



CITY OF TUALATIN

Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

FROM: Megan Cohen, Homelessness City/County Liaison

DATE: October 27, 2025

SUBJECT:

Consideration of Resolution No. 5921-25 Authorizing the City Manager to Sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro for the Operation of the Sharps Collection Box Pilot Program

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the IGA between City of Tualatin and Metro for the Sharps Collection Box Pilot Program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Metro currently manages 14 sharps collection boxes that are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week for free sharps disposal. The sharps collection boxes are provided for individuals and households and are not for business use. Sharps include but are not limited to lancets, syringes, needles, needle connectors, auto-injectors and infusion sets. Metro allocated \$800,000 of state cleanup funds from House Bill 5202 to launch a four-year pilot program that will expand sharps collection boxes throughout the region to reduce the number of sharps dumped in public spaces. Several cities in Washington County were selected to provide a location for Metro-managed sharps containers, and City of Tualatin identified a need for a box at the Tualatin Lake of the Commons (see attachment A for location).

Access to sharps disposal is becoming more difficult due to fewer pharmacies accepting sharps and the high cost of disposal options like mail-back programs. Access to sharps disposal increases livability for community members by providing safe disposal options and reducing the risk of syringes in neighborhoods. Metro will regularly assess box fullness and check for garbage, litter and graffiti, maintaining the box and the immediate area around it. Metro will work with Triology MedWaste, Republic's subcontractor for Medical Waste, to service the box. The Intergovernmental Agreement will terminate on January 31, 2030.

OUTCOMES OF DECISION:

Metro will place a Sharps Collection Box at the Tualatin Lake of the Commons, for public use, in fall 2025. The box will be serviced and maintained by Metro.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The placement and servicing of the sharps collection box at Tualatin Lake of the Commons will be provided by Metro, at no cost to the City of Tualatin.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution No. 5921-25
- Attachment A: Tualatin Lake of the Commons Box Placement
- Attachment B: Intergovernmental Agreement

- Attachment C: Metro Sharps Collection Box FAQs