



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-0919, **Agenda Item #:** 17.

7/24/2025

Posting Language

Approve amendments to Austin Resource Recovery's Administrative Rules for Solid Waste Services, Section 6.1, relating to placement of trash, recycling, and compost carts; guidance for materials that do not fit in carts; and guidance for assessing fees for return trips by the department to a property. Funding: This item has no fiscal impact.

Lead Department

Austin Resource Recovery

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

April 9, 2025 - the Zero Waste Advisory Commission voted to recommend these amendments to City Council 7-0-0.

April 23, 2025 - Climate, Water, Environment and Parks Committee was briefed on these amendments.

Additional Backup Information:

Austin Resource Recovery's (ARR) Administrative Rules assist the Department in the implementation, administration, and enforcement of City Code Chapter 15-6 (Solid Waste Services) related to operating requirements of the Department. In 2012, Ordinance No. 20120628-12 amended City Code Chapter 15-6 to require all proposed Austin Resource Recovery rules to be approved, modified, or disapproved by City Council.

Section 6.1 of ARR's Administrative Rules includes rules for the placement of carts for collection, maintenance of carts, and the assessment of certain fees.

Amendment to Section 6.1:

This amendment is intended to update the rules to reflect current operational practices and procedures of the Department. The amendment impacts Department customers, who primarily consist of residents of single-family homes. Changes include cart set-out time, placement of carts, guidelines for extra materials that do not fit in carts, and assessing return trip fees.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends adoption of the amendment to Section 6.1 of Austin Resource Recovery's Administrative Rules.

