

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING METRO) ORDINANCE NO. 18-1418
CODE CHAPTER 5.10 TO ESTABLISH A)
BUSINESSES FOOD WASTE REQUIREMENT.) Introduced by Chief Operating Officer Martha
Bennett in concurrence with Council
President Tom Hughes

WHEREAS, Metro regulates solid waste generated within the Metro region pursuant to Metro’s constitutional, statutory, and charter authority and as set forth in the Metro Code; and

WHEREAS, food represents 18 percent of the region’s disposed waste—the largest single material sent to landfill and the largest single recoverable material sent to landfill; and

WHEREAS, when sent to landfill, food waste generates methane which is 25 times more potent of a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide; and

WHEREAS, food waste is identified as a primary material for recovery within the region’s Regional Solid Waste Management Plan, which guides Metro and local government work; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, via Oregon Revised Statutes 459A.010 has set a food waste recovery goal of 25% by 2020; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has added a required food waste collection program for nonresidential generators to the list of menu items available to local governments for compliance with state law under Oregon Administrative Rule 340 Division 90; and

WHEREAS, the Metro region has had a voluntary business food waste collection program in place for over ten years yet only fourteen percent of the total food waste is recovered; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council has determined that in order for the region to significantly increase food waste recovery, a more aggressive approach to food waste recovery is necessary; now therefore,

THE METRO COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Metro Code 5.10 is amended to establish a Business Food Waste Requirement as set forth in Exhibit A to this Ordinance.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 26th day of July 2018.

Tom Hughes, Council President

Attest:

Approved as to Form:

Miranda Mishan, Recording Secretary

Alison R. Kean, Metro Attorney

Metro Ordinance No. 18-1418 – Exhibit A

BUSINESS FOOD WASTE REQUIREMENT

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BUSINESS FOOD WASTE REQUIREMENT

5.10.410 Purpose and Intent

The business food waste requirement provides an opportunity to increase recycling of food waste and to assist the Metro region to achieve waste reduction goals. Metro does not intend for this requirement to apply to food that is fit for human consumption and accepted for donation by a charitable organization or the use of food waste for animal consumption in compliance with applicable regulations.

5.10.420 Business Food Waste and Covered Businesses

For the purpose of this section, business food waste is solid waste consisting of food waste removed from the food supply chain that is not fit for human or animal consumption. A covered business is a business that cooks, assembles, processes, serves, or sells food.

5.10.430 Business Food Waste Requirement

Local governments must require (1) covered businesses in their jurisdiction to source separate and recover business food waste; (2) delivery of collected business food waste to a facility authorized by Metro; and (3) persons, as defined by Metro Code Section 1.01.040(h), who provide space to a covered business to allow the source separation and collection of food waste.

5.10.440 Business Food Waste Requirement Performance Standards

The Chief Operating Officer will adopt administrative rules to address the business food waste requirement performance standards. The performance standards must include, without limitation, the following elements:

- (a) Provisions requiring that local governments
 - (1) Notify covered businesses and waste haulers of the business food waste requirement;
 - (2) Require covered businesses and waste haulers to comply with the business food waste requirement;
 - (3) Provide education and technical assistance to covered businesses and waste haulers regarding the business food waste requirement; and
 - (4) Enforce the business food waste requirement.

- (b) Provisions requiring local governments to compel persons providing space to a covered business to allow for the source separation and collection of business food waste.

The Chief Operating Officer may allow a local government to waive the business food waste requirement as to a specific business as provided in the administrative rules.

5.10.450 Temporary Waiver

The Chief Operating Officer may waive, for no longer than 365 days, the local government's implementation of the business food waste requirement only as provided in the administrative rules. The Chief Operating Officer may provide for an extension of the temporary waiver in the administrative rules

5.10.460 Metro Enforcement of Business Food Waste Requirement

Upon a request by a local government and as provided in an intergovernmental agreement, Metro will perform the local government function to ensure covered business compliance with the business food waste requirement.

5.10.470 Metro Model Ordinance

The Chief Operating Officer may adopt a business food waste requirement model ordinance for use by the local government. The model ordinance is advisory only.