

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 3, 2006

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER *JKH*

SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO # 59: CLEANING IN COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS

This memorandum is in response to Councilman Krupicka's questions regarding the frequency of retail and neighborhood street cleaning. In some areas, our litter removal and street sweeping programs address strictly residential areas, but in other areas, our program includes a mix of residential and commercial streets.

Litter Collection

- Litter is collected once a week in the Lynhaven and Hume Springs area of the City. This is strictly a residential neighborhood.
- Litter is collected once a week in Old Town, with the exception of the King Street area. This is a mix of commercial and residential.
- Litter is collected daily in the King Street area. This includes some residential, but the area largely encompasses the higher pedestrian commercial establishment areas that draw shoppers, diners and visitors to Old Town.

Litter collection is performed in other high traffic areas of the City such as Beauregard Street, Van Dorn Street, Braddock Road and Duke Street, every two weeks or as needed.

Street Sweeping

- Streets are swept once a week in Lynhaven and Hume Springs.
- Streets are swept once a week in Old Town.¹

¹ The frequency of the Old Town street sweeping program is one of the Nine Minimum Controls that the City has implemented as part of its Combined Sewer Overflow Long Term Control Plan.

- King Street and the immediately adjacent blocks to the north and south are swept daily, Tuesday through Friday.

All other residential streets in the City are on a two to three month street sweeping schedule, although this frequency is not always met due to crews being redeployed to activities such as powerwashing sidewalks and ornamental trash cans, assisting the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities in cleaning the waterfront, sandbag deployment, etc. T&ES staff is in the process of refining and improving this schedule, as more of its older equipment is being replaced.

In FY 2005, T&ES spent \$807,000 on litter collection and street sweeping activities.