

# Trash vote not likely to be on October ballot

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If the St. Landry Parish Council heeds its lawyer's advice, there will be no Oct. 4 referendum on out-of-parish garbage.

Asst. DA Andrea L. West has advised council members that an Attorney General's opinion says non-binding straw votes cannot be on an election ballot.

The council voted last month to ask people whether they wanted out-of-parish trash fees to help finance parish road improvements.

Since the vote would not be binding on the Solid Waste Commission, West and the AG opinion say, it would be illegal.

The commission was created by legislative act.

The parish council meets Wednesday night. The matter is not on its current agenda.