



Staff Report

October 16, 2023 Council Workshop Meeting

Solid Waste Management Plan Interlocal Agreement

Presenter: Steve Wall, Public Works Director

Time Estimate: 5 minutes

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BACKGROUND: On September 5, 2023, City and County staff gave a presentation to the City Council regarding the requirements to develop a Solid Waste Management Plan and the options available to the City in doing so. The County is currently working through a process to complete and adopt a new Plan on behalf of all the cities.

The same presentation also provided the City Council with information regarding the Regional Solid Waste System Study and potential options for public ownership of the three existing transfer stations currently operated by Waste Connections.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Chapter 70A.205 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) pertaining to Solid Waste Management "Each county within the state, in cooperation with the various cities located within such county, shall prepare a coordinated, comprehensive solid waste management plan." Cities within the county have three separate options of participating in the planning requirements, including having their own plan, creating a joint plan with the county, or entering into an interlocal agreement (ILA) with the county to have them complete a plan on the city's behalf. To date, Camas and the other cities in Clark County have elected to utilize the third option and have an ILA that authorizes the County to complete the associated work on our behalf.

Staff is again recommending that the City continue to utilize the County for development of the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan on the City's behalf. Clark County has developed the attached Interlocal Agreement that among other things, authorizes the County to complete the Plan with City cooperation and coordination, and ultimately submit to the Department of Ecology for approval.

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY: The City is required to have its own Solid Waste Management Plan or to participate with the County to develop a Plan. The County is also required to develop a County-wide Plan and signing the ILA authorizing the County to develop a joint plan is much more efficient.

BUDGET IMPACT: There is no direct Budget Impact associated with this agreement. City staff will coordinate directly with Clark County to ensure the information relative to Camas is included in the County-wide Solid Waste Management Plan.

RECOMMENDATION: This item is for Council's information only. Staff recommends placing the Interlocal Agreement on the November 6, 2023 Consent Agenda for Council's consideration.