



CITY COUNCIL ACTION

03/17/2025 25-086

Council Meeting Date: 03/17/2025

Item No: 25-086

Responsible Dept: Health & Community Services

Requested Action: Order

Map/Lot: N/A

Title, Order

Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Wabanaki Public Health and Community Services for a Syringe Waste Program

Summary

This Order will authorize the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Wabanaki Public Health and Wellness for a syringe waste program not to exceed \$66,618. This program includes responding to community reports of syringe waste litter, managing the City's syringe disposal boxes, and accepting syringe waste from City departments.

In June of 2023, in response to a growing need and public demand, the City's Public Health Department sought proposals from existing providers for syringe waste litter disposal. At the time, Health Equity Alliance (HEAL) was identified and worked with the City to develop a program ensuring syringe litter pickup was available for both public and private property and reportable through various means such as the website, phone number, and email.

In 2024, the City identified an alternative provider for these services, as HEAL was unable to continue administering the program. Wabanaki Public Health and Wellness, a well-respected provider utilizing evidence based best practices, was identified as an alternative option. Wabanaki will provide many of the same services as HEAL previously offered. They are committed to being a resource to citizens for residential properties by providing instructions, and potentially supplies, while continuing to pick up syringe waste for businesses, parking lots, and public spaces.

Committee Action

Committee: Government Operations Committee

Meeting Date: 03/03/2025

Action:

For:

Against:

Staff Comments & Approvals

City Manager

City Solicitor

Finance Director

Introduced for: Consent



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Assigned to Councilor: Tremble

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Whereas, In June of 2023, a growing need for syringe litter pickup was identified, and the City's Public Health Department sought proposals from existing providers for syringe waste disposal;

Whereas, At the time, Health Equity Alliance (HEAL) was identified and worked with the City to develop a program for syringe waste disposal, reportable through various means such as the website, phone number, and more;

Whereas, In 2024, the City started the process of identifying an alternative provider for these services, as HEAL was no longer able to maintain the program; and

Whereas, Wabanaki Public Health & Wellness, a well-respected provider utilizing evidence based best practices, was identified as an alternative option, as they offer existing services and programs related to syringe services.

Be it Ordered by the Bangor City Council that, the City Manager is authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Wabanaki Public Health and Wellness for syringe waste program not to exceed \$66,618.