

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Council finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Austin to encourage cost efficiencies in the operations of the Austin Resource Recovery Department; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Austin to encourage sustainability through reduced operating costs and reduced vehicle emissions, including reduced vehicle miles; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Resource Recovery Department will have data to evaluate whether there have been reduced operating costs, vehicle mileage, and emissions through the north/south split of the recycling routes effective October of 2012; and

WHEREAS, having a north transfer station could lead to better trash route efficiencies, lower operational costs, and reduced emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Zero Waste Advisory Commission unanimously approved a resolution at the Commission's July 11, 2012, meeting that requested the Austin Resource Recovery Department to report back to the Commission within 60 days with options to reduce the vehicle mileage of trash routes through a north/south split of trash disposal; and

WHEREAS, dirty materials recovery facility (“MRF”) technology may not be sufficient to increase diversion rates to align with the City’s Zero Waste Master Plan goals; and on October 10, 2012, the Zero Waste Advisory Commission approved a resolution that opposes the introduction of dirty MRF technology; and

WHEREAS, the Zero Waste Advisory Commission approved a resolution at the Commission’s October 10, 2012, meeting that opposes the disposal of City-collected waste at northeast Austin landfills, opposes any transfer of the City’s residential waste to northeast Austin landfill facilities, continues to support the closure of northeast Austin landfill facilities, and continues to support the study of departmental efficiencies which do not transfer waste to northeast Austin landfill facilities; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to prepare a written report regarding options to improve operational efficiencies and reduce vehicle emissions, including but not limited to reduced vehicle mileage of trash routes and present the report to the Zero Waste Advisory Commission at a Commission meeting in January of 2013. This report shall include the consideration of a north/south split of the trash routes, the option of a north transfer station, and the option of routing a portion of the City’s trash to an alternative facility, other than utilizing existing northeast Austin

landfills or a dirty MRF that does not align with the goals of the City's Zero Waste Master Plan.

ADOPTED: _____, 2012

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk

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