves into the plastic bags into the refuse cart. I wouldn't pay an extra fee year round for a yard waste cart that I would use literally twice a year. I'll stick to putting it in the refuse cart. I'm all for recycling, but I don't really have time for it, or the space in my house for it either. Although I do recycle aluminum cans. I mean who doesn't drink "a few beers after a long week at the office. If it is getting harder to keep the positions filled, then maybe it's time to look into other options. I mean, who really wants to run up and down streets after a trash truck 5 days a week in 110 F weather or in the snow in -10 F temperatures? I'm curious to know how many accidents a year are caused by trash trucks. If the workers would be guaranteed jobs in other departments and not receive pay decreases, then I would consider going for fully-automated. I would be against fees increasing because households receive new carts due to this upgrade. It's not the people's fault you are wanting to upgrade, but based off benefits I would vote for it. But also has to have limitations. If you want me to separate my trash/ recycle/ yard waste, then we should get a benefit. Does this arm thing have a way to weigh the recycle cart and if you have above average weight of recycling, you get a discount on your bill for recycling more? But let's face it, you can try to tell people they have to do something, such as separate their "trash" into refuse, recycling, and yard waste. But there will be those people who refuse to follow, so you will still have the same issue at handoff too much trash , not enough refuse cart space. Could a 2nd person ride in the truck also and only get out when misc. materials are on side of cart?

- Do I have to pay extra for the recycle cart? It doesn't state either way except in #3 when it asks if I want an extra 95 and what I will pay. 2. be honest, lawn waste ends up in regular trash. That is because they empty both into the same truck. Why sort? I don't want/ need a 95 gallon container for recycling only. It would take up way too much room and another item to haul to the curb. I can't fill a recycle container. Maybe 1 time a month. 3. Nothing in here says anything about cost. I assume the new equipment would cancel out savings in people. 4. The system now works well. The employees do a good job. You are going to have lots of trash sitting around.

- I am taking this survey based on a very small 2 person family that eats out a lot, therefore we have very little trash. This is because I am a dedicated recycler. All recyclable items go to "Images." (This includes paper, tin and aluminum cans and glass. I feel "Images is saving the city of Salina a great deal of money. The best part of this is their service is totally free. This is a blessing for folks on a fixed income. Why can't the city partner with Images by paying Images for a fee? This would be a win-win situation. Regarding the question of automation. Sounds good in theory but not so good in practice as automation always results in the elimination of the human worker. Refuse workers have an extremely tough job, as I have observed them RUNNING from household- to-household to pick up heavy carts of trash in over 100 degrees. Is the pay commensurate with the job? We can't keep workers, but automation would eliminate jobs. I don't know what the solution is. I personally would like to see some place where the householder could take their recyclables for a reduced fee on their bill, those wishing not to do so would be charged a higher fee. It is my understanding that at the present time we are accepting trash from other communities. How does this work? Are we charging these communities a fee that actually makes this feasible? I appreciate the opportunity to take this survey, but I don't have enough information to make a quality input. I like living in Salina very much and I am desirous of doing all I can to make our city the best it can be. Thank you for your effort to do just that.

- Moving to Salina from a community that had waste mgt. was difficult. We had the 95 gallon cart for garbage and another for recycling (+ you didn't have to separate it.) Recycling efforts should be encouraged. We have two boxes that are always stuffed. We do not need a compost (yard) waste can. However, I do not want to pay for a service I don't use. The extra charge for garbage outside the box is a great idea. I can't believe how much extra garbage the guys have to pick up (windows, furniture, etc.). There should be an additional charge. I do feel for those who may lose their jobs. I hope the city would try to place them in other dept. I am completely in favor of this proposal!

- I have seen this before. Will not work. Most streets in Salina are conjured with marked cars. More time consumed. Driver turn overs, Due to increased workloads, lost customers due to missed pickups. More injuries from drivers in and out of vehicle move carts to an area clear of vehicles. I talked to my wife's uncle, who runs a private trash service. He welcomes the idea. Said he would have to buy another truck or maybe two. I hauled the additional business.

- Currently I store all my recycling (cardboard. plastic, glass, steel, aluminum) and once a month or so take the materials to Images, Inc. recycling. That is a private business. So if they ever stopped offering their services my opinion on the city- wide recycling might change. Has the city considered partnering with Images on city-wide recycling? Maybe that could be sub-contracted to them. Also, we don't generate a lot of yard waste, so I did not express much interest in city-wide composting. However, if there was a central location where yard waste could be dropped for composting, I would take advantage of that. I like the composting idea. I just don't need curb-side pickup. I can haul my own yard waste if there was a place to take it.

- I have seen this system used and it is awful. Carts everywhere. You have to drive an obstacle course. The drivers do not care where the carts end up. The Kansas wind does not work with this. I have alley pick up and I am NOT willing to take it to the street. What about the disabled? I know people with special services because they can't get the cart to the curb. The workers go in the yard and get the cart for them. If this happens, I will CHANGE SERVICE. Go out and watch this in action. It is a JOKE!!!!! We don't need carts in the road. What about streets where everyone parks on the street? WAKE UP AMERICA.

- Some customers only need 1 cart. Why pay for 2 more carts if you don't need them. A lot of cars are parked on the street all the time. This will not work for automated pick up. Some customers are on fixed income. This could be a big problem. I guess changing vendors would be an alternative.

- Shame on all of those lazy people that just dump plastic sacks beside their carts and then drop cats bread the sacks and see the kiddos clean the crap out of the streets and gutters. No I don't want them to be out of jobs.

- These are very good ideas. The questionnaire fails to define the difference between recycling and yard waste (#5) and don't provide precise options which are very important. Definitions are also missing in question 10. Leaves much too much speculation. We are talking about people's needs but this is poorly put together. The options are not clear. I definitely use my trash container for yard waste because there are so many restrictions on collecting large grass stalks, small limbs, etc. Easier to stuff into garbage cart as the city won't pick up off the ground or yard waste cart. So what options do we have? Must we recycle with city or will we be able to continue to recycle on our own? These questions need to be addressed when people are answering questions about this.

- I live alone with recyclables and other trash combined, not including yard waste. I only produce enough trash to necessitate setting my bin out to the curb maybe once a month. It would be nice if I only had to pay for the times it was collected. Also, I think questions 2, 5, and 7 could have used extra clarification. Example: If all waste were combined (yard work, recyclables, and other refuse), would a 95- gallon cart be large enough to meet the needs of your household if no additional material outside the cart was allowed? I believe with rewording question 5 would have been unneeded. Question 7 can recyclables and other trash be combined with an automated system or not? I think my confusion comes from whether things can be combined or not with a new system.

- Live alone, don't generate much trash, or reason use both trash and yard waste carts. I use recycling center downtown once or twice a month.

- I am not a fan of the fully automated system. In WCW Tx they have it and the dumpsters are scattered all over the street by the end of the day on pick up days.

- With content increases in filed expenses, the city needs to realize that people on fixed incomes will struggle to pay anything extra above what you already charge them. What are your plans for people who cannot afford trash pick-up?

- All I really wanted is decent/ newer trash bins for trash and yard waste. I've asked, offered to pay more but no. Can't exchange mine that are rusty and the lids are hard to open and close, and the buttons are different colors than the tops. My neighbors have the taller nice ones! I've asked nicely! So old they hold water when it rains. Stinks!

- Wait until the leaves drop before offering curbside leaf litter pickup. It is always to early and the leaves are not even on the ground yet. Consider sycamores the last tress do lose leaver and the biggest leaves of all the tress.

- Started to do survey but..... Cannot complete as terms used in questions are unfamiliar. Cannot answer questions because of lack of understanding. Example: What does subscription recycling mean? We currently haul our own recycling to downtown site. Do not know types of recycling city currently doing? Another example: "For plastic #1-5" What is that? Another example: #3 month composting fee- is this charge year around or only during growing season? Poorly written survey, in my humble opinion.

- This is just another scam to soak the taxpayers! I'd bet 90% of the increase goes for "ART"! Salina has a sanitation worker shortage? Gee, I wonder if it is because they treat their workers like trash? There is some hard supervisors who makes the fellows run! Literally RUN! In 100 degree weather no less! This is CRIMINAL! Some idiot getting his jolly's treating the poor fellows like dogs. Treat people right and they will stay! This is something I expect from some $ rich $ working his illegals, NOT city policy! Salina should study Bangor, Maine. They have no city sanitation Dept. They let private companies bid on parts of the city, the prices being set by the city. Saves a lot of money. And we will buy more Vaseline! Salina thinks all of us are millionaires willing to pay top dollar for anything. And they wonder why the city population keeps shrinking! Maybe they want to get rid of all us working folks and make Salina a millionaire resort.

- How can a lot of senior citizens handle a 95 gallon refuse cart? Leave it at 90 gallon. I also have sometimes bundles of tree limbs blown down from storms (ref last storm we had 3 weeks ago). Also trimmed bushes that are too large for cart. What about other large items too large for carts. Do we

have to pay extra for pick up or find our own way to get them to the landfill? Your options are not senior friendly.

- Going to question #6, if the city needs to eliminate jobs (9 fewer), why is this river walk project even being considered? How is the city going to pay for maintenance of this 7+ miles of walk, or where is the man power going to come from to accomplish this? (Can't find people to work now!). We already have had the field house shoved down our throats for running and maintaining. This other white elephant. (9+ jobs added, so take the trash collection people away to make budget. The city of Salina needs to get a grip. We are not going to act like big city America without the industry jobs coming in to pay for it.

- Please do not limit to only carts. We have paid for special pickups and it is greatly appreciated to those without a pick up or means to get items to landfill ourselves. Also, elderly people unable to handle large tasks. Recycle town expense and time. Those who want to recycle do so now, without extra city bill cost!

- Safety- with cars parked at curbside (both sides) would traffic be hindered? 2. Our area of town has an alley. Currently workers are able to get to residents with one stop. Residents with alley should remain "As is". 3. Currently we have a yard waste cart that we purchased. And believe in composting. 4. Depending on time of year as to needing additional carts- "Holidays" when you have additional guests or "Fall" when leafs are collected. 5. Will Salina waste and/ or Salina Iron be required to meet the automated service? If not then I would likely change services. 6. Just how much does this survey cost?

- Like fully automated Newton does. I currently recycle all mine and drive everything to Lindsburge for the single point as result usually only have 1 or 2 bags per week. Glad we considering going to do this.

- I think including more opportunities for recycling is great. I also support not allowing any bags/trash etc. outside of the carts. It would make the city's appearance better without piles of trash sitting at the curb that sometimes gets spilled or blown around. Thank you.

- You must allow waste pick-up outside of cart- not everything will fit at times. Not doing so is an extra tax on lower income households they can ill afford!

- Being able to put cardboard boxes, tree limbs outside the carts is important to me.

- Don't lose any jobs! We like efficiency, but not at the cost of lost jobs. Recycling is smart. Should be free to encourage it. Pay for recycling out of the trash fees for everyone.

- People pay enough for trash service. If it goes to full automated trucks and people lose their jobs, why do we have to pay more makes no sense. I pay taxes and have pot holes on my street for over a year and they are still there. Been reported and still they are not fixed.

- We currently recycle glass, plastics, newspapers, cardboard, cans to the recycle located on S. 4th street.

- As far as a separate fee for special pick up goes, I think the price needs to be lowered. Due to the cost I believe a lot of people either leave it on the street for so long until the city becomes fed up with it or they take it to a private dumpster or they may even dump it in a ravine somewhere. My landlord

took my special dump for $10 to the city dump. Cheaper than paying you to do it! FYI, I live on Robin Rd and my neighbors moved in a hurry and left all their trash (mattress, TV, other stuff) by the street. How long will that be there before it gets picked up?

- I do not want required recycling.

- I recycle at Images recycling and works for me. I haul yard waste to the landfill a few times during the year, 3, 4, or 5 maybe. I compost in my yard, but it gets hard. I do the leaf collection in the fall. I prefer to keep people in the positions. I don't like the automated stuff. I think the trash service is excellent. I am putting some yard waste in the refuse cart since I have such a small of refuse, like a couple of regular size plastic bags mostly. I put rose bush and throw yard waste in the refuse cart. I think land fill is generally weird. What about machine collections? Too expensive?

- We feel the whole city should be using a recycling program and full sized bins need to be used to accommodate the program. We have milk jugs, soda cans, boxes, and other items which can be recycled. However the small "bins" do not accommodate all which a family can recycle in a week. The recycle bin needs to be bigger like those in Phoenix, Arizona or even McPherson, Kansas. I find it ridiculous that the city of Salina wants to conserve water, but does not care about reducing our landfill waste. Sorry this is late. We are on vacation for 2 weeks and you gave us a small window to respond.

- Weight of bins a major use concern that larger 95 gallon barrels were too heavy to easily move to curb. As it is, I have difficulty with partially loaded 90 gallon due to sciatica! 2. Move on stick bundles and other items in 5- foot length as I line alliance lot. 3. Will city start 1-2 x per year larger pick-ups that care for items we used to be able to sit by trash? 4. Had service where elderly could pay extra + trash people have bins to curb? Will this be available on regularly scheduled basis?

- I do not plan on recycling, especially when I have to pay to recycle. I only need the regular trash service with yard waste.

- We have heard many other countries use plastic to reinforce their roadways, thereby reducing cracks, potholes and the amount of plastic in landfills. Polymer roads are providing to be surprisingly durable. It might be a great idea to check into the possible use of polymer modified asphalts using our own plastic waste.

- Currently wee recycle plastic because we are still on a waiting list for a recyclable container which aren't even big enough for all the recycling we would have. Salina should do a better job of recycling for those not willing to take to recycling center. (We take ours there). I do not support eliminating actual workers. How would an auto pick up with a truck ensure "spilled" garbage? If a person wasn’t physically moving the protective/ locking strap, how would an auto arm truck do that? Those workers are a very valuable asset and I hope they are not replaced.

- Our family in another state has a large recycling bin (about the size of my regular trash dumpster that we take out to the street weekly. Think it would be picked up by the automated system, but then is sorted later.

- I have lived in my home 43 </yrs. and have had alley pick up the whole time. I’m older and as I age, it will be harder to move the cane for pup. So I wish to continue alley pick-ups.

- Thanks to those who pick up our refuse. They do a fine job.

- I am opposed to dumping yard waste in the landfill, and would prefer it to be composted. I am in favor of mandatory recycling, which many locations in the U.S. already have. I believe the city of Salina should pay higher wages (or at least competitive wages) to its sanitation employees. I am in favor of fining citizens who do not comply with regulations regarding yard waste, recycling, etc. I am thinking specifically of yard waste carts.

- We were on a vacation and this survey was at the bottom of our "mail" pile. Sorry! Recycling is very important to me. It is ridiculous that a city the size of Salina does not have a fully automated city-wide recycling program. Thank you for seriously considering this!!!

- I like the way things work today with no changes.

- We would be more than happy to recycle and pay a separate, additional fee now. Our current problem is getting on the waiting list and then only having the small box to place our recyclables. The current system for recycling is not worth our time. The city should consider collection sites or times at the dump following big storms to dispose of large limbs/ branches that are blown down. Free jump days / reduced price dump days would be nice if the system went automated for any large items that can't go curbside (boxes, extra-large bags, junk, etc.).

- We are a family of two. I think I pay enough each month for 1 cart!! If the city increases the fees, I will look for OTHER options for sanitation.

- Leave it as it is!

- Having to pay additional costs for recycling does not make sense. It saves the city money, but charges extra for the service. The city receives additional funds for the recycler as well as for the additional charges to the taxpayers.

- This city needs single stream recycling.

- Question 10: I would take the system I have now at the price I have now. Question 6: It won't work. Do you have "back up" for when the semi-automated breaks down? What happens when it "breaks down" and the trash cart is half way up to being dumped? Well you have employer that can work on the semi-automated? Need to answer all these questions!!!

- Wouldn’t the money the city makes from the recycling offset the need to charge the customer for the pick up?

- I regularly go to the recycling center with plastics, newspapers, mishmash, etc. because it is on the way to the post office, library, etc. so it costs very little but some time and effort sorting everything. So, I would not be interested in recycling pick up at all.

- I've seen the automated trash carts in Lindsborg. They are the same size as Salinas’s yard waste carts. They don't look very big compared to the current trash carts. Why not pay up front and switch to LNG instead of diesel? That should save plenty of money in the long term.

- Carts should be charged for first 3 years. After that charges should be reduced to $10.00 a month just for maintenance.
- I understand the city wanting to do this. But don't throw public safety and efficiency in there when it's mostly to get rid of employers and health care only.
- The only concern is that we can't control who parks in front of the house. So an additional benefit to the city would be to ticket any vehicle that is in front of a cart on trash day!
- Your yard waste pick up is a joke as it works now.
- Everyone should be recycling in a big container. It could be put every other week.
- If yard waste and trash are being picked up by same truck, we would never have extra bags if one is allowed to use both carts as trash.
- 5a. we currently recycle our own. In the summer, our yard waste cart is full every week. Our refuse cart generally has only 1-2 bags in it. If no outside trash is allowed, people will break up large, heavy items and overload carts.
- We know when jobs are eliminated with the city, they are gone! No job transfers.
- It seems to us that any option of fully automated that people would likely lose their jobs. We don't wish to see that happen.
- I can't afford additional charges on my bills.
- If you want to solve your staffing problems, try paying more. I know a lot of guys that will work really hard for $25/hour.
- We currently pay the additional fee for our recycling container. The problem we have is our recycling container is too small. We end up putting material that could be recycled in the trash. I would like to see families that recycle be rewarded for reducing waste. Some type of program to increase desire to recycle waste. I also think it would be nice to partner with schools to help recycle waste.
- We have one refuse that I set of once to twice a month. One yard waste container that gets set out maybe 4 times a year. We pay too much now.
- What do you plan to do with an elderly person? Larger carts are heavy and many will not be able to push to street. What about the people without jobs? Our trash collector’s crew is superior! We greatly appreciate them.
- Salina is a clean city! You do a great job!
- Are there not larger carts than 95 gallons? If you did have once cart for waste and yard waste and one cart for recycling, the need for separate yard waste is not needed as long as everyone does what is supposed to be done. The yard waste and household waste will compost together. Just do not see where an additional 5 gallon increase in size will cover the requirement of most homeowners grass, limbs, etc.

- I request that I keep a yard waste cart and waste cart. I will not recycle so that is a nonstarter for me.

- I would not be very supportive off not allowing materials outside the cart. While our household does not have a great deal of material, or a huge number of times when the carts do not hold everything, having a special pick up for a fee does not hold a great deal of approval for a few extra boxes or bags a few times per year.

- If the city has been dumping yard waste with refuse, why is it a big deal that refuse is in the yard cart? City has lost a lot of business due to their over patrolling of the yard and refuse carts. Whether it's the workers not wanting to do as much work or a way out of it. Or if it's just some ridiculous thought up idea. If city is composting, it makes sense. Also, stick size should not matter in either cart. Hays takes it all and rarely has issues. People are paying for a service, not meeting their needs is a problem. Like paying for recycling, many places you pay for your trash. Free recycle, and pay if you exceed a trash limit. (i.e. 1 bag then extra bags cost $2/ bag.)

- It would have been helpful to have a description of what "subscription recycling" includes and also what "single stream" recycling means. Also, thought I do not have an alley, I'm not keen on stopping alley pick up.

- Ridiculous, out laddish survey. By answering some of your questions, you believe you receive an imprimatur to pack up rates and force the fully automatic service down our throats.

- Don't like any of the options. Should not be extra charge for recycling. Yard waste usually fills my yard waste cart, so I'm worried about combining yard waste and refuse in one cart.

- Who would get the composting for city-wide yard waste composting? If it goes to fully automated, will the people whose job gives to automation be assigned to a different department? Jobs need to be replaced!

- I do not know what single stream recycling means. So I assumed it would be a cart that all recycling would be put into.

- Question #2, on Sunday night we usually have to find trash to put in our empty cart as we already take our own recyclables to Images recycling. We are a 2-person household. #9 look at Abilene, Kansas, free and the compost is free. Citizens take yard waste to recycling center. Note: Those people selling their homes should be required to take hazardous waste building all non-current paint cans. Tenants and those moving often throw cleaning products, yard chemicals and paint, etc. into trash cans. Small red containers for a once a month collection of paints and caustic materials. For each section of the city pick up, the "Once a month" pick up would be the last Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, etc. of the month during the customers cycle. Most people are moving at end of month and are disposing of household chemicals that they don't want to pack. I've talked to plenty of homeowners who don't know there is a place to take these items. A special red 1/2 sheet of paper with the hazardous waste collection should be included with every billing cycle.

- One trash cart and one yard waste cart only.

- We have no yard waste. Sometimes have outside of cart plastic bags after cleaning spring and fall and other times. May be could put extra disposables in second cart for no extra charge. We do not recycle.

- Leave it the way it is.
- Am very satisfied with present trash collection.
- Why not have land fill open on Sunday 9 AM to 2 PM? McPherson trip is 80 to 90 miles total not 40. Bring cardboard to Salina Iron and metal and other plastic and glass to Image on 4th street.
- Senior citizens on a fixed income can't afford any rate changes. Will have to go back to bum barrel if price goes up to much. Help the senior citizens with their cost. They don't have as much refuse as a family of 3 or more.
- I do not vote for something to make people lose their job. You want us to pay more. We are delivering on a sale in carrying it away service paying our bill. Think of the guy that have let go. I won't have money to pay city taxes. Barging failed, its family. I vote no. Shame on people.
- I do not support this change.
- I currently put out my green dumpster every 3rd week to be emptied and it is never full.
- I would not use the yard waste cart. However it should be separated and not put in the land fill. Therefore I support the higher fee even if I would not likely use the yard waste cart.
- I would enjoy the yard waste to go with the regular refuse cart. No composting necessary. I believe that recycling should be optional. I requested a recycling cart when I turned on my service, but I was mistaken. I need to return that for the yard waste cart. My family is not currently recycling, but we do work in the yard quite frequently. If someone could please assist me in this, I would greatly appreciate it. Thank you. Good luck.
- I am a senior citizen and don't have much refuse and sometimes only put my cart out every 2 weeks. So I don't favor any of the questions.
- During the leaf drop season, I like putting leaves in plastic bags and having them picked up on refuse collection day. 2. If plastic bags were not an option for leaves, I would need several yard carts, but only for a month or so each yea, not all year. 3. I like to bundle limbs and branches in small, short (3’ long +) bundles and have them picked up on refuse collection day.
- Don't use recycling services so would not want to pay a fee for this?
- We typically only have 1 or 2 bags of trash per week because we sort out recycling and take it ourselves to the local center. A system which has curb side recycling and compost along with traditional pick up would be great. Our situation workers do a great job and I don't want a new system to cause job loss.
- My only problem with the current collection situation is that the recycling carts are too small, and they should be able to take all cardboard.
- I have been paying for recycling since it was first offered. I think people who do not recycle should be paying more!!!

- I am against the automated trucks. I do not want a pair of mechanical hands picking up my trash in my front yard. I do not want workers to lose their jobs or my taxes to increase to pay for the monstrous thing.

- The idea of putting 9 people out of work for an automated system is not worth it. Will these 9 people be laid off? If you are transferring the 9, how is it that saving the city money? I currently have one refuse, one yard cart, and one cart I own. So I assume the cart I own will be obsolete if you switch to full automation?

- Question #5 is yes and no. At certain times of year (fall) we have more bags because of leaves!

- Recycling should not be optional. Free yard waste, free recycling, and higher fee for refuge.

- Trash cart, Recycle cart, seasonal yard compost cart

- Option 4 really seems to be the best deal for me personally, for the city because it would be fully automated and for the earth and environment since it includes composting collection. The landfill should be reserved for actual trash ad waste products.

- We have 2 trash carts plus a clipping cart. The clipping cart doesn't even hold enough for one lawn mowing. We try to make mulch as we can! I believe the yard cart should hold more! We should be able to put some limbs in it.

- A bigger recycling cart would be fantastic. The ones now are very small for our family.

- I appreciate the trash haulers picking up small furniture pieces, broken chains, carpets, lumber, limbs, etc. that I place by the trash can. I do not want to sort plastic! I have no way to haul items to land field. Special pick up service takes a long time for a pick up.

- Normally, you get paid to recycle. Now, and in the past, recycling cost me to do it with the city. Does the city not get paid for recyclable material? And if they do, is it not enough to cover the cost of doing it? If it is not, why offer recycling?

- One of the nice things about the city's current system is that additional materials outside the cart is allowed. This is a huge blessing and help to so many families.

- Where is the offer for additional material to be picked up from outside the cart? I like this feature of our current trash service.

- Sometimes I don't put my cart out weekly, because not much trash is in it. The only time I use 2 carts is when it is time to rake the leaves.

- We feel that recycling is an important civic duty and a great way to teach youth to care for our earth. That being said, we take care of our recycling to get it to Images on our own. It is hands on and more work, yes and for many, they may pay you to do it. But we also see many not do it because they have to pay currently. If you are saving jobs and money from on the job injuries, you should promote recycling more freely to the public. Give us a half price, half size waste cart, and we will gladly pay extra for a recycle bin. But our trash bin is 1 bag per week from a family of 5 due to our recycling

efforts. Reward that. Encourage waste disposal like that. Then we will consider recycle bins from you. If the city goes to fully automated trash pick-up, we will look to change our refuse company.

- I'm 85 years old. I put my cart in front of the garage and they pick up 2 bags of it each week. I and my neighbors put our recycling together. Man that trims bushes takes the cutting with him. This has too many questions I can't answer. I don't compost or do any gardening. Only water a few flowers. Sorry I can’t help you.

- I don't have any issues with the automated system

- You might take some of the other city employees who stand around (5) and (1) working. They certainly don't earn their wages or their benefit package. If you want an easy-job- apply for a city position. The street department is a prime example of lazy employees. Salina talks a big bright story which is a big lie. Your "River fest" stinks. We have several schools with outside facilities so why is there a need for more ball parks? Use your wonderful soccer field! It is hardly used! Do you still provide uniforms for employees? You see 10 or more with their t-shirts and again one is working while the other 9 stand around doing nothing! In the private sector you work for your wages and benefits!

- I would support the recycle program fully, but recycle everything. Cans, steel, rice board as well as card board boxes. All paper products, but not involved, paper towel, or Kleenex or toilet paper. Cans/ Glass bottles. This was done in Harvey County Ks.

- We are 75 current cart is good. My cart normally is not full.

- I believe everyone should be charged for recycling- whether they do so or not.

- Optional recycling should be an absolute must!

- Yard cart I can't use very often. During tree clippings I would use cart more.

- Automated trucks sound nice, but how are you going pick on the street? My street is packed with cars. There isn’t room for trash carts up there. Our trash is currently picked up in the alley. Thank you! P.S., you guys and gals do a great job!

- Recycling should not be optional. It is time our whole state does something in cleaning up KS cuz it's a dump. Why not also hire people to clean up trash for the city? Creates jobs and cleans up Salina. That is something worth paying for.

- Some properties in Salina do not have a drive way. When vehicles are parked at the curb, a fully automated truck would have a problem accessing the trash cart. A fully automated truck may work in some areas. 1. Will a driver ever have to get out of the truck? 2. Will people lose the right to park on the street at any time? 3. Will automated truck block traffic if a driver has to get out? 4. Workers easily pick a piece of spilled trash. Can we consider paying the kids that jog along with the truck and dump carts $18.00 an hour?

- Rarely there are items that just don't fit in the cart. Elimination. The pickup of small amounts picked up without extra chance or pick up would be a extra burden.

- It would be nice to have a place to take recycling items.

- Would like to see more recycling efforts in Salina. More allowable recyclables in effort to create more recycling and less in the landfill! Yard waste should always be composted. Bagged yard waste creates more trash.

- I currently have 2 tall carts (one the city provides and one that I purchased) and 3 recycle bins/tubs. As the only resident, I fill both tall carts every week. No grass clippings (mulching lawn mower/ tractor). They are filled with weeds, clipped tree/ bush limbs, walnuts, dead plants, trash from the house, boxes from cat litter and dog/ cat food, and occasional shipping boxes (flattened). The number of recycling bins used varies. One of the new carts won't hold what I'm discarding now. Limited income- these people have to keep expenses as low as possible. Size of the carts- the carts are larger, probably made of heavier plastic; when loaded are heavier yet. This is a problem for the disabled and elderly. To pay to have someone come up and get cart is an added expense to an already limited income. Some customers have purchased a cart (Sale Cart). Are the carts going to be replaced with one of the automated carts? These sale Carts are not inexpensive- the customers should be compensated some way (i.e. the city buy the carts back; replace with a new cart used in the automated system). Tress- "Owners are responsible for trimming any tree branches lower than 8 feet over sidewalks and 12 feet over alleys and streets." (http://www.salina-ks.gov/content/18394/18522/21206/22826/20358/default.aspx Many home owners have not followed this city code. It is going to be expensive ($200-$400) per tree. Some homes have 2 tress in the parking plus a huge tree in the front yard that extends into the street. Alley pick-ups will be a problem as not only tress extend into the alley, but there are utility lines to avoid. Is 12 feet high enough? Many people pack the carts that Salina currently provides past "full" limit. The workers are kind and empty them anyway. This is going to be more of a problem with the automated system as trash will blow into neighbors' yards. Cul-de-sacs-- many are not large enough for a truck to turn around in. A few cul-de-sacs have narrow streets leading to them. A problem for the driver of the truck is that he has to back down a street (sometimes a narrow on with cars parked in the side) to get into the cul-de-sac. Suggestion: If going to automated system, keep a few semi-automated trucks for the difficult pick-ups such as cul-de-sacs. The driver of the truck will still need to back down those tricky streets (he should have 1 or 2 people to guide him), but he does not have to position the truck to pick up the carts. Have you considered- contracting a refuse company?

- Question 10 is too confusing. I know-I know-you worked hard to make this easy to follow but this is the 2nd survey I've filled out. IDENTICAL. So forgive me for no patience. I live alone, pay too much and services as it is, but am happy with one trash bin, one yard waste- 2 recycling bins and butting the odd item next to trash bins.

- My household is only myself with very little trash each week and no extra so I'm probably not typical. I AM FOR composting and recycling to Images for me. I DON'T feel EVERY household should carry an extra fee for those who recycle. I hate to see 9 people lose their jobs especially when I see how hard they work and the fact that they literally run all day long and have to pick up huge piles of gutted homes. But automation makes sense. I feel when people put all that extra refuse outside of their bin they should be charged quite a large fee. Especially when it's enough to fill a dumpster.

- Does fully automated mean twice the mileage for both sides of the street? If so the life of equipment is halved and the operating fuel cost and maintenance nearly doubles. Semi-automated might be more practical. If not what is the impact with oncoming traffic?

- Parking in Salina prohibits the use of fully automated trucks in the majority of the city. We are also heavy in rental properties. Which begs the need for a special pick up option.

- I'm increasingly concerned about loss of jobs to automation - especially living-wage jobs providing tax support. Current size of trash cart is adequate WITH our yard waste cart, which we regularly fill (except in winter). Composting yard waste is important and is the right thing to do. Recycling is VERY important, but we only really need it every-other-week for 2 people. I've NEVER understood why we pay MORE to recycle and keep materials from filling up our landfill quicker. We NEED to refuse materials for the environment! Makes MORE sense to CHANGE PEOPLE WHO DON'T RECYCLE more. Would you still have the free city leaf vacuum? We use and like this.

- I will not take part in forced recycle. I don't use cart for lawn clippings because I put them in plastic bags. City will not let me put those bags in trash carts. If I put raw grass clippings in carts the odor is terrible. I really don't think Salina needs to go to an automated system. Initial startup cost would be tremendous. We pay enough taxes and bonds in Salina. I personally think our commission likes to spend everyone else’s money with no consideration of community needs.

- City-wide recycling is a must.

- Automation is a good thing...to a degree. This new technology is taking away jobs when we should be concentrating on providing jobs.

- If recycling were included and the fee was hidden (making everyone have a recycling bin) I believe the results would be increased households recycling. Automated trucks would be great!

- Recycling should be done in Salina, not single stream. It should REDUCE fees to participate, not increase them. Those who DON"T recycle should pay more because they increase use of landfill and shorten its life. Yard waste should be composted on-site, but if not, should be collected and composted by the city, again, cost-neutrally, if not with a cost reduction for those who participate (see landfill and carbon/soil issues). Automated refuse pickup = desirable IF it reduces injury to workers. City services are not bad things and taxes to provide them are not anathema. Nor are long-range planning that combines environmental, jobs, non-perverse incentives, reductions in transport, etc., considerations costs are not the only, nor the most important factors to weigh here or in any decision.

- -Don't understand why additional fees should be added when recycling is done to help our planet. Renting bins is non-sense when people can take themselves. -If trash bins are going to be longer and a little wider believe that yard waste would fit a bit better. As well as trash bags.

- I currently recycle everything I can at Images Recycling Center for FREE. Paper, junk mail, product labels, food boxes, etc. Newspapers, glass, steel cans, aluminum cans/foil, cardboard, plastic, plastic bags, lids, etc. Would you also be able to recycle ALL these things? I'm not sure I want to pay a fee for only partial recycling. I also have very little yard/compost waste.

- Sorry I'm late! I've been recycling #6 (but not Styrofoam) - I didn't know it is no longer accepted. We've had the bin since it started (in '04?). I think everyone should recycle! I don’t know much about composting. I'm sure it's beneficial, but I think recycling is more important.

- -For the limited space we have in our home, recycling doesn’t seem like an option right now-no recycling cart would be needed. -We own our second cart, I still feel that should be an option to customers, (to buy the second refuse cart if needed) rather than require a monthly fee to have it. -WE need a yard waste cart and currently use 2 refuse carts. Nothing more would be needed. -However-if I had more space, I would definitely be recycling and wouldn't mind paying a small monthly fee to have the city pick it up. I also think that recycling should be mandatory, but not make us also pay a fee.

- Most weeks out of the year two carts will handle trash and grass. During spring and fall cool grass mowing requires 3 carts total. What is needed is a self-dump tree limb and grass disposal site on the east side of town. This would eliminate my need for a third cart. Recycling should be subscription plus monthly drop off of cardboard-plastic-paper-aluminum to a central facility. Could be by-weekly.

- -How does the City propose to fund the equipment for automation? Will the fees cover it? -How many current employees will be without jobs? -If the City does composting will they be in competition with KANZA ORGANICS? I would not support City composting if that was the case. -Would there still be curb side leaf pick-up in the fall? -We currently take/recycle paper/cardboard/plastic at IMAGES RECYCLING. Would City recycle compete with them?

- What benefit does recycling have for me? You charge me to recycle and you get paid for the recycled items, so you get double pay for recycled items. Now if recycling was free, I would be more than happy to participate in recycling so Salina can earn extra money. Those on fixed income, like me, $5.00 is a lot of money. I have cut back on everything I can-no TV, very rarely go out to eat, cheap cell phone, limited travel, so increasing my bill by even $4.00is not beneficial for me and I'm sure there are many more like me. Automation is good. I would phase it in with 1 to 2 trucks a year so you can work out problems as they arise and not everyone loses their job at once and you aren't trying to phase them into other jobs at once.

- It makes absolutely NO SENSE to me to charge people additi0onal for recycling if you are trying to ENCOURAGE IT! To get increased participation, you need to charge a higher monthly regu7lar fee (say $5) and then gives a CREDIT ($4.20) to those who DO ACTUALLY RECYCLE. That way you are guaranteed the needed revenue to have the program and those who DO NOT participate are paying the bulk of the cost of the program.

- Please consider those alley pickup that are disabled and unable to take cart to street. Raise wages for workers and have driver and runners rotate.

- Don't change anything. Leave it the way it is.

- I am unable to take cart to curb-currently the guys get my cart-which I appreciate.

- Question #10; I use the service on 4th street to recycle; newspaper, glass, plastic, and tin can. I thank them each time that I can because their service because the landfill is ever increasing. The "population" should be aware and try to keep this earth for future generations. I do not mind sorting my recycling in the current location, because this is my way of helping "mother Earth."

- I am against fully automated pick up. More jobs are good.

- Please do not go fully automated and lay people off. 2. I do not wish to pay any extra unless im getting more for it. Hint 3 carts no stipulations. At lease no stipulations on yard cart as long as it fits in cart, regardless of width of or thickness of branch disposed of.

- Keep the current system. It works fine. Do not need any changes.

- Sorry it's late! I go through mail monthly!!

- Prefer learning as is. It would be a negative to put all sticks and grass in container.

- What? How is this better Salina, when you are putting people out of work and high bills?

- I usually only put trash at once, maybe twice a month. I recycle everything I can, and take it to "Images Recycling," again maybe once or twice monthly. Certain times of the year, because of trimming bushes and trees, I may need to put out containers more often. I don't have a way to take things to the landfill. So I appreciated the ability to bundle stuff when I can. Yard waste, I use it to take boxes back to my garden and I have a lot. Only use this cart for trimming very small plants when it is there time to go dormant. I hate to see the job loss. I lost my job of over 20 years because of mechanization. So guess I'm extra sensitive. Seems to me there has got to be a way to retain jobs, work safety, and improve the system. I wish I had some good suggestions/ solutions. The first thing is to get people to care about the environment- our home, to eliminate the indifference to the earth. Thanks for your time.