



City of Tualatin

CITY OF TUALATIN Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

FROM: Lindsay Marshall, Management Analyst II

DATE: May 23, 2022

SUBJECT:

Consideration of **Resolution No. 5613-22**, Authorizing Commercial Organics Collection Rate Adjustments

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Council approve the resolution.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In the spring of 2019, the City of Tualatin adopted Ordinance No. 1420-19, pertaining to Metro’s business food waste disposal requirement for the greater Portland area. This ordinance outlined requirements of business food waste producers and owners, affecting approximately 70-100 food waste generating businesses in the City of Tualatin.

Rate adjustments for commercial organics collection were to be considered before the implementation of the Business Food Scraps program in March of 2020, however the program was delayed for two years due to COVID-19. Businesses currently participating in organics collection see two charges on their bills, one for standard service and one for organics. The rate adjustment will combine these into one charge. Newly participating businesses will see the combined (or “bundled”) charge.

Covered Businesses must comply with the food waste requirements as determined by the quantity of food waste they generate per week, on average. Implementation will begin with Business Group 1 and progress to the other groups according to the dates noted below. Covered Businesses that demonstrate they generate less than 250 pounds per week of food waste are not subject to this requirement.

Business Group 1	Business Group 2	Business Group 3
March 31, 2022-March 31, 2023	March 31, 2023-Sept. 30, 2024	Sept. 30, 2024-Sept. 30, 2025
≥0.5 ton (1,000 pounds) per week food waste generated	≥0.25 ton (500 pounds) per week food waste generated	≥0.125 ton (250 pounds) per week food waste generated

Covered businesses include cafeterias and buffets, caterers, colleges and universities, correctional facilities, drinking places, elementary and secondary schools, food product manufacturing, food

service contractors, full-service restaurants, grocery retail, grocery wholesaler, hospitals, hotels, limited-service restaurants, nursing and residential care, specialty food markets, and warehouse clubs.

Washington County Solid Waste and Recycling is the primary contact for the Business Food Scraps program and has lead outreach and communications about requirements and associated changes since initial adoption in the Spring of 2019. A current list of Tualatin businesses, as provided by Washington County in February 2022, is attached for reference.

OUTCOMES OF DECISION:

The proposed rate adjustment for commercial organics collection would go into effect on July 1, 2022 and apply to only those food waste generating businesses. Business which do not generate food waste will continue to pay rates approved by City Council in the last rate adjustment, outlined in Resolution 5546-21.

ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATION:

Council may approve the requested rate adjustment for commercial organics, negotiate a different rate adjustment, or not approve the request.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Adoption of the resolution will not fiscally affect the City budget, but will affect food waste generating businesses within the City boundary, if those businesses fall within the qualifying groups outlined by Metro. As the City of Tualatin has an exclusive franchise with Republic Services, all covered businesses will need to work with Republic to adjust their solid waste and recycling services to include organics collection by the established deadlines, to which the outlined rates would apply.

Effective July 1, 2022, the rates and changes set forth in Schedule A which is attached and incorporated into the resolution, would be established and authorized for collection of commercial organics within the corporate limits of the City of Tualatin.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution No. 5613-22 Authorizing Commercial Organics Collection Rate Adjustments
- Current list of covered businesses in the City of Tualatin