

# ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY COMMISSION

City of Columbia & County of Boone  
City Hall, Conference Room 1A

April 28, 2015

Mayor McDavid and Council Members,

The Environment and Energy Commission recommends the adoption of roll carts and automated trucks for trash pickup. Roll carts have been demonstrated to increase the rate of recycling through a Pay-As-You-Throw system - thus reducing the environmental impact of our consumption. Increased recycling will increase the life of the City's landfill.

A modern, automated collection system would reduce our current high worker's compensation claims associated with the job of trash pickup. In other cities where roll carts were adopted, workers compensation claims have drastically reduced. This new system would also decrease high employee turnover in this department.

We also recommend an increase in recycling education – especially in our schools, universities, and businesses. This would more effectively benefit the environment and the citizens of Columbia.

We recommend that the City adopt the proposed Pay-As-You-Throw system of roll carts with automated trucks.

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lawrence Lile', written over a horizontal line.

Lawrence Lile, PE  
Chair  
Environment and Energy Commission