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## **Mayor Jacobs: New Landfill Contract to Save Taxpayers \$1 Million**

*KNOXVILLE, Tenn.*— Knox County has entered into a new landfill disposal contract that is expected to save taxpayers more than \$1 million over the 10-year contract period.

The County and City of Knoxville partnered on a joint effort to take advantage of the savings. Waste Connections was the winning bidder.

“This is another example of the County and City solid waste and procurement offices working together to generate a lower price for all residents on a service we both need,” Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs said. “This is also a great example of the public and private sector working together on a common goal.”

The county will pay \$19.93 per ton to dispose of material – a \$3.60 decrease from the current price. The new contract is expected to take effect Oct. 1.

County residents generate 33,000 tons of household trash that’s taken to the county’s seven Convenience Centers each year, and the city collects about 60,000 tons of trash per year. That waste is ultimately disposed into a Class I sanitary landfill under these services.

Because the amount of trash is upward of 100,000 tons annually, companies were more willing to propose more competitive pricing than if the contracts were awarded separately.

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