



City of Detroit
Detroit City Council - District 4

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 17, 2025

TO: Ron Brundidge, Director, Department of Public Works

FROM: Latisha Johnson
District 4 Councilmember 

SUBJECT: Trash and Waste Collection

Greetings,

We have received multiple concerns from constituents about a lack of reliable, quality trash retrieval service from Priority Waste. Please respond to the following questions:

1. What oversight does the city have to ensure the delivery of reliable service under the City Council approved trash removal contracts?
2. What is your plan to ensure that residents across the city receive reliable, consistent trash retrieval?
3. What steps should residents take to notify DPW or Priority Waste when their trash is not retrieved on the scheduled date?

If you have any questions, please contact our policy analyst, Erin Stanley at erin.stanley@detroitmi.gov.

Thank you!