



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Brie L. Franco, Intergovernmental Relations Officer

**DATE:** February 20, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Response to City Council Resolution 20190131-036 Increase Safety for Collectors of Solid Waste and Recyclables

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The purpose of this memorandum is to respond to Resolution No. 20190131-036 that was passed on January 31, 2019.

The Resolution seeks to amend existing law to increase safety for collectors of solid waste and recyclables. Specifically, the Resolution seeks to amend Chapter 545 of the Texas Transportation Code to require motorists to slow down or change lanes when passing a waste collecting vehicle. The proposed change in law is similar to the cautions motorists must already exercise when passing a stopped emergency vehicle, tow truck, or certain TxDOT vehicles.

The Resolution directed the Intergovernmental Relations Office to send the signed resolution to the City of Austin delegation in the Texas House and Senate. The resolution was sent, via email, to the full City of Austin delegation on Wednesday, February 6, 2019.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 512-974-2281.