



**DATE:** March 10, 2022

**TO:** Washington County Garbage and Recycling Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Kathy Folsom, Senior Policy Coordinator

**RE:** Proposed Solid Waste and Recycling Administrative Rules – Additional Recycling Collection Service

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## **Background**

Washington County Code 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 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 regarding the proposed rules, the next step in the process will be to present them to the Washington County Board of County Commissioners (Board) for consideration.

## **Proposed Additional Recycling Collection Program**

On January 18, 2022, staff attended a Board work session and provided the Board with considerations for additional recycling collection services. To ensure that community members have access to recycling collection services for additional items not currently included in the curbside recycling program, the Board directed staff to develop a new additional recycling collection program that would be made available through the County's current garbage and recycling collection service providers.

Developing a new program requires adjustments to service standards in the Solid Waste and Recycling Administrative Rules and the adoption of rates for the new collection service.

## **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".)

Additional Recycling Collection Service Administrative Rules:

### **Phase 1 (single-family to 4-plex)**

- Added household batteries to standard curbside collection for all residential customers (available upon effective date of proposed Administrative Rules)

The remaining components of the Additional Recycling Collection Service program will take effect July 1, 2022.

- Created optional collection service for all urban unincorporated residential customers
- Required collection of additional items in a separate covered bin
- Added items to be collected including compact fluorescent lightbulbs, plastic film, textiles and clear plastic #1 PET/PETE clamshells
- Added a requirement that a customer requests pick-up at every-other-week (or fewer) intervals
- Added a requirement for quarterly reuse collection drives for additional recycling program participants

Phase 2 (multifamily) – *available by July 2023*

### **Review Process**

On January 28, 2022, the proposed rule revisions were sent to the Washington County Haulers Association (WCHA) for review and comment. On February 9, 2022, the WCHA submitted written comments regarding the proposed Administrative Rules. Subsequently, Staff met with representatives of the WCHA to discuss issues that were raised by the WCHA. Additionally, the proposed rules were sent to other local jurisdictions for review and comment. Further, the draft rules were posted on the Committee webpage and sent via email to a list of interested parties to provide an opportunity for all interested parties to review and comment.

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

### **Staff Recommendation**

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

### **Attachment:**

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