



**AGENDA MEMO**  
4/1/2014 Agenda

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Christine Green, Purchasing Agent

**SUBJECT:** Cooperative Purchase of On Board Scales for Sanitation Vehicles

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**BACKGROUND:**

The Sanitation Division would like to add scales to its vehicles. The scales are intended to maximize the tonnages of loads which reduce transfer costs, but prevent overloading. Overloaded trucks violate state law subjecting the driver and city to overweight fines. Overloaded trucks could cause premature failure of the equipment such as brakes, clutches and transmissions. Overloaded trucks put extreme pressure on brake systems and are dangerous to our drivers and other vehicles.

Gary Middleton, Sanitation Superintendent, obtained pricing for the scales including installation from Heil of Texas via the BuyBoard cooperative contract. Purchases made through BuyBoard satisfy all competitive bidding requirements.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends purchase of the scales from Heil of Texas via the BuyBoard in the total amount of \$48,842.00.