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## MEMORANDUM

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March 14, 2011

TO: Board of Mayor and Alderman

FROM: Eric Stuckey, City Administrator *ES*  
Russ Truell, ACA/CFO  
Vernon Gerth, ACA Community and Economic Development  
Joseph York, Streets Director

SUBJECT: Request to allow the Street Department to sell surplus compost.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) with information to consider the implementation of a program to sell excess compost to individual citizens at a rate of \$20.00 per cubic yard.

### **Background**

In 2010/2011, the City of Franklin's compost facility located on Incinerator Road produced 2,700 cubic yards of finished compost from leaves collected by the Streets Department and bagged yard debris collected by Solid Waste Department. The majority of this compost, 1,600 cubic yards, was used in Stormwater Projects. An additional 800 cubic yards was used for landscaping and various other City projects. The surplus was given away to citizens and City employees.

Staff estimates that approximately 3,500 cubic yards of compost will be produced in 2011/2012, leaving excess compost available to the public. The Streets Department is proposing that the compost be made available to citizens for sale at \$20 per cubic yard and with a maximum purchase of three cubic yards per day. This program is targeted to individual citizens for yard and gardening work. The daily limitation will allow for widespread availability to citizens. The sale of compost would be administered for the sale of vouchers at City Hall through our utility billing/customer service area. The vouchers will be good 60 days from purchase and would be redeemed at the Incinerator Road compost site.

### **Financial Impact**

The implementation of a billing system of \$20.00 per cubic yard (with a limit of three cubic yards per day) for citizens of the City of Franklin for City- produced compost could result in an increase to the General Fund of up to approximately \$5,000. This would allow the City to recapture some of the investment involved in establishing the compost program.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends the sale of surplus compost using a voucher system. Vouchers can be purchased at Utility Billing/Customer Service in City Hall.