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Letter to the Editor

I am writing about the City of Manitou Springs' proposal to contract with one waste disposal company and take that responsibility away from homeowners. Some would say "relieving the homeowners of that burden."

I say it is taking over one more responsibility from individuals.

As a homeowner, I need some services from government: water, electric, sewer, streets and police protection.

As an individual, I cannot provide these services on my own. I need government to do that. But I do not need the city to arrange to haul off my household garbage.

Neither do I need the city to paint my house, clean my home's windows or spray my landscaping for bugs. I will do all that, on my own, just as I have arranged to have my waste removed since 1972 in Manitou.

For those happy with "Obamacare," I suppose they are OK with the government taking over one more responsibility from individuals.

Manitou's plan to arrange for my household trash to be removed is a small issue, but when governments (large and small) start assuming the role of individual responsibility, that is where I draw the line.

Individuals need to stand up and say "enough is enough." I'll do it myself.

Take personal responsibility.

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