

## 5.7 Solid Waste Management

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Assessment Process	
<b>A.</b>	The assessment of needs, wants, and resources is achieved by surveys, town meetings, brain storming, focus group studies, and mayoral-appointed advisory committees.
<b>B.</b>	Experts and consultants are employed when needed.
<b>C.</b>	The City of Lamar has adopted a comprehensive plan and developed strategies to accomplish short and long-range goals.

Program Standards	
<b>A.</b>	<b>Organization:</b> The City of Lamar has the responsibility for the development, administration, and operation of solid waste management.
<b>B.</b>	<b>Mission Statement:</b> The mission statement for the Solid Waste Management Program is to provide services to remove solid waste from residences, businesses, and industries within the community.
<b>C.</b>	<b>Affiliations:</b> The city is a member of the Region M Solid Waste Management District. The city administrator serves on the executive board. The city is a member of the Midwest recycling cooperative with the new recycling center for the area.
<b>D.</b>	<b>Approved Plan:</b> At the inception of Region M, the city participated in plan preparation by holding meetings to address the various aspects of solid waste management. Local citizens from the general public, businesses, and industries served on the committees. The plan was submitted to, and approved by, the Missouri Department Natural Resources. The plan addresses waste reduction, education, recycling composting, storage, collection, transportation, and disposal of solid waste.
<b>E.</b>	<b>Implementation:</b> A local ordinance was passed approving the elements of the Solid Waste Management Plan for implementation. The city provides a solid waste collection services utility. The city signed an agreement with a leading company to provide for disposal of solid waste.
<b>F.</b>	<p><b>Ordinances for Community Appearance:</b> Per the MoCAP standards, the city provides for means of review, evaluation, and updating of ordinances in all of these areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The city provides crews to clean up trash and litter. This is done by inspection and reporting of local citizens.</li> <li>2. The city follows the guidelines set forth in the Solid Waste Management Plan.</li> <li>3. The city ordinances and zoning regulations provide a means of enforcing junkyard controls.</li> <li>4. The city provides receptacles in the business district and in the city park. The receptacles are emptied by the city sanitation department.</li> <li>5. The city owns a street sweeping vehicle to provide sweeping twice weekly.</li> <li>6. The city ordinances provide means of enforcing removal of old appliances and junk cars.</li> <li>7. The city has an ordinance to enforce cutting of weeds and grass reaching a certain height.</li> <li>8. Access routes are kept clean by civic clubs whose members act as volunteers.</li> <li>9. The city ordinances provide that citations be issued and violators appear in city court.</li> <li>10. The city administrator, a building inspector, and police department review plans and check for any implementation inconsistencies.</li> <li>11. The Solid Waste Management Plan has been reviewed and changes have been submitted to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The plan specifies a five-year renewal and revision.</li> <li>12. Open burning is only allowed under certain conditions.</li> <li>13. Universal residential trash pickup is mandatory. If services are delinquent, utilities are disconnected.</li> <li>14. The city provides trash pickup twice weekly.</li> <li>15. City crews clean up areas along the water-courses.</li> </ol>

<b>G.</b>	<p><b>Resource Recovery/Recycling:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The city provides a tank so that residents can dispose of their used oil free of charge.</li> <li>2. The city provides a composting area for leaves, grass, and brush free of charge. Citizens may also use the free compost for gardens and flower-beds.</li> <li>3. The city provides free pickup of junk during a spring cleanup campaign and free pick-up of leaves, limbs, and brush in the fall.</li> <li>4. The city is participating in the construction of a recycling center with the owner at the local landfill.</li> </ol>
<b>H.</b>	<p><b>Hazards:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The city conducts a week-long campaign for citizens to dispose of tires with free pick up.</li> <li>2. Hazardous-waste generators have been identified for both the fire department and for the waste water pretreatment program. These are operated in compliance with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the Environmental Protection Agency.</li> </ol>
<b>I.</b>	<p><b>Disaster Readiness:</b> The city and the county cooperate on an emergency operations plan. Process handling and reporting procedures are incorporated in this plan. The plan also provides for contact procedures with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.</p>

### Program Evaluation

The success of Solid Waste Management endeavors for Lamar are addressed through:

- Benchmarks established through the state and regional resources
- Mayoral-appointed advisory committees with regular reports to city administration and leadership
- Annual Surveys of the local community regarding utility service