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**KENNER COUNCIL APPROVES AGREEMENT WITH WASTE PRO OF LOUISIANA FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICES
IN RESPONSE TO IV WASTE DECISION TO TERMINATE SERVICES**

Kenner, LA- At the Kenner City Council Meeting of February 8, 2024, an ordinance was passed by a vote of 7-0 approving an agreement with Waste Pro of Louisiana, Inc. for garbage collection and transportation services for the City of Kenner. The supplemental services including recycling and drop site management services will continue to be provided by Ramelli Janitorial, Inc.

The need for a new garbage collection and transportation services contract came after a certified letter was delivered to Kenner Mayor Mike Glaser on November 27, 2023 from Sidney Torres and IV Waste informing him that they would terminate their contract and service effective March 1, 2024.

Jesse Murphy, a lifelong Kenner resident and Regional Vice-President of Waste Pro, approached the City with a proposal for a ten (10) year agreement at a rate of \$18.00 per service unit. With little time to secure services to avoid garbage being left on the street in front of homes and businesses, Kenner officials began looking at the garbage contracts in neighboring parishes and municipalities and quickly learned that the proposed rate of \$18.00 per service unit is well below the market rate. In addition, the long-term savings that would result from locking in that rate for a ten (10) year period far outweighs the short-term increase in fees.

Waste Pro of Louisiana is a privately owned entity founded in 2001 with a ten (10) state footprint, over sixty-five (65) hauling locations, twenty (20) landfills, and three (3) MRFS. Its regional office is located in the City of Kenner at 920 Kenner Avenue.

"The City of Kenner has had a contract with Waste Pro of Louisiana since 2020 for waste tire processing and the performance has been flawless. In addition, Waste Pro has a number of contracts with nearby municipalities and parishes in the State of Louisiana. I have spoken with administrators in many of these government entities, and all have spoken highly of the level of service that Waste Pro provides with no complaints. I look forward to the excellent garbage collection services coming to the City of Kenner and am confident that our residents and business owners will not be disappointed," said Mayor Mike Glaser.

Waste Pro has indicated that they will begin cart delivery next week. Each cart will be tagged with a service notice containing instructions about cart placement and contact information for any questions. Waste Pro will also mail instructions to the residents and business owners in Kenner prior to the start of services on March 1, 2024.

For more information on the transition to new services and for a list of frequently asked questions, please visit the City of Kenner website at www.kenner.la.us/garbagefaqs. To contact Waste Pro directly with service questions, you can reach the office at 504-392-4619 or send an email to wp4kenner@wasteprousa.com.

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