

RESOLUTION NO. 20191017-028

WHEREAS, the City of Austin's goal of Zero Waste by 2040 means keeping at least 90 percent of discarded materials out of the landfill; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has implemented a Master Plan directing all current and future solid waste, recycling, and organic waste issues toward its Zero Waste goal; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has specific and important interests in solid waste policies and contracts due to environmental protection and waste diversion goals; and

WHEREAS, residents in Austin, including single-family homes and apartment and condominium dwellers, pay a monthly Clean Community Fee for services that keep Austin clean and enhance the livability of our city, including Zero Waste Program Development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin's multifamily housing stock has grown considerably and is projected to continue growing at a rapid pace; and

WHEREAS, the Zero Waste Advisory Commission determined that a more proactive approach must be implemented at multifamily properties to address their recycling and organic waste needs; and

WHEREAS, the availability of composting facilities at multifamily properties would minimize the volume of organic materials entering our landfills; and

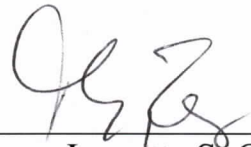
WHEREAS, Austin Resource Recovery plans to conduct a pilot program to collect data on organic waste pickup in multifamily properties; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to make recommendations to the City Council, within six months of the pilot program's completion, on possible amendments to the Universal Recycling Ordinance to include organic waste collection at all commercial and multi-family properties. The recommendations should take into consideration a broad spectrum of interests, including, but not limited to, City staff, multifamily property owners and managers, zero waste advocates, the Austin Apartment Association, the Building Owners and Managers Association, environmental advocates, the Austin Tenants Council, and residents of multifamily properties.

ADOPTED: October 17, 2019

ATTEST:


Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk