

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUSPENDING	)	RESOLUTION NO. 24-5396
METRO CODE SUBSECTION	)	
5.01.260(c)(2) REGARDING THE	)	Introduced by Marissa Madrigal, Chief
QUARTERLY SAMPLING AND	)	Operating Officer in concurrence with
REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR	)	Council President Lynn Peterson
PROCESSING RESIDUAL FROM	)	
MATERIAL RECOVERY	)	

WHEREAS, in 2007 Metro Council adopted the Enhanced Dry Waste Recovery Program (“EDWRP”) via Ordinance No. 07-1147B which implemented requirements in 2009, and

WHEREAS, Metro Council adopted EDWRP as a key component of meeting state-mandated waste reduction goals for the Metro area by recovering additional reusable and recoverable non-putrescible waste generated by the building industry; and

WHEREAS, EDWRP established material recovery requirements that, in part, require non-putrescible waste generated in the Metro region to be delivered to a material recovery facility for processing before disposal; and

WHEREAS, Metro Code Section 5.01.260(c) requires that a Metro solid waste facility licensee or franchisee must process non-putrescible waste to recover wood, metal, and cardboard and to quarterly sample the processing residual to ensure there is no more than 15 percent, by total combined weight, of wood, metal, and cardboard of a certain size in the processing residual; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 Metro Council suspended EDWRP requirements related to wood via Resolution No. 15-4666 due to a disruption in the wood market, thus leaving only metal and cardboard subject to the processing residual requirement since that time; and

WHEREAS, under Resolution No. 20-5096, Metro Council delegated to the Chief Operating Officer authority to suspend the provisions of Metro Code Section 5.01.260 regarding material recovery of non-putrescible waste when necessary to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, which included suspension of the EDWRP requirement for a facility to quarterly sample and report the composition of its processing residual to Metro; and

WHEREAS, when the sampling and reporting requirements were suspended under Resolution No. 20-5096, licensees and franchisees continued to recover cardboard and metal and those markets are well-established; and

WHEREAS, based on the evaluation of past sampling reports and observations during inspections, it is unnecessary for a facility to take quarterly samples of its processing residual and report the findings to Metro to demonstrate it contains no more than 15 percent, by total combined weight, of metal and carboard; and

WHEREAS, Metro seeks to update and improve material recovery requirements for non-putrescible waste to better accomplish the goals and objectives of the 2030 Regional Waste Plan; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council:

1. Suspends Metro Code Subsection 5.01.260(c)(2) requiring the quarterly sampling and reporting of processing residual.
2. Directs staff to develop recommendations to the Metro Council to update and improve material recovery requirements for non-putrescible waste generated in the Metro area and better achieve waste reduction goals.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024.

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Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

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Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney