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Dear Perrysburg Community,

To best serve the community, the Administration continuously evaluates the services the City provides. These reviews are done to improve performance and eliminate waste or programs that are not performing at an optimal level.

One of the services most often reviewed is curbside recycling. Curbside Recycling began with a pilot recycling program in 1993, and has become an increasingly popular service. Unfortunately, the costs related to processing curbside recycling have dramatically increased since 2017.

In 2019, Perrysburg collected 2,002 tons of recycling. The City pays a fee to have the recycling accepted at the recycling plant based on the weight of the materials delivered. The total cost to the City in 2019 for all materials delivered to the recycling plant was \$247,289.20. Approximately 17% of the weight of curbside recycling is glass. That equated to approximately 340.48 tons of glass, with the cost of recycling that glass being \$119.21 per ton, for a total cost of \$40,588.62 to recycle glass in 2019.

In addition to costs associated with the collection of glass, continuing to collect glass is having a negative impact on the value of other recycling. The single source collection of glass means that broken glass contaminates the paper recycling, causing a decrease in the value of the paper being recycled. Having reviewed the cost of this service the City is now in need of an alternative solution. Fortunately, O-I Glass has offered a solution to these concerns. To increase the performance of recyclables that have value when resold and to stop incurring the cost of collecting glass curbside, the City, in collaboration with O-I, is proposing a different, and hopefully, better recycling option for recycling glass.

Pursuant to that partnership, the City is now pleased to announce it will be partnering with O-I Glass to recycle the glass that will be manufactured into new glass products. Beginning Earth Day, April 22, residents and businesses can utilize one of three convenient drop-off locations when recycling glass bottles and containers: O-I Glass Recycling Drop-Off Center (1890 Wilkinson Way), the Department of Public Service (11980 Roachton Road), or the Department of Public Utilities (211 East Boundary Street).

This opening of the O-I Glass Recycling Drop-Off Center also expands the opportunity for residents and businesses that currently do not have glass recycling options. The City believes the partnership with O-I helps support the local economy and our local Fortune 500 Company, as well as affords the opportunity for residents' glass to be recycled into new glass bottles and containers.

**Beginning May 10, the City of Perrysburg will cease curbside collection of glass.** I encourage residents to continue their commitment to recycling and to utilize one of the three glass recycling drop-off locations. Residents who choose not to recycle their glass at one of these convenient locations may dispose of their glass in their gray refuse Toter. All glass placed in the gray refuse Toter will be taken to the landfill and not recycled.

Further details about glass recycling, guidelines for drop-off recycling locations, recycling cost, and updates on glass recycling may be found on the City's website and social media pages.

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