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City Amends Brush Policy and Guidelines *Collection Schedule Shifts to Allow Service to Empty Lots*

SEGUIN, Texas – The City of Seguin has amended its Brush Policy and Guidelines in order to better serve the needs of the community by servicing empty lots. The change was approved by City Council at its September 2 meeting.

“The city’s current brush policy provides that brush service only be provided to properties that have active utility accounts,” City Engineer Joe Ramos said. “Several City Council members have expressed a desire to have city brush crews pick up brush at all locations throughout the city, regardless of utility service.”

To allow for the collection of brush from empty lots, the city is implementing a five-week schedule that divides the city into five zones. This is a change from the previous four zone, four-week schedule.

“Prior to the change, brush zones were typically serviced on the same week of each month,” Seguin Public Information Officer Scott Packard said. “Since that’s not possible under a five zone, five-week schedule, it is now important for residents to know their collection zone in lieu of their collection week.”

The City of Seguin is launching a “Know Your Zone” publicity campaign to inform residents of the change. Flyers will be posted on social media, the city’s cable access channel and at City Hall. Residents may also click the *Brush Collection Information* link on the left side of

the city website homepage, www.seguintexas.gov, to see the brush zone map, a list of streets by zone, updated zone collection schedules and brush collection guidelines. Questions can also be directed to Public Works at (830) 401-2416 or the Citizen Relations Coordinator at (830) 401-2445.

As always, severe weather events that create a significant amount of brush will force the schedule to be adjusted to concentrate on storm clean-up. When this occurs, crews will service the zone that was next in the rotation and the schedule would shift as a result.

There are guidelines that must be met for brush to be collected. That information is available on the website or by calling the departments previously mentioned.

About the City of Seguin

Seguin, Texas is located off Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational and employment opportunities. Seguin's robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2009, Seguin was proud to be selected by Caterpillar as the site of a major new engine manufacturing facility.

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