



Jan. 10, 2011

Dear Austin Business Partner:

The City of Austin Solid Waste Services Department requests your presence at a meeting to gather input on implementation of the new Universal Recycling Ordinance (URO). Your input will be used to develop the rules associated with administering the URO. Your participation is essential to ensure that your business and industry have been represented in the process. Please join us for our first meeting:

**Date:** Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011  
**Time:** 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Austin City Hall, Room 1029, 301 W. Second Street  
**Parking:** Free parking is available from the Lavaca Street entry. Please bring your parking pass for validation.

**Background**

On Nov. 4, 2010, the Austin City Council approved changes to the existing Commercial and Multi-Family Recycling Ordinance (Chapter 15 of the City Code) and renamed it the Universal Recycling Ordinance (URO). Effective October 1, 2012, the revised ordinance will require certain property owners/managers to provide recycling of additional materials (see attached “URO Summary”).

We are working on revising the existing rules (see attached “Existing Rules”) that clarify how the ordinance is implemented and enforced. Some of the issues being discussed include:

- Size, number, location and capacity of containers
- Frequency of collection
- Enforcement methodology
- Service Provider registration process
- Data reporting forms and protection of competitive or private information

Our objective is to collaboratively develop rules that are easy to understand and most participants can agree upon. During our first meeting, we hope to identify key topics for discussion and agree upon a meeting schedule. If you have additional questions, please contact Aiden Cohen, Business Waste Diversion Program Manager, by e-mail at [Aiden.Cohen@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:Aiden.Cohen@ci.austin.tx.us), or by phone at 512-974-1929.

Thank you for your participation and I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bob Gedert'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bob Gedert  
Director, Solid Waste Services

Enclosures: Rule Process Summary, Timeline, Existing Rules, Recommendations to Change Rules, URO Summary