

*City of Alexandria, Virginia*

**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: APRIL 21, 2004  
TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER  
SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO # 79 REPLACEMENT OF STREET TRASH CANS

This memo is in response to Mayor Euille's question of how many more street trash cans need to be replaced and at what cost.

The City currently has a total of 615 street trash cans. Of that amount, 523 are the two-tone brown cans that were purchased in the late 1960's through the mid-1970's. The other 92 are the new black cans. Of the 523 cans to be replaced, 31 are located on King Street.

The FY 2005 Proposed Budget includes \$10,000 for replacement street trash cans. At the present cost of \$824 per can, T&ES can replace 12 cans per year. Additional street can replacement funding was not requested in the FY 2005 budget due to higher priority needs in T&ES, such as increased funding for transportation studies, snow removal, bus shelter maintenance, Waste-to-Energy plant tip fee charges, and the new Solid Waste Planner position.

At the current level of funding and cost, T&ES can replace all 31 King Street cans in approximately 2½ years (assuming no increase in the purchase price per can or additional private funding for street can replacement). Replacing all 523 cans City-wide would cost \$430,952. The following table shows options for faster replacement of these old cans.

Funding Per Year	# of Years to Replace 31 Old King Street Cans	# of Yrs to Replace 523 Old Cans City-wide
Current budget: \$10,000	2.5	43.5
\$25,544	1.0	17.0
\$86,190	0.3	5.0
\$143,650	0.2	3.0