



To the Mayor and Members of the City Council

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SUBJECT: FY2027 Unimproved Alleyway Mowing Program

The purpose of this budget response is to provide an overview of the recommended changes to the Unimproved Alleyway Mowing Program (U-AMP).

The Park & Recreation Department currently mows and removes debris from 2,300 unimproved alleyways across the City. Prior to FY2026, funding supported mowing a portion of these alleyways (1,235) four times per year, at an annual contracted cost of \$806,000. In FY2026, City Council appropriated an additional \$1,200,000 to expand the program to include all unimproved alleyways and cover associated administrative costs.

To meet budget reduction targets, the recommendation is to reduce the service level from four mowing cycles per year to two cycles per year for all unimproved alleyways citywide. Based on current pricing, each citywide mowing cycle costs \$324,000, resulting in a total reduction of \$648,000.

If you have questions concerning this information, please contact Dave Lewis at 817-392-5717.

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