

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 25-5531 FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENEWING WILLAMETTE RESOURCES, INC. & REPUBLIC SERVICES OF CLACKAMAS AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES JOINT NON-SYSTEM LICENSE TO TRANSPORT COMMERCIAL FOOD WASTE AND YARD DEBRIS MIXED WITH RESIDENTIAL FOOD WASTE TO THE PACIFIC REGION COMPOST FACILITY LOCATED IN BENTON COUNTY, OR

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ISSUE STATEMENT

Willamette Resources, Inc. (WRI) and Republic Services of Clackamas and Washington Counties (Republic) seek to renew the joint non-system license to transport source-separated commercial food waste and yard debris mixed with residential food waste generated in the Metro region to the Pacific Region Compost Facility located in Benton County, Oregon for composting. Metro Code Section 5.05.160 states that Metro Council will determine whether to approve or deny a non-system license application for putrescible waste.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve Resolution No. 25-5531 to authorize the Chief Operating Officer to issue a renewed non-system license jointly to Willamette Resources Inc. and Republic for the maximum term of two years.

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

Approval of this resolution will authorize WRI and Republic to continue to transport source-separated commercial food waste and yard debris mixed with residential food waste to Pacific Region Compost for composting and for Metro to continue to track the amount and types of waste being transported out of the Metro region.

POLICY QUESTION

Should the Metro Council approve WRI's and Republic's joint non-system license application authorizing a renewed non-system license to WRI and Republic to transport source-separated commercial food waste and yard debris mixed with residential food waste to Pacific Region Compost in Benton County for composting, according to the provisions of Metro Code 5.05.160 and as described in Resolution No. 25-5531?

POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER

1. Adopt Resolution No. 25-5531 as proposed to authorize the Chief Operating Officer to issue a renewed non-system license jointly to WRI and Republic to transport source-separated commercial food waste and yard debris mixed with residential food waste to Pacific Region Compost in Benton County for composting.

Adoption of this resolution will authorize the Chief Operating Officer to renew the non-system license to WRI and Republic to transport up to 25,000 tons per calendar year of commercial food waste and yard debris mixed with residential food waste to Pacific Region Compost for composting. The proposed non-system license will take effect on January 1, 2026, and expire on

December 31, 2027.

2. Amend the resolution to issue the renewed non-system license with different conditions other than those recommended by staff.
3. Do not approve Resolution No. 25-5531. If this resolution is not approved, WRI and Republic will not be authorized to transport commercial food waste and yard debris mixed with residential food waste to Pacific Region Compost for composting.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that Metro Council adopt Resolution No. 25-5531 to renew a non-system license for Willamette Resources, Inc. and Republic Services of Clackamas and Washington Counties to transport source-separated commercial food waste and yard debris mixed with residential food waste to Pacific Region Compost in Benton County for composting.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A non-system license is required for any person to transport, or cause to be transported, any solid waste generated within the Metro jurisdictional boundary to any non-system facility for processing or disposal. A non-system license allows Metro to closely monitor the region's solid waste to ensure it is transported to authorized facilities and properly managed.

Republic Services Inc., a waste management company headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona is the parent company of WRI, Republic and Pacific Region Compost. WRI and Republic have transported waste to Pacific Region Compost under Metro authorization since 2009. The term of the current non-system license commenced on January 1, 2024, and it expires on December 31, 2025.

On August 11, 2025, WRI and Republic submitted an application requesting renewal of the joint non-system license along with the \$50 application fee. The application was deemed complete on September 4, 2025. The current non-system license authorizes WRI and Republic to transport up to 25,000 tons per calendar year of commercial food waste and yard debris mixed with residential food waste to Pacific Region Compost. The licensee transported 17,766 tons of waste to Pacific Region Compost in 2024 and 9,318 tons from January through July 2025. In its renewal application, the licensee requested the same annual maximum of 25,000 tons.

Legal Antecedents

Metro Code Section 5.05.040 prohibits any person from transporting solid waste generated within the Metro region to a non-system facility without a valid, Metro-issued non-system license. Metro Council must consider factors described in Section 5.05.140 when determining whether to approve a non-system license application as set forth in the staff analysis and information included as Exhibit B to Resolution No. 25-5531.

Known Opposition

There is no known opposition to the proposed renewal of this non-system license.

Financial Implications

The renewal of this non-system license will not impact Metro's budget. The proposed non-system license covers source-separated commercial food waste and yard debris mixed with residential food waste that will be transported to Pacific Region Compost for composting and is exempt from regional system fee and excise tax.