



Upper Arlington Trash Issue Closer To November Ballot

Private trash hauler talking about terminating contract.

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Petitions to place Upper Arlington's trash issue on the November ballot will be turned in Friday afternoon by Michael Schadek, the leader of the effort.

About two dozen workers lost their jobs after City Council voted in December to go with Texas-based Inland Services to pick up trash. Since then, there have been complaints about poor service and workers hired with no background checks. And Schadek says Inland has yet to hire any of the ex-city workers.

He's hoping if voters get the chance, they'll decide to void the contract with Inland and return to a city-run trash collection service.

But it may not have to go that far. Inland is talking with Upper Arlington leaders about a no-fault termination of its contract with the city.

The company says its workers are wasting time, as not all residents are abiding by a deadline of setting out their trash at 7 a.m. What's more, Inland says its deal with Upper Arlington isn't turning out to be as lucrative as it thought it would be, since only a small percentage of residents are paying higher fees for at-the-door trash pickup, as opposed to taking it to the curbside.

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