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## Council approves trash, recycling collection contract

PROSPER (November 2, 2016) Following a unanimous vote at this week's Town Council meeting, residents can count on at least a two-year moratorium on any increases on trash and recycling collection fees and charges.

Council authorized Town Manager Harlan Jefferson to enter into an exclusive franchise contract with Progressive Waste Solutions for a two-year period starting on Feb. 1, 2017. The contract includes an additional four two-year renewal periods as options.

The current contract, which went into effect on Feb. 1, 2012, expires next year, and in anticipation of the contract's expiration, Council instructed staff to undergo the process of requesting proposals and identifying the most advantageous contract available for the service.

Following a review of proposals from several qualified providers, staff entered into negotiations with Progressive Waste Solutions, as it presented the most favorable offer. The results of the contract discussions included, among other provisions, maintaining the same cost to residents, and shortening the length of the service contract.

Soon to change its name to Waste Connections, the company has agreed to the collection, hauling, recycling and disposal of municipal solid waste, construction and demolition waste, and recyclable materials.

Included in the new contract is a change in the day for the collection of bulky trash items. The current contract calls for this special collection on the first and last Saturdays of each month, depending on whether the resident lives east or west of Preston Road.

The new day for bulk trash will be the first and last Mondays of each month. This change will not begin until Feb. 1, 2017. Until then, there are no changes to the schedule. As a reminder, bulk trash pickup requires the resident to call Progressive and place their address on the appropriate pickup schedule.

In addition, the new contract provides for the delivery of larger recycling carts for new customers. The current contract provides a 95-gallon cart for trash and a 65-gallon cart for recycling. After Feb. 1, new customers will receive two 95-gallon carts, one marked for trash and one marked for recycling.

Current customers will keep the 65-gallon cart for recycling until it needs replacing, at which time they will receive a larger cart.

The springtime Clean & Green community collection event, which has become extremely well-attended, will continue in the downtown area as part of the new contract.

There are several other performance measures that the company has agreed to meet. The Town's Utility Billing Department reports a minimal number of complaints and issues related to the execution of the current contract, adding to the current provider's positive appeal.

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**ABOUT THE TOWN OF PROSPER** – The Town of Prosper is a fast-growing suburb with small town charm, located 30 miles north of Dallas at the crossroads of U.S. 380, Preston Road and the Dallas North Tollway in Collin and Denton Counties. Prosper sits on 27 square miles and is home to more than 17,800 people. A home-rule municipality, governed by a council-manager form of government, the town has full-time fire and police departments, including its own dispatch service. As the Town grows to its projected build-out population of 70,000 residents, Prosper's vision is to remain a "Place Where Everyone Matters."