



# CITY OF CONCORD

## REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** John A. Chisholm, Fire Chief, on behalf of the Public Safety Board

**DATE:** November 11, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to have City Staff Investigate Means of Trash Removal from Homeless Encampments

### **Recommendation**

Accept this report recommending that City staff explore potential alternatives for best practices for waste collection within Concord's unhoused community.

### **Background**

At its September 19, 2024 meeting, the Public Safety Board discussed the idea, at length, about the City of Concord extending additional waste removal efforts into encampments of the unhoused community. Various ideas were discussed such as making porta potties and dumpsters available, as well as contracting with 3<sup>rd</sup> party agencies for waste collection.

### **Discussion**

The ensuing discussion recognized that the City of Concord is not the only municipality with this idea and concerns surrounding issues of trash removal within encampments. It was discussed that the General Services Division may be able to reach out to other communities to determine what is being done for proactive trash pickup efforts. A motion made by Councilor Fennessy, and seconded by Jessica Eskeland, passed unanimously to recommend that City Council have City staff explore potential alternatives for best practices for waste collection among the unhoused population within the City.

cc: Public Safety Board