

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilors  
**From:** Michael Spurgeon, City Manager  
**Date:** May 6, 2016  
**Re:** Notes to Council

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### **1. STAFF REPORTS / ITEMS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION**

- Tourism Department Memo - House Joint Resolution 1009

### **2. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE / NOTIFICATION**

- Press Release – Refuse and Recycling Phone Survey
- Press Release – County Line Sewer Repair Update

### **3. SPECIAL EVENTS / ACTIVITIES**

- N/A

Respectfully submitted,

Michael L. Spurgeon

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Attachments

## 1. STAFF REPORTS / ITEMS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION



**To:** Michael Spurgeon, City Manager  
**From:** Lori Hill  
**CC:** Norman Stephens  
**Date:** May 4, 2016  
**Re:** Notes to Council – House Joint Resolution 1009

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Please review the following correspondence from Zack Stoycoff with the Tulsa Regional Chamber of Commerce’s Government Affairs Department regarding House Joint Resolution 1009 as it relates to the gun bill. This bill is now in conference committee and efforts are underway to make sure this bill dies before it has a chance to advance in the legislative process. This bill would allow individuals to open or concealed carry weapons with or without a license, and could nullify the rights of businesses, schools, or event hosts to prevent weapons from being carried into their facilities. Voting “no” will in no way limit the right of any Oklahoman to own or carry a firearm in places currently allowed under state law.

This information has been provided to Lesa Smaligo, City of Broken Arrow Lobbyist. She is aware of the bill and is watching very closely. I respectfully request that our Mayor and City Council contact Senator Nathan Dahm to reiterate that the City of Broken Arrow opposes this bill. Senator Dahm is the author of Senate Bill 3098 and he is a conferee of House Joint Resolution 1009.

Email from Zack Stoycoff – Tulsa Regional Chamber Government Affairs Director – 5/3/16

*A frightening gun bill we let you know about a couple of weeks ago is now in conference committee, and we’d like to make sure it dies there before it has a chance to advance in the legislative process — with terrible consequences for education, tourism and business in our region.*

*Please see the action alert below. It is very important we generate phone calls and emails to each of the legislators listed in the alert as soon as possible today, as this conference committee could meet as early as early this afternoon.*

***The Tulsa Regional Chamber is strongly encouraging its members to contact the following legislators TODAY and ask them to vote against HJR 1009 in conference committee.***

*HJR 1009 would allow individuals to open or concealed carry weapons with or without a license, and could nullify the rights of businesses, schools, or event hosts to prevent weapons from being carried into their facilities. Without the ability for event organizers to control security and gun policies at their events, Oklahoma would be at risk of losing key national events that mean so much for our economy.*

*Call these members of the legislature TODAY and urge them to vote NO in conference committee on HJR 1009. Voting NO will not in any way limit the right of any Oklahoman to own or carry a firearm in places currently allowed under state law, but will ensure that Oklahoma can continue to be host to world-class events that generate sales tax revenue for our state and bring tourists to our communities.*

**Senate**

[Sen. Nathan Dahm \(R-Broken Arrow\)](#)

[Sen. Clark Jolly Jolley \(R-Edmond\)](#)

[Sen. Ron Justice \(R-Chickasha\)](#)

[Sen. A.J. Griffin \(R-Guthrie\)](#)

**House**

[Rep. Weldon Watson \(R-Tulsa\)](#)





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April 18, 2016

Mr. Nick Doctor  
Tulsa Regional Chamber  
One Wet Third, Suite 100  
Tulsa, OK 74103

Dear Nick:

Thank you for contacting the Research Institute for Economic Development's positions on HB 3098 and HJR 1009.

As currently written, HB 3098 "would allow an Oklahoma resident 21 years or older and not a convicted felon or involved in a crime to carry a handgun concealed or open without a self-defense act license except in certain places prohibited by statute." HJR 1009 provides for a vote of the people for a constitutional amendment pertaining to "a citizen's right to bear arms."

Earlier this legislative session, the business community along with stakeholders from higher education, the NRA, OK2A, and others worked diligently to create and have signed into law a bill (SB 1057) that responsibly broadens gun owner rights.

HJR 1009 would in all probability, make this newly signed piece of legislation irrelevant by having the courts decide whether the "Business Owners Rights" provisions of SB 1057 meet the strict scrutiny test. It could possibly nullify the right of a business or event host to preclude weapons—thus negating private property rights.

Because of the negative impact on the business community, RIED **Strongly Opposes both HB 3098 and HJR 1009.**

Sincerely,

Susan Winchester



## 2. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE / NOTIFICATION



**PRESS RELEASE**

**Contact: Krista Flasch**  
**Director of Communications**  
**City of Broken Arrow**  
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## **New Phone Survey Will Gather Input on Refuse, Recycling in BA**

**Broken Arrow, Okla. (5/5/2016)** – Starting next week, residents will have an opportunity to voice their opinions about Broken Arrow’s trash service and the potential for curbside recycling. The City Council at Tuesday night’s meeting approved the survey questions Sooner Poll will ask residents through phone calls. Their responses will serve as a guide in the development and decision making process of future refuse and recycling services.

“The objective of the Sooner Poll survey is to engage the public and get their opinions, so as we build strategic initiatives for the future, we can determine where solid waste collection and recycling ranks in the minds of our citizens,” said City Manager Michael Spurgeon.

**Sooner Poll will begin administering the survey the week of May 9 – 13.** Sooner Poll will compile 400 completed surveys. This number of surveys exceeds industry standards for statistical validity and will allow Sooner Poll to analyze the responses as representative of all residents of Broken Arrow. Sooner Poll uses a combination of randomly-dialed landlines in Broken Arrow and cell phones of adults (age 18 and older) living in the City.

“Sooner Poll is calling strictly on behalf of the City of Broken Arrow, so residents should not be concerned that this is a telemarketing call aimed at selling them something,” said Lee Zirk, Director of General Services. “I encourage residents to participate in the call should Sooner Poll contact them. It’s a great opportunity to provide feedback on an essential City service that our community takes very seriously.”

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Community representatives from Keep Broken Arrow Beautiful, Broken Arrow Seniors, the Metropolitan Environmental Trust (M.e.t.) and the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce helped guide survey topics, which include, but are not limited to, a bag versus cart based system, frequency of pickup, attitudes toward recycling, and costs.

### **About BA's Refuse Service**

Broken Arrow's Sanitation Division provides refuse pickup services to more than 33,000 residential solid waste customers. Residents receive twice weekly trash service, either Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Friday.

Sanitation crews collect approximately 3,100 tons of refuse monthly. This varies throughout the year based on yard waste. The average Broken Arrow household generates about 203 pounds of solid waste per month.

Refuse is taken to the Waste Management Quarry Landfill. The landfill is located 15 miles from the center of Broken Arrow.

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## **UPDATE – County Line Sewer Repair in Final Stages**

**Broken Arrow, Okla. (5/3/2016)** – The City of Broken Arrow is nearing completion of repairs to the main sewer line that broke on April 21 near New Orleans (101<sup>st</sup>) Street and S. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street (County Line Road).

It is anticipated that before the end of the week, the contractor will finish installing the new sewer line and adjoining manholes, so that Streets Department crews can begin repairing the roadway. The City hopes to reopen New Orleans by Monday, May 9. New Orleans between S. 18th Street and S. 23rd Street has been closed since April 21.

“We appreciate residents’ patience and understanding while we made this emergency repair,” said Kenny Schwab, Assistant City Manager of Operations. “Rest assured, we are putting plans into place now to improve the utilities infrastructure in Broken Arrow, so that the system works as it’s intended.”

The City is currently working with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) regarding the sewer discharges, which flowed into Broken Arrow Creek when the manholes overflowed. City crews continue to monitor the area, under ODEQ supervision.

An update regarding the emergency repair will be provided at tonight’s (May 3) City Council meeting. The meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 220 S. First Street.

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