

Resolution: Zero Waste Advisory Commission

Whereas, It is the Responsibility of the Zero Waste Advisory Commission to review, evaluate and make recommendations to the City Council and City Staff regarding policies concerning solid waste, recycling, organic management and Zero Waste; and

Whereas, Implementation and/or adherence to City policies must be reflected in the process of planning for future disposal and diversion options within the City of Austin; and

Whereas, The City of Austin has grown dramatically in its development of Multi-family housing throughout the area and this upward trajectory is projected the continue at a rapid pace; and

Whereas, the City of Austin has incorporated a Master Plan directing all current and future solid waste, recycling and organic waste issues towards its Zero Waste goal; and

Whereas, the Zero Waste Advisory Commission and its Universal Recycling Subcommittee have determined that a more proactive approach be implemented at Multi-family Properties in addressing their recycling and organic waste needs; Now Therefore,

Be It Resolved That the Zero Waste Advisory Commission Of the City of Austin:

Requests that City Council and City Management direct Austin Resource Recovery Staff to convene a Multi-family Stakeholder Committee tasked with amending the current Universal Recycling Ordinance; and.

Be It Further Resolved, that an Amended Universal Recycling Ordinance seek to minimize the occurrence of recyclable material from being mixed with putresible waste by increasing the availability of recycling capacity at Multi-family properties to:

1. A Ratio of 24 gallons of Recyclable capacity per dwelling unit, or
2. An equal 1:1 Ratio of Landfill Trash to Recycling Capacity; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Amended Universal Recycling Ordinance be implemented by October 1, 2019, consistent with the City of Austin and Austin Resource Recovery Fiscal Year; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Zero Waste Advisory Commission asks that City Council and City Management support Austin Resource Recovery with this Universal Recycling Ordinance revision.

Be It Further Resolved, that Austin Resource Recovery determine whether through the implementation of this option a more aggressive diversion opportunity would be created for City of Austin Multi-family residents.