

TO: Public Works Committee
FROM: Alyssa Jones Wood, Sustainability Coordinator
DATE: November 17, 2022
SUBJECT: Ordinance No. O2022-019, Compost Procurement

1) Recommended Action:

Staff requests the Public Works Committee recommend the City Council adopt and authorize the Mayor to sign Ordinance No. O2022-019.

2) Background:

HB 1799, passed in the 2022 session, requires that cities and counties with a residential population above 25,000 develop a compost procurement ordinance to implement RCW 43.19A.120 by January 1, 2023. The City's procurement of compost for required projects will aid the City, region, and state in achieving greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, reduce solid waste volumes, and provide significant benefits to our soil and food systems.

3) Policy Support:

2023-2024 Strategic Priority: Be a Leader in Environmental Sustainability.

- Reduce the carbon footprint of the City organization; and
 - Include environmental protection in City projects.
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4) Alternatives:

- ☐ Recommend revisions to Ordinance O2022-019.
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5) Fiscal Notes:

The fiscal impact of meeting the requirements of HB 1799 for applicable projects is yet to be determined; however, compost had been previously required by statute for a number of local government applications. Staff time will be allocated for necessary reporting and recordkeeping to comply with this new requirement.

6) Attachments:

- A. Ordinance No. O2022-019.