



Kevin Jackson
Village Manager
Village of Oak Park
123 Madison Street
Oak Park, IL 60302

Dear Manager Jackson,

LRS appreciates the opportunity to serve the residents of the Village of Oak Park and values the strong partnership we have developed with Village leadership and staff over the course of the current agreement.

As the existing agreement approaches its expiration on March 31, 2027, LRS respectfully requests consideration of an extension of the current agreement. This extension would provide service continuity for Oak Park residents while allowing the Village and LRS to continue discussions regarding the long-term structure of the program and potential operational improvements that benefit the community.

LRS remains committed to providing Oak Park with industry-leading service, environmental innovation, and responsive resident support. We are proud that Oak Park is currently served by the only municipal waste collection program in the Chicago market utilizing an electric collection vehicle, which provides weekly service within the Village. This investment reflects LRS's commitment to reducing emissions and supporting Oak Park's sustainability goals.

In addition, LRS operates one of the largest networks of recycling processing facilities in the Chicago region, allowing materials collected in Oak Park to be processed at facilities with strong recovery rates. This infrastructure helps maximize recycling recovery while minimizing the amount of material ultimately sent to landfills.

To further improve responsiveness to residents, LRS will also assign a local team member dedicated to supporting the Village's new Resident Request service portal. This individual will work directly with Village staff to help ensure that resident service requests are addressed promptly and efficiently.

LRS also recognizes that many of the carts currently in service throughout Oak Park are part of a legacy cart fleet that has been in place for many years. As part of this extension proposal, LRS is prepared to assist with the repair and replacement of damaged or broken carts, working proactively with Village staff to identify and address issues so that residents continue to receive reliable service.

As part of the proposed extension, LRS is requesting the ability to transport municipal solid waste collected in Oak Park to the LRS Maywood Transfer Facility, while continuing to deliver equivalent ("like") tonnage to Regional Disposal Project (RDP) facilities in accordance with the Village's



participation requirements. This operational adjustment would allow LRS to improve transportation efficiency while maintaining full compliance with the Village's existing disposal commitments. In addition, the improved routing is estimated to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by approximately **64 tons of carbon dioxide**, supporting the Village's sustainability and environmental goals.

If this operational flexibility can be implemented, LRS is prepared to maintain the current service rates for the first twelve (12) months of the agreement, with annual adjustments in the remaining years tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and subject to a minimum increase of 3%. If the operational adjustment cannot be implemented, LRS respectfully proposes a 4% increase to the current service rates for the first twelve (12) months of the agreement, with annual adjustments in the remaining term tied to the CPI and subject to a minimum increase of 3.5%.

This proposal also includes several modest program enhancements designed to support Oak Park residents, including:

- Introduction of up to 100 additional 32-gallon waste and compost carts within the program
- Yard Waste Sticker: \$.06 increase
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- Extending the curbside bagged leaf program by two weeks at no additional cost
- Collection of stickered yard waste bags will occur throughout the winter schedule, using green stickers

While this proposal requests consideration of an extension of the current agreement, LRS also looks forward to continued dialogue with the Village regarding the potential for a longer-term renewal. A longer-term agreement can provide greater service stability for residents, support long-term planning, and allow LRS to continue investing in service enhancements, operational efficiencies, and environmental initiatives that benefit the Oak Park program.

LRS values the opportunity to serve Oak Park and remains committed to providing reliable, safe, and environmentally responsible waste and recycling services for the community. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this proposal with you and Village staff at your convenience.

Thank you for your continued partnership and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jordan Kraber
Municipal Services Manger
LRS