



# CITY OF TUALATIN

## Staff Report

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**THROUGH:** Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager

**FROM:** Lindsay Marshall, Management Analyst, Public Works

**DATE:** March 9, 2026

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**SUBJECT:**

Consideration of **Resolution 5946-26** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Washington County for Recycling Contamination Reduction Education

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 5946-26

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has established contamination reduction requirements for local governments as part of the Pollution Prevention and Recycling Modernization Act (RMA). Local governments in communities with over 4,000 people must establish and implement programs to reduce contamination in the recycling system and set a contamination reduction goal consistent with statewide goals.

The DEQ is required to establish and maintain a list of approved contamination reduction program elements for local governments to use in these programs. Local governments may select elements from DEQ's list to implement in their programs or local governments may submit alternative program plans to implement program elements not included in the DEQ's list of approved program elements. Local governments are required to report on contamination reduction programs in the annual Opportunity to Recycle (OTR) reports. As a member of the Washington County Solid Waste Cooperative, the County currently prepares and submits OTR reports on the City's behalf.

The RMA requires producer responsibility organizations (PRO) to compensate local governments up to \$3 per capita for contamination reduction programming work. DEQ establishes minimum requirements for local government programs and provides that cities and counties may work cooperatively with neighboring cities and counties to complete this work.

This intergovernmental agreement (IGA) establishes the County's duties as co-administrator of the contamination reduction program on behalf of the City of Tualatin for each fiscal year covered under this IGA. The PRO \$3 per capita funding for Tualatin is being passed through to Washington County to support the work done on the City's behalf. Other participating local governments who will enter into an agreement with Washington County for this work, at the time of signature, includes the Cities of Cornelius, Durham, Forest Grove, Hillsboro, King City, Sherwood, and Tigard.

**OUTCOMES OF DECISION:**

Entering into this IGA would allow Washington County to utilize the City's per capita compensation to provide

contamination reduction education programming for the City of Tualatin, in alignment with education provided to the rest of the County. Performing these responsibilities in a collaborative and cooperative manner promotes the cost-effective and efficient use of public resources and ensures that the City of Tualatin meets all DEQ programming and reporting requirements.

**ALTERNATIVES TO RECOMMENDATION:**

Not participating with Washington County and Tualatin's neighboring local governments will require City staff to independently devise and implement a plan to meet all DEQ programming and reporting requirements related to contamination reduction education.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The City will pass through the PRO per capita compensation to Washington County, who will perform the work and meet DEQ requirements on the City's behalf.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Resolution 5946-26 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Washington County for Recycling Contamination Reduction Education
- Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Washington County for Recycling Modernization Act - Contamination Reduction Programming