## INFORMAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

### No. 25-0063

#### To the Mayor and Members of the City Council

June 3, 2025

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### SUBJECT: FY 2025 MID-YEAR LITTER CONTROL UPDATE

The purpose of this Informal Report is to provide an update on litter control programs completed in Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) Q1 and Q2 (October 2024 – March 2025).

Litter and illegal dumping services continued in FY25 Q1 and Q2. Residents are reminded to download the MyFW app and to get involved with efforts to create and maintain a clean, safe, attractive City. Remember the City's campaign – Litter: Stop It! Report It! Pick It Up!

#### FY25 YTD Accomplishments

Table 1 shows FY25 Q1 and Q2 litter control program highlights. While litter and illegal dumping goals are desired to be zero or to trend down, city staff estimate service target levels each year. One of the Environmental Service Department's FY25 service-level targets is to collect 20 million pounds of litter and debris. This is a 2% increase from FY24 actuals of 19.6M pounds collected. Total litter debris collected is reduced during inclement weather conditions; therefore, increases in the pounds of litter collected are expected toward the end of FY25.

# Table 1: FY25 YTD Q1 and Q2 Litter Control Program Highlights and Target (October 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025)

FY25 Litter & Illegal Dumping Control Metrics	Material Collected (lbs.)	FY25 Service	
		Target Level	
Illegal Dump Abatement & Investigation Teams	3,449,900	7,400,000	
Litter Abatement (contractors and city staff)	3,566,331	7,400,000	
Street Sweeping (contractors and city staff)	2,358,000	5,000,000	
Volunteer Efforts (KFWB & Special Events)	153,604	200,000	
Waterbody Litter Traps	960	1,000	
TOTAL	9,528,795	20,001,000	

Table 1. Presents data for litter and illegal dumping programs and services in FY25 Q1 and Q2.

During FY25 Q1 and Q2, staff and partners have:

- 1. Removed litter/debris from 3,066 illegal dump sites and 1,106 illegal campsites.
- 2. Conducted three tire take-back events, collecting over 800 scrap tires using grant funds from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality administered through the North Central Texas Council of Governments.
- 3. Led interdepartmental cleanups including: I-30/I-35 access roads, E. Lancaster, Ridgmar Mall, and Carter Park with partners (e.g., PD-HOPE, TPW, TxDOT, PARD).
- 4. Continued support at FY24 Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) areas: Worth Heights and Seminary, with expected services to expand to the new Fairhaven NIP.

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- 5. Supported special events with street sweeping and litter removal to include: Fort Worth Stock Show, Cowtown Marathon, Parade of Lights, and MLK Parade.
- 6. Maintained two UpSpire crews for supplemental efforts along TxDOT highways, and dedicated one UpSpire crew to expand cleanup efforts in the E. Lancaster corridor.
- 7. Continued contracted underpass cleaning (Henderson, Jennings, Main and Pine streets).

### Street Sweeping

Following the launch of 12 new street sweepers in September 2024, staff transitioned all routes from its contractor, Sweeping Corps of America (SCA). Street sweepers continue their expanded routes in FY25 along commercial roadways across the four quadrants of the city (NE, NW, SE, and SW – divided by IH-35 and IH-30) to promote high-impact results, citywide coverage, and efficient response to special requests. Staff aim to continue keeping streets clean and to reduce the amount of debris entering the stormwater system – lakes, streams, the Trinity River. The FY25 street sweeping goal remains at 6,380 curb miles/month with all positions filled.

### FY25 Q2 YTD Keep Fort Worth Beautiful (KFWB) Volunteers

KFWB offers multiple programs to engage residents through litter control in the community. On March 29, 2025, staff hosted the Cowtown Great American Cleanup with 3,778 volunteers removing 84,813 lbs. of litter from seven, designated hub locations and across the City. KFWB offers free cleanup supplies to volunteers year-round. Cleanup supplies can be requested by calling (817) 392-2046 or emailing: <u>kfwb@fortworthtexas.gov</u>. Individuals or groups can also adopt street segments, medians, parks, or other public spaces. Table 2, below, highlights upcoming KFWB events.

Date	Event	Meeting Location
June 14, 2025	Meadowbrook Normandy Park 3413 Panola Ave.	
September 13, 2025	Ash Crescent	Cobb Park 1600 Cobb Park Dr.
October 11, 2025	Neighborhood Litter Stomp (FY26)	Citywide, 8:00am

### Table 2: Upcoming Scheduled Litter Cleanup Events

Table 2. Presents the upcoming FY25 special litter cleanup events.

For questions on the information in this report, please call Oneil Johnson, Environmental Field Operations Superintendent, Environmental Services at: (817) 392-5151.

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