
For many years the residents of Fountain Hills have taken personal responsibility for contracting for their own garbage removal, without the assistance of government. Fountain Hills residents have managed to hire one of several competing companies to carry away their refuse. Apparently there has been no outbreaks of plague, no (four legged) rat infestations, no accumulating garbage, no odors, no fires, no problems. But government—ever looking for some other place to poke its nose—has decided to do away with this competition and institute what only a government can institute: Create a monopoly on trash collection for some patronage pal.

Yes, the Town Council of Fountain Hills, Arizona plan to vote this Thursday, Nov. 4th 2010, to create a garbage collection monopoly, putting the four currently operating garbage collection companies out of business.

Further, the ordinance sets up a ruthless system of fining residents who receive this new government largess, \$500 minimum for their first infraction and \$3,000 for every repeat infraction and up to six months in jail. That is certainly one way to deal with the limited haul from sucking off of a dwindling local economy.

Might one ask what is so wrong with the current free market garbage collection providers? Is it that people are not mandated to pay the town for the service? If they are not happy with their service are they legally allowed to seek another provider for trash removal?... NO!
