



Council Agenda Item

Meeting Date: October 21, 2025

Agenda Item: Recycling Ordinance Amendment

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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has made changes to their recycling rules in ch. NR 544, Wis. Adm. Code. They created a sample ordinance template with sections that are required to be in a municipality's ordinance. These sections include: Separation of Recyclable Materials, Separation Requirements Exempted, Responsibilities of Owners or Designated Agents of Multifamily Dwellings, Responsibilities of Owners or Designated Agents of Non-Residential Facilities and Properties, Prohibition on Disposal of Recyclable Materials Separated for Recycling, and Enforcement. These sections have been added with existing sections deleted or modified to make the City's ordinance in compliance with Wisconsin State Statute 287.11

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

The Public Works Committee recommended approval of the changes to the Recycling ordinance at their October 14, 2025 meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

There is no direct financial impact to the City.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends a motion to approve the changes to Municipal Code 8.29, Recycling.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1. Recycling Ordinance