



Department Source: City Utilities - Solid Waste

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: October 7, 2019

Re: Supplemental Information - Amending Chapter 13 of the City Code to permit licensed waste haulers to transport food waste.

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an amendment sheet for B282-19 – Amending Chapter 13 of the City Code to permit licensed waste hauler to transport food waste. The additional changes to Chapter 13 would require licensed waste haulers to annually report the amount of food waste and other compostable material hauled to composting facilities.

Discussion

The additional amendments incorporate reporting requirements into Chapter 13 regarding the hauling of food waste by licensed waste haulers. These reporting requirements are being proposed for the value this information can provide in measuring progress toward goals included in the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan. The revisions require the following:

- Waste haulers maintain an inventory of all containers used to collect or store food waste, within the City of Columbia, including container serial numbers, sizes, and locations.
- Waste haulers keep record of the amount in tons of food waste, including food waste mixed with other compostable materials, collected, hauled, or transported from the City of Columbia.
- Waste haulers submit an annual report to the Office of Sustainability on or before the last business day in January of each calendar year. The report will include the tons of food waste, including food waste mixed with other compostable materials, delivered to a composting facility and the number of containers the waste hauler has deployed.

Staff has received several inquiries regarding the hauling of non-food compostable materials since B282-19 was introduced. The following is provided in an effort to clarify the requirements regarding the hauling of non-food compostable materials. Current ordinances do not restrict the hauling of non-food compostable items such as yard waste, tree limbs, etc. These items can currently be hauled to disposal facilities without a waste hauler license. The proposed revisions to Chapter 13 will allow licensed waste haulers to collect and transport segregated food waste. These food wastes could be hauled separately or combined with other compostable materials.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: No fiscal impact is anticipated due to the ordinance revision.

Long-Term Impact: No fiscal impact is anticipated due to the ordinance revision.



Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Environmental Management, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
05/06/2019	REP39-19 Burns and McDonnell Organic Waste Management Report – Withdrawn
12/03/2018	REP107-18 Request to revise the waste hauler ordinances
10/01/2018	REP85-18 Correspondence from the Environment and Energy Commission regarding waste hauler ordinance.
08/06/2018	REP74-18 Solid Waste Utility Compost Operation and Food Waste Collection Programs

Suggested Council Action

Make a motion to approve the amendment sheet and then approve the ordinance, as amended.