



DATE: April 8, 2021
TO: Washington County Garbage and Recycling Advisory Committee
FROM: Kathy Folsom, Senior Policy Coordinator
RE: Proposed Solid Waste and Recycling Administrative Rules

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 and Recycling Administrative Rules (Administrative Rules) were first adopted in 2006 with 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.

Following the Garbage and Recycling Advisory Committee's (Committee) recommendation on the proposed rules, the next step in the process will be to present them to the Washington County Board of Commissioners for consideration.

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:

- Implemented Metro Code changes affecting multi-family collection service. Areas that are addressed include volume of collection service, frequency of collection, color of receptacles, and labeling.
- Updated 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.
- Addressed the collection of personally identifiable information required to start or change collection service.
- Clarified missed collection service requirements.
- Added requirements related to diversity, equity, and inclusion considerations.
- Made minor housekeeping changes.

Review Process

On December 22, 2020, the proposed rule revisions were sent to the Washington County Haulers Association (WCHA) for review and comment. On January 20, 2021, the WCHA submitted written comments regarding the proposed Administrative Rules. Subsequently, Staff met with representatives of the WCHA on two occasions to discuss issues that were raised by

the WCHA. As a result of these meetings and additional discussion, many of the issues raised in the written comments have been resolved and are reflected in the draft rules.

Additionally, at the Committee's October 8, 2020 and February 11, 2021 meetings, staff presented the proposed administrative rules to the Committee for discussion.

Though no other written comments have been received, Staff engaged in discussions with city representatives and other local jurisdictions who reviewed the draft rules.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Washington County Garbage and Recycling Advisory Committee favorably recommend to the Washington County Board of Commissioners that the proposed administrative rules be adopted.

Attachment:

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