Solid Waste Container Policy

Metro Council Public Works Committee

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Problem

- A large majority of carts on the street were deployed in 2003 and are past their life expectancy.
- Previous demand for recycling carts was increased by the recent mass recycling cart roll-out and the move from smaller bins.
- Citizens do not take care of and show responsibility for their carts.
- We consistently run out of carts before the end of the fiscal year.

Result

- Angry residents
- Increased litter
- Increased reports of missing/stolen/damaged carts
- Creation of a new container policy based upon current ordinance

Cart Care & Responsibility Agreement

Your new garbage/recycling cart will be issued under the following terms and conditions.

- Lost or stolen garbage/recycling carts must be replaced by the property owner at cost. (Carts may be replaced for free if eligible based on low income.)
- City-issued garbage/recycling carts must remain at the property when a resident/business moves. (If you purchased an additional cart, you may move it to another address within the service area as long as the number of carts at the new property does not exceed the limit.)
- Garbage/recycling carts must be removed from the set-out location by 4 p.m. the day after collection. This helps prevent damage and theft of carts.
- Report damaged garbage/recycling carts to Metro311. Repairs will be made on collection day.
- Garbage/recycling carts must be positioned at the edge of the curb or alley and at least three feet away from other carts, walls, buildings, poles, etc. Sidewalks must not be blocked.
- Garbage/recycling carts must not be overloaded. Maximum weight is 200 lbs and lids should be able to close.
- It is recommended that residents make note of their cart serial numbers.

I have read and agree to all terms and conditions.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Replacement Carts

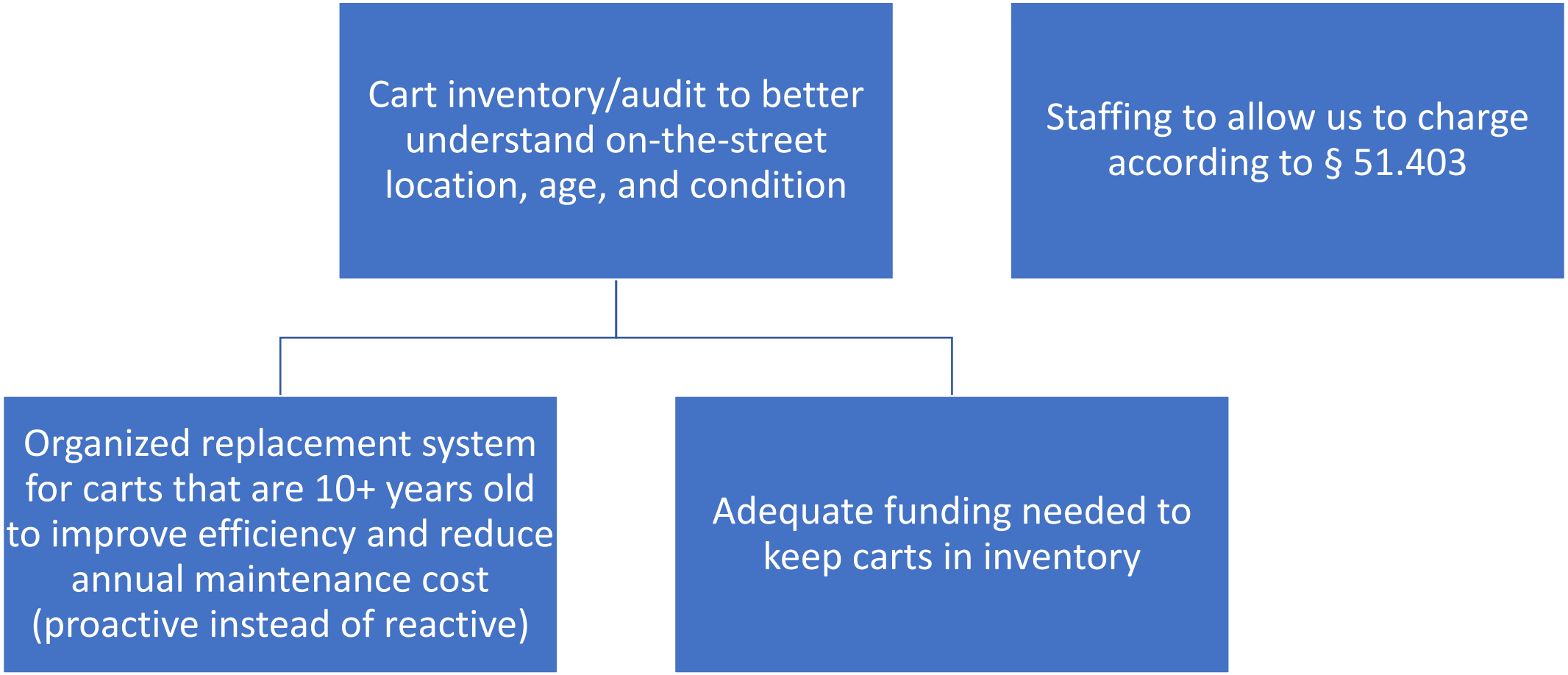
Replacement carts must be purchased, with a few exceptions to include **low-income status**.

Purchasing Portal

Require cart purchases through Louisville Metro Business Portal

- Carts will be tracked as assets and assigned to an address
- DocuSign capabilities
- Requires registration for all cart purchases
- Streamline payments
- Track inventory

Potential System Improvements



Utilize Grant Possibilities

- Matching funds for recycling cart grants

Closing

- The current age and condition of many of our garbage containers is causing us and citizens many problems.
- Continuing the current system and funding level will not improve the situation.
- We need your support for our policy changes that are intended to improve the community's awareness of their responsibility to care for existing containers.
- We need you to consider creating an annual fund that will audit the existing inventory on the streets so we can begin to replace the oldest carts on a proactive basis **or** ensure we have the funding to keep enough inventory in stock to keep up with the rising demand.
- We need you to consider using matching funds for grants to continue the deployment of recycling carts for those who do not have the capacity or no cart at all.

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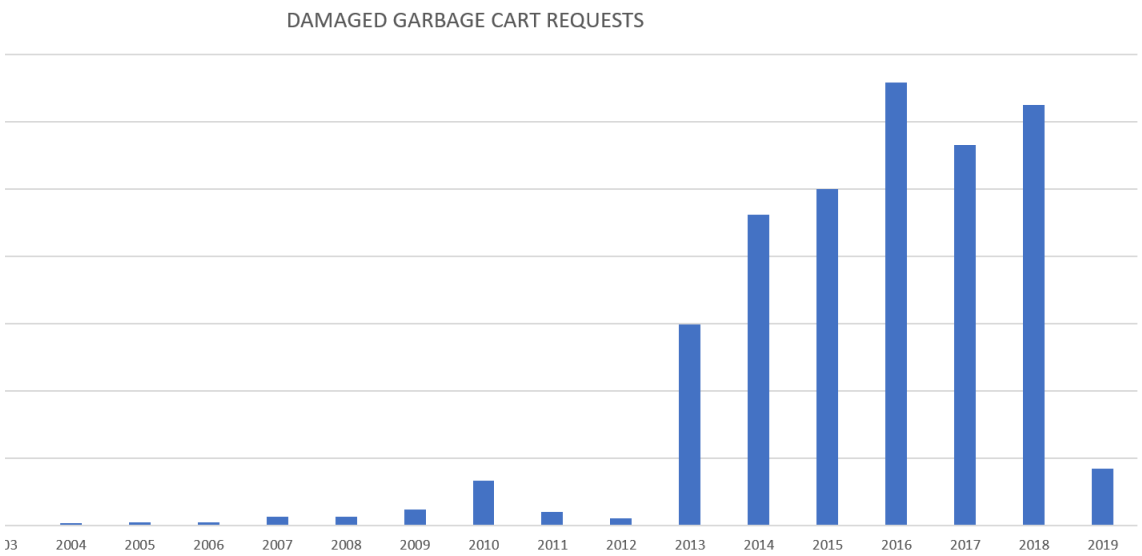

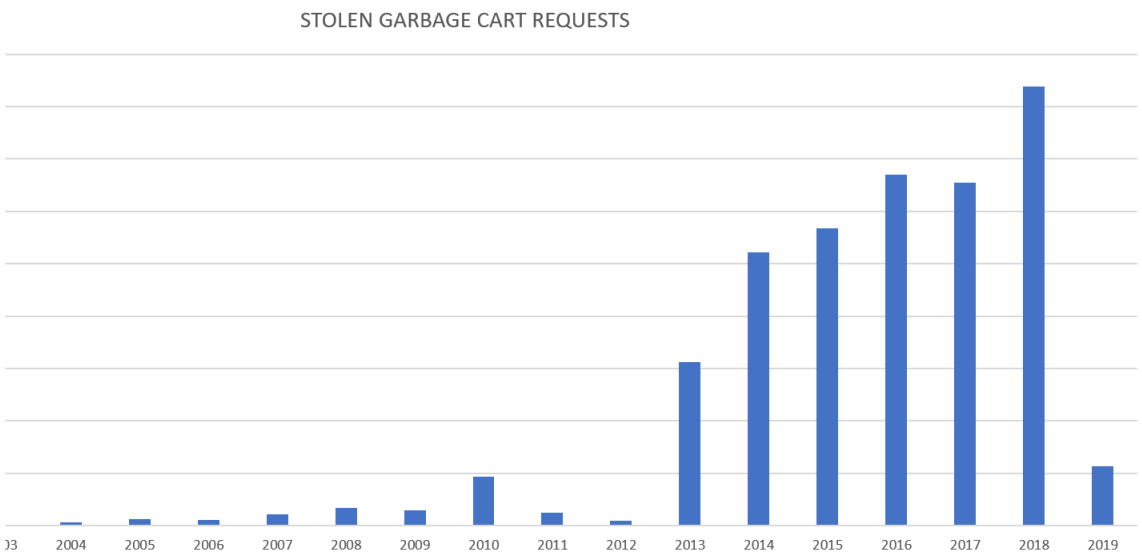

Life Expectancy

- A large majority of carts on the street were deployed in 2003 and are past their life expectancy of 10 years.
- Ninety percent (90%) of damaged cart requests are for ones deployed in 2003.

Cart Tracking

- Lack of searchable data within Accela.
  - ~ Cannot attach serial numbers to addresses.
  - ~ Cannot pull detailed information/reports.
  - ~ Street inventory does not match existing data.

Peer City Cart Policies

Columbus	Cincinnati	Nashville	St. Louis
• Carts are assigned to the address • Carts replaced at homeowner's expense	• Carts are city property and assigned to the address • Carts must be registered and have a sticker to identify	• Carts are government property • Carts replaced at homeowner's expense	• Carts issued by city must stay at the address • No replacements unless cart is over 5 years old