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NOT PAYING FOR A SERVICE WE DON'T USE

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Public Comment

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Fees

There are no fees

Payments

There are no payments

Application Form Data

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Common Council

Meeting Date (optional)

09/14/2026

Agenda Item (optional)

FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WASTE PICK UP

Comment Subject

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Public Comment –

My husband and I strongly oppose the mandatory trash-collection requirement outlined in this franchise agreement. The language in Section 1.i is unacceptable. It states that no property owner shall be permitted to refuse service and that failure to receive such service shall not exempt the property owner from payment. In plain terms: the City is attempting to force residents to pay for a service even when they do not use it.

We haul all of our household waste and recyclables directly to the Blaine County Transfer Station. We do not place carts on the street. We do not use curbside pickup. We do not rely on the franchisee for any part of our waste disposal. Yet under this proposal, we would be compelled to pay for a service we neither need nor receive.

This is not “solid waste management.” This is a mandatory fee for an unused service, and it functions as a forced tax on residents who responsibly self-haul. It punishes people who already take personal responsibility for their waste and places an unnecessary financial burden on households that choose not to use curbside collection.

The City should not be in the business of eliminating resident choice. The City should not be prohibiting alternative legal methods of waste disposal. And the City should absolutely not be charging people for services they do not use.

We demand that the Council amend this agreement to include a clear opt-out provision for residents who self-haul, or establish a reduced-rate structure that reflects actual usage. Mandatory payment for unused services is inequitable, unreasonable, and out of step with how many Bellevue residents already manage their waste.

We urge the Council to reject this portion of the agreement and adopt a policy that respects resident autonomy and does not impose unnecessary financial obligations on households like ours.

Signature

I agree that the facts stated in this submission are true, and upon changes I will provide notification as needed.

Electronically Signed

JODI ANN WALBAUM - 09/14/2026 11:31 am