



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Zero Waste Advisory Commission

Recommendation Number: (20131009-003): Enact policies to allow mobile food vendors to divert waste

WHEREAS, there are at least 1,400 registered mobile food vendors in Travis County and over 600 estimated active food trucks and trailers in Austin; and

WHEREAS, current city regulations effectively forbid operators of food trucks and trailers from offering composting, recycling and/or grease collection; and

WHEREAS, the city will not be able to meet its Zero Waste goals without addressing the recycling, organic discards and waste oil produced by mobile food vendors; and

WHEREAS, other food businesses are expected to recycle and compost under the provisions of the city's Universal Recycling Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Zero Waste Advisory Commission recommends that the Austin City Council enact changes to existing city codes, ordinances and regulations to allow and ultimately require mobile food vendors to provide recycling, composting, fuel oil collection and other diversion activities as laid out in the Zero Waste Master Plan.

Date of Approval: October 9, 2013

Record of the vote: Approved by the Zero Waste Advisory Commission on a 5-0 vote with
Commissioner Kazi absent.

Attest:

(Staff signature)