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## MBSA increases garbage collection to four times a week

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SHAH Alam City Council (MBSA) has increased the collection of domestic waste, to four times a week, with the appointment of 24 new contractors through a unique-point system.

Its mayor Datuk Ahmad Zaharin Mohd Saad said they had increased the rubbish collection frequency, for landed properties, from three to four times a week and would include weekends.

"To combat illegal dumping, we have increased the collection

frequency for industrial areas and hotels to five times a week," said Ahmad Zaharin after presenting offer letters to the appointed contractors yesterday at the MBSA headquarters in Shah Alam.

Ahmad Zaharin said the contractors were appointed following a unique-point system instead of the highly debated lowest-tender price.

He said during discussions with the state government, MBSA had clarified that proper waste management could not be done by contractors with the lowest-tender price.

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Based on the new system, each contractor will be given points based on several key indicators including manpower, equipment, number of compactors and experience.

"At the end of it, the points are added up and the contractor with the highest scores are chosen.

"To ensure the quality remains, we will be introducing a demerit system as well," he added.

Failing to comply to the Notice to Correct (NTC) will result in immediate termination of the contract.

The contractors began their duties on July 1 and MBSA has not received any complaints in the last two weeks.

The newly appointed contractors will be serving 25 zones within MBSA's jurisdiction while one zone involving Section 10, 11, and 12 will be manned by MBSA's in-house staff.

Apart from that, MBSA has also instructed contractors to fit in the Automatic Vehicle Locating System (AVLS) into the compactors.

The system costs between RM1,000 to RM3,000 per compac-

tor for installation and RM160 per month for rental.

MBSA will be footing the cost with a small sum from the contractors as well.

"We used to have the AVLS system before but we did not continue with the system. The system was useful to track down errant workers and we see a need for it today," added Ahmad Zaharin.

Contractors will also have to provide 120 litre garbage bin to each landed property within six months of the appointment letter.

MBSA will pay for the bins after delivery was done.