

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

December 17, 2019

City Council

This item was added to the Consent Agenda on December 16, 2019

STAFF

Caroline Mitchell, Environmental Planner
Judy Schmidt, Legal

SUBJECT

Resolution 2019-118 Authorizing Extension of the Date for Implementation of Hauler Licensing Programs Under the Intergovernmental Agreement for Solid Waste Programming and Infrastructure Improvements.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to support the extension of a deadline for participants in the North Front Range Regional Wasteshed Coalition Intergovernmental Agreement to update their hauler licensing from January 1, 2020 to April 1, 2020.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The Larimer County Landfill is anticipated to reach capacity in 2024. In anticipation of this shift in local infrastructure, a regional coalition comprised of Fort Collins, Larimer County, Loveland, and Estes Park worked together for four years to create the Solid Waste Infrastructure Master Plan (SWIMP), which Larimer County adopted in December 2018. It calls for Larimer County to build a new landfill in northern Larimer County, and to build a transfer station, construction and demolition recycling center, and composting facility for food scraps and yard trimmings on the land adjacent to the existing landfill.

The implementation of the SWIMP is supported by an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) that was approved by Fort Collins on April 16, 2019. The IGA confirms the responsibilities for constructing the infrastructure and for supportive policy adoption. The IGA also called for the creation of a Policy Council, on which Mayor Troxell and Councilmember Cunniff represent Fort Collins.

Hauler Licensing

Among other details, the IGA also calls for Larimer County and other communities that do not already have trash / recycling hauler licensing programs to update or adopt a hauler licensing program that meets minimum thresholds by January 1, 2020. Fort Collins' hauler licensing program is already in compliance with this section of the IGA.

Since adoption of the IGA, there has been staff turnover at Larimer County, and a substantial workload of getting the infrastructure development projects started, which has resulted in delay of the hauler licensing programs of approximately two to three months.

At its October meeting, the Policy Council acknowledged the outstanding circumstances and expressed support for the delay in hauler licensing updates to allow time for stakeholder engagement and time to further develop the licensing alongside many other wasteshed projects.

This Resolution acknowledges the shift in the deadline for updated hauler licensing requirements to April 1, 2020.

RESOLUTION 2019-118
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF THE DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF HAULER
LICENSING PROGRAMS UNDER THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR
SOLID WASTE PROGRAMMING AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 2019-047, the Fort Collins City Council (“City Council”) authorized the Mayor to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement for Solid Waste Programming and Infrastructure Improvements (the “IGA”); and

WHEREAS, under the IGA, the City of Fort Collins, City of Loveland, Town of Estes Park and Board of County Commissioners of Larimer County, Colorado agreed to work cooperatively to implement the County’s Solid Waste Infrastructure Master Plan by agreeing upon infrastructure and facility improvements, education, hauler licensing and other program elements to provide coordinated approach to solid waste services within Larimer County and increase material diversion from landfill disposal; and

WHEREAS, Sections 5.1.5 and 5.2.2 of the IGA set forth the obligations of the parties to develop and implement coordinated licensing programs for solid waste and recycling haulers (the “Licensing Programs”) no later than January 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, additional time is required to fully develop and implement the Licensing Programs contemplated by the IGA; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that extension of the date for implementation of the Licensing Programs under the IGA is in the best interests of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes any and all determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That the City Council hereby approves extension of the date for development and implementation of the Licensing Programs under Sections 5.1.5 and 5.2.2 of the IGA to occur no later than April 1, 2020.

Section 3. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an amendment to the IGA confirming such extension, if appropriate.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 17th day of December, A.D. 2019.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk