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TO: Washington County Solid Waste Advisory Committee
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RE: Solid Waste & Recycling Administrative Rules

Background and summary

Washington County Code Section 8.04.050 allows for the enactment of reasonable rules and regulations that apply to the administration of the collection, storage, transportation and disposal of wastes and solid wastes. The Solid Waste and Recycling Administrative Rules (Administrative Rules) were first adopted in 2006 with major rule revisions in 2008, 2015, 2017, and 2019. The Administrative Rules establish standards for general provisions of the code such as definitions, reporting, education, promotion, and residential and commercial service standards.

This staff report provides information regarding topics of interest that will be addressed in future Administrative Rule amendments over the next year.

Proposed Administrative Rule Amendment Topics

Administrative Rule changes will be proposed to:

- Implement Metro Code changes affecting single-family and multi-family collection service. Areas that will likely be addressed include volume of collection service, frequency of collection, color of service collection receptacles, and labeling.
- Update Administrative Rules related to business food scraps collection. Metro has delayed the mandated implementation date to March 31, 2021, requiring a change to the Administrative Rules.
- Address the collection of personally identifiable information required to start or change collection service.
- Clarify missed collection service requirements.
- Improve the definition of properly prepared recycling or compostable materials.
- Add requirements related to diversity, equity and inclusion considerations.
- Make minor housekeeping changes.

Review Process

Solid Waste & Recycling staff will work closely with the Washington County Hauler Association and other interested parties to ensure that all proposed rule amendments are understood and do not place any undue burdens on affected parties. It is likely that more than one Administrative Rule proposal will be presented to the Committee for review. Following your Committee's recommendation regarding any proposed administrative rule amendments, the next step would be to present the recommendations to the Board of Commissioners for consideration.