

ORDINANCE NO. 20161215-052

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING CHAPTER 2-7, ARTICLE 6 (ANTI-LOBBYING AND PROCUREMENT) OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING SOLICITATIONS FOR THE SALE AND REMOVAL OF COMPOST MATERIALS AND MANAGEMENT OF BIOSOLIDS REUSE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. FINDINGS. The City Council adopts the following findings:

- a. The Purchasing Office issued a Request for Proposals (JXP0501) for the sale and removal of compost materials on March 28, 2016, and issued a Request for Proposals (CDL2003) for the management of biosolids reuse on April 4, 2016, collectively referred to as the "Solicitations;" and,
- b. On August 11, 2016, the Council considered the Solicitations and directed the matter to the Zero Waste Advisory Commission and Water and Wastewater Commission (collectively the "Commissions") to explore and return with recommendations on policies related to biosolids and compost, with the intention that there would be open dialogue and valuable input would be provided to the Commissions; and,
- c. The Commissions reviewed the policy issues and held open meetings with the public, stakeholders, respondents to the Solicitations, and staff; and,
- d. Chapter 2-7, Article 6 (Anti-Lobbying and Procurement) ("Anti-Lobbying Ordinance") restricts the representations which may be made by Respondents; and,
- e. In part, the purpose of the Anti-Lobbying Ordinance is to provide the most fair, equitable, and competitive process, and in order to fulfill this purpose for the Solicitations, the Council finds it is in the public's best interest to

retroactively waive the Anti-Lobbying Ordinance to the date of issuance of each of the Solicitations; and,

- f. By waiving the Anti-Lobbying Ordinance, the City's staff and Commissions can and has been able to obtain information and data on biosolids and compost without the requirement of funneling all information through the authorized contact person for the Solicitations.


PART 2. Waiver of Chapter 2-7, Article 6. Effective from the date of issuance of the following requests for proposals, Council waives the requirements and enforcement of Chapter 2-7, Article 6 (Anti-Lobbying and Procurement) of the City Code as it applies to all respondents to Request for Proposals (JXP0501) for the sale and removal of compost materials issued on March 28, 2016, and Request for Proposals (CDL2003) for the management of biosolids reuse issued on April 4, 2016.

PART 3. Except as otherwise provided in this ordinance, this ordinance takes effect December 26, 2016.

PASSED AND APPROVED

December 15, 2016

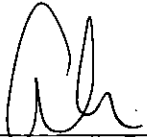
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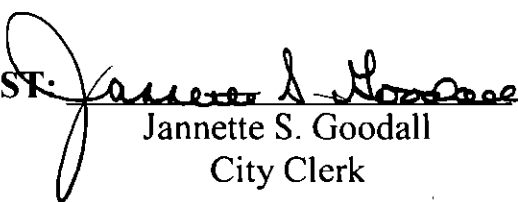
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APPROVED:



Anne L. Morgan
City Attorney

ATTEST:



Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk