

RESOLUTION NO. 20141211-XXX

WHEREAS, in January of 2009, the City of Austin adopted the Zero Waste Strategic Plan, which included the Zero Waste goal to reduce the amount of waste Austinites send to the landfill by 90 percent by the year 2040; and

WHEREAS, according to annual landfill reports to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, construction material accounts for at least 20 percent of Austin's discards; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 20100930-023, directs the City Manager to investigate requiring all construction and demolition projects in the City to recycle or salvage a certain percentage of construction material in support of the City's Zero Waste goal; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Energy Green Building Program has required construction projects to recycle or salvage a certain percentage of construction material since 2003; and

WHEREAS, many cities nationwide are examining deconstruction policies that promote economic development by creating jobs and retail and revenue opportunities from the sale of the recycled materials; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin promotes efficient use of resources through its Austin Materials Exchange, Austin (Re)Manufacturing Hub, and the ReMade in Austin program; NOW THEREFORE,

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

The City Council initiates amendments to Title 25 of the City Code and to other titles as needed in order to reduce construction and demolition disposal by:

- (1) Identifying affected Commercial and Multifamily projects construction, renovation, and demolition projects to be subject to diversion requirements; and
- (2) Defining a minimum 50% diversion and reporting standards for affected projects; and
- (3) Quantifying the amount of construction material generated in Austin that is disposed and the amount that is diverted; and
- (4) Defining minimum standards for certain processors to validate their diversion rates; and
- (5) Establishing a penalty for affected projects based on their diversion performance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The City Manager is directed to process the Code amendment and to present it to Council for consideration by October 1, 2015. In processing the Code amendment, the City Manager is directed to consider and use as a foundation the recommendations proposed by the Zero Waste Advisory Commission, affected stakeholders and staff as identified in the attached Exhibit A.