

Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO:

CITY COUNCIL

DATE:

March 2, 2015

FROM:

CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING CHAPTER 8.60 (SOLID WASTE) AND CHAPTER 8.61 (SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FRANCHISE SYSTEM) OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE OPENING THE FRANCHISE SYSTEM TO COMPOSTING HAULERS, CORRECTING OMISSIONS FROM THE EXISTING ORDINANCE, ALLOWING COMPOSTING ENTITIES TO COLLECT SPECIFIED MATERIAL FROM COMMERCIAL ENTITIES AND SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES.

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING CHAPTER 8.60 (SOLID WASTE) AND CHAPTER 8.61 (SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FRANCHISE SYSTEM) OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO OPEN THE FRANCHISE SYSTEM TO COMPOSTING HAULERS, CORRECT OMISSIONS FROM THE ORIGINAL ORDINANCES, CLARIFY AND/OR ADD DEFINITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPOSTING, CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS, AND OTHER HAULERS, AND TO ALLOW COMPOSTING ENTITIES TO COLLECT SPECIFIED MATERIAL FROM COMMERCIAL ENTITIES AND SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES.

PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE

Previously, the City Council directed the City Attorney's Office to prepare this Ordinance at the request of the Department of Public Works. This Ordinance includes the addition of composting haulers to the franchise system, corrects omissions and updates the current Solid Waste Franchise Ordinance. The proposed amendments will allow composting haulers to collect organic, yard waste, and other compostable material from single family residences and commercial entities including multi-family units.

REASON WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED

Composting and the collection of organic material is a growing trend in Pasadena and California. This ordinance will allow compost haulers to serve all areas of the City and, by inclusion in the franchise system, provides for the monitoring and inspections necessary to protect the public health.

PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED

Adoption of the ordinance is likely to increase the number of franchises issued by the City and administered by the Solid Waste Division of the Department of Public Works. Additional administrative staff time will be required to monitor and inspect compost haulers. The increase in franchise fees from additional franchisees will offset the additional administrative costs.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impacts associated with adoption of this Ordinance are estimated to be additional franchise fees of an unknown amount annually which will offset a portion of the additional staff time spent administering the Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted

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