

DRAFT ZWAC LANDFILL CRITERIA MATRIX RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Zero Waste Advisory Commission (ZWAC) reviews, evaluates, and makes recommendations to the City Council regarding City policies concerning solid waste; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Austin formed the Waste Management Policy Working Group of four City Council members to examine solid waste policies and contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Working Group recommended that waste should be directed to or away from certain landfills through the use of a landfill criteria matrix and directed staff to develop criteria to include considerations such as: community impact and social equity, carbon footprint, amount and type of waste, existing levels of hazardous materials at landfill; and

WHEREAS, the Working Group declared that the landfill criteria should come before the Austin City Council for approval before implementation; and

WHEREAS, Austin Resource Recovery (ARR) posted draft landfill criteria for comment on Monday, November 6, 2017 and presented them at the meeting of the ZWAC on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 and invited stakeholders to submit comments to ARR through December 13, 2017. ARR received comments from Austin Energy, Central Texas Refuse, City of Austin Equity Office, City of Austin Office of Sustainability, Green Group Holdings, Texas Campaign for the Environment, Texas Disposal Systems, and Waste Connections either by email, at the ZWAC meeting, or both; and

WHEREAS, ARR posted updated draft landfill criteria and staff response to public comments on Monday, January 8, 2018 and presented them at the meeting of the Zero Waste Advisory Council on Wednesday, January 10, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the landfill criteria will establish high but achievable standards for carbon footprint, community impact, social equity, environmental impact, and other operational measures; and

WHEREAS, the landfill criteria will serve as a model for other communities to adopt;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved That the Zero Waste Advisory Commission of the City of Austin:

Recommends that ARR Staff and ZWAC develop a scoring evaluation matrix that will be used to evaluate a landfill(s) commitment to the City of Austin's Master Plan and its Zero Waste Goal. The Evaluation Matrix will include the review of a landfill(s) impact to the community, its carbon footprint, its greenhouse gas emissions, the amount and type of waste accepted, existing levels of hazardous material at the landfill, and its commitment to waste diversion and social equity.

Further, Recommends that this evaluation matrix be used to annually score a landfill(s) eligibility to participate in City of Austin managed or owned waste and recycling contracts.