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It is a conscious decision to decrease reliance on property tax revenue with the implementation of the garbage fee, and to shift the burden back to residential properties to pay for the service it consumes. The information concerning the fee, the containers, and the implementation of the program will be detailed in several publications to be sent over the next several months. Updated information, when available, can be found on the City's website, www.bettendorf.org.

We believe the program will begin in September or as soon as the trucks and carts are delivered. We appreciate the input received from residents provided during the five public meetings held earlier this year. Resident's comments and suggestions assisted in the development of the program and the cost of the program.

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