



**DATE:** February 11, 2021  
**TO:** Washington County Solid Waste Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Kathy Folsom, Senior Policy Coordinator  
**RE:** Discussion - Proposed Amendments to Solid Waste & Recycling Administrative Rules

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## **Background and summary**

Washington County Code (WCC) Section 8.04.050 allows for the establishment of reasonable rules and regulations that pertain to the administration of the collection, storage, transportation and disposal of wastes and solid wastes. The Solid Waste & Recycling Administrative Rules (Administrative Rules) were first adopted in 2006 with major rule revisions in 2008, 2015 and 2017. The Administrative Rules establish standards for general provisions of the code such as definitions, reporting, education, promotion, and residential and commercial collection service standards.

Staff is providing the proposed Administrative Rule amendments to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (Committee) for discussion purposes. Staff intends to bring a recommendation before the Committee at a future meeting. Written and oral comments from the Committee will be reviewed and may be incorporated into a future Administrative Rules' revision.

## **Proposed revisions to current Administrative Rules**

The proposed amendments to the Administrative Rules are shown in Attachment A (Note: Additions to the Administrative Rules are shown as "underlined" and deletions are shown as "strike through".) Topics addressed include:

- Implement Metro Code changes affecting single-family and multi-family collection service. Areas that will likely be addressed include volume of collection service, frequency of collection, color of receptacles, and labeling.
- Update Administrative Rules related to business food scraps collection. Metro has delayed the mandated implementation date to March 31, 2022, requiring a change to the Administrative Rules.
- Address the collection of personally identifiable information required to start or change collection service.
- Clarify missed collection service requirements.
- Improve the definition of properly prepared recycling or compostable materials.
- Add requirements related to diversity, equity and inclusion considerations.
- Make minor housekeeping changes.

## **Review process**

Solid Waste & Recycling staff will be working closely with the Washington County Hauler Association (WCHA) and other interested parties to ensure that all proposed rule revisions are

understood and do not place an undue burden on any affected party. On December 22, 2020, the initial proposed revisions were sent to the WCHA for review and comment. On January 20, 2021, the WCHA submitted written comments regarding the proposed Administrative Rules.

Staff is currently reviewing the WCHA comments and intends to meet with representatives of the WCHA in order to provide clarity and revise draft Administrative Rules, as necessary. Additionally, staff will be seeking comments from our City partners and local governments.

**Exhibit:**

Attachment A – Proposed Amendments to Solid Waste & Recycling Administrative Rules