



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: City Utilities - Solid Waste

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: October 6, 2025

Re: Authorizing an agreement with Federal International Recycling and Waste Solutions, LLC for the purchase of mixed containers collected by the City of Columbia through its recycling program.

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Federal International Recycling and Waste Solutions, LLC for the purchase of mixed containers collected by the City of Columbia through its recycling program.

Discussion

The Solid Waste Division negotiated this agreement with Federal International Recycling and Waste Solutions as a result of the April 20, 2025 tornado that destroyed the City's Material Recovery Facility (MRF). The purpose of this agreement is to have a market for the mixed container recyclables that are collected in the City's recycling program. This agreement is limited to the mixed containers collected by the City through its recycling program. This agreement specifically excludes paper and other fiber products of all types from this agreement. The City has an existing agreement with another vendor for fiber. The City shall receive 50% of the Net Value per ton of mixed containers. The Net Value is based upon the average price per ton, minus processing cost, baling cost and freight cost per ton. Please note that residuals, mixed plastics (#3-#7) and glass have a negative value per ton. Further, in no event will the City make payment to Federal International Recycling and Waste Solutions for the mixed containers, even if the Net Value is zero or less. The term of this agreement is for one year and continues for one-year successive terms until terminated.

Staff is requesting approval to haul mixed containers to Federal International Recycling and Waste Solutions in Jefferson City, Missouri until a building is built over the baling equipment and in-floor conveyor and a more permanent market for recyclables can be obtained.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Equipment and labor costs to haul the material to Federal International Recycling and Waste Solutions. This cost is included in the fiscal year 2026 budget for Solid Waste.

Long-Term Impact: Equipment and labor costs to haul the material to Federal International Recycling and Waste Solutions.



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Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

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

Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

Approve the resolution.