



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-1946, Agenda Item #: 3.

6/9/2022

Posting Language

Approve amendments to Austin Resource Recovery's Solid Waste Services Administrative Rules, related to the use of City services for certain residential units and the Universal Recycling Ordinance.

Lead Department

Austin Resource Recovery.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

December 11, 2014 - Council approved an ordinance to amend Chapter 15-6 related to Solid Waste services, including collection services (Ordinance No. 20141211-202).

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

April 13, 2022 - The Zero Waste Advisory Commission (ZWAC) voted to support the adoption of the amendment to Austin Resource Recovery Solid Waste Service Administrative Rules sections 4.1.1 and 4.1.9. Recommend unanimously by the Zero Waste Advisory Commission on a 7-0 vote.

Additional Backup Information:

Approval of amendments to Austin Resource Recovery Solid Waste Services Administrative Rules sections 4.1.1 and 4.1.9. The intent of this amendment is to correct inconsistent language related to department services and residential dwelling units within the administrative rules. These types of administrative edits are needed to ensure that City staff can implement City policy.

Administrative rules are created and adopted by the City Manager and their appointed executives to administer the policies established by the City Council. Austin Resource Recovery is the only department within the City which operates under unique code [City Code § 15-6-3] requiring administrative rules to be approved, modified, or disapproved by City Council.

City Code § 15-6-11(C) provides that a person in control of a premises with less than five residential dwelling units shall use department collection services. The supporting Austin Resource Recovery department administrative rules for this section of Code provide that a person in control of a premises with one to three residential dwelling units shall use departmental collection services. The administrative rules do not reference Code's requirement that a person in control of a premises with four residential dwelling units shall use department collection service. The proposed amendments, which have received a recommendation of approval from ZWAC, would make the administrative rules consistent with City Code's requirement that

premises with one to four residential dwelling units shall use department collection service.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.