



Equine Sanitation

*Revenue Ordinance Amendment &
Annual Contract Selection*



Background

- 4 registered carriage tour operators
- City employee provided clean-up until 2015
- 2015 MOU with Historic Savannah SDPS
 - Responsiveness
 - Smell
- Section 6-1585 of the Horse-Drawn Carriage Ordinance

“The equine sanitation service provider will conduct cleanup services on downtown streets to keep them manure-free and also to eradicate urine odors. Any company which operates a horse-drawn carriage company in the city shall be assessed a monthly sanitation fee. The sanitation fee is to be assessed by the tourism director. The fee shall be billed to the company on a monthly basis.”



Revenue Ordinance Amendment

- Article T of the Revenue Ordinance caps the equine sanitation fee to \$1,350 per month for the carriage tour operators
- Proposed Amendment:

“Horse-drawn carriage tour companies registered with the City of Savannah shall remit a monthly payment for the cost associated with the City of Savannah equine sanitation contract. The total monthly cost for equine sanitation shall be divided equally among the registered companies. Payment shall be remitted to the City of Savannah no later than the 1st day of the month following the month in which tours were given.”



Annual Contract

- MOU with Historic Savannah SDPS expired in March 2017
 - SDPS agreed to a 4 month contract to provide service through June 30
 - New contract terms:
 - Higher standards of responsiveness
 - Greater scrutiny of chemicals
 - Specific measures to identify, remove, and dispose of waste
 - Received 3 bids on May 8, 2018
 - Image Keepers Building Services received the highest score in the review process (not the lowest bidder or the most qualified)
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Contract Costs

- \$71,476 annually with Image Keepers
 - \$5,956 per month billed to City
 - \$1,489 billed to carriage companies (per month)
 - \$139 over the \$1,350 cap
 - Cost to the City without the Revenue Ordinance Amendment:
 - 2018: \$3,338
 - 2019: \$6,676
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Comparisons

Company	Total Cost per Month	Cost per Company	Cap
Historic Savannah SDPS (current provider)	\$5,000	\$1,250	-\$100
#1 Image Keepers (selected bidder)	\$5,956	\$1,489	\$139
#2 Green Horse (most qualified)	\$16,500	\$4,125	\$2,775
#3 Equine Sanitation & Welfare of Savannah (lowest bidder)	\$5,400	\$1,350	\$0