

## CLARK COUNTY STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Public Health

CCPH SR2018-756

DATE: 12/18/2018

### REQUESTED ACTION:

Clark County Council to approve a Resolution to accommodate Columbia Resource Company's request for a review of processing costs on residential curbside recycling to address the increased cost to sort and market materials. Further request to authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute an amendment to the contract with CRC to establish a processing fee to recover a portion of the losses incurred by the market changes.

Consent       Hearing       County Manager

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### BACKGROUND

In July of 2018, Waste Connections formally submitted a request to Clark County Solid Waste staff to increase the amount charged to residential curbside recycling customers. This additional charge would address the increased costs to sort, process and market recyclables due to global changes in contamination requirements (the amount of non-program materials that end up in recycling carts).

Clark County Solid Waste staff worked with Waste Connections to identify the financial impacts incurred as a result of the steps taken to meet new requirements, including:

- Increased staffing on the sort line to pull out more contamination.
- Slowed down sort lines to more thoroughly sort recyclables.
- Increased transportation costs to new markets.
- New markets have less capacity and pay less for materials

This increase, along with increased contamination outreach efforts, will allow Waste Connections and Clark County to continue and improve the recycling program.

### COUNCIL POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The intent is to add a per ton charge to residential recyclables delivered by Waste Connections to the Material Recovery Facility (MRF). This charge will then be passed along to residential customers throughout Clark County.

### ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Solid Waste staff has presented the approach of allowing Waste Connections to add an additional charge to residential recycling customer to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) and the

Regional Solid Waste System Steering Committee (RSWSSC). Both bodies are in support of addressing processing costs through this increase.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

YES	NO	
x		Action falls within existing budget capacity.
		Action falls within existing budget capacity but requires a change of purpose within existing appropriation
		Additional budget capacity is necessary and will be requested at the next supplemental. If YES, please complete the budget impact statement. If YES, this action will be referred to the county council with a recommendation from the county manager.

**BUDGET DETAILS**

Local Fund Dollar Amount	
Grant Fund Dollar Amount	
Account	
Company Name	

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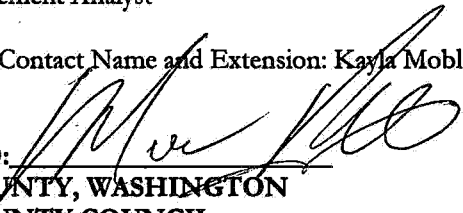
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 Shawn W. Hennessee, County Manager

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## RESOLUTION NO. 2018-12-03

WHEREAS, The county entered into an initial contract with Columbia Resource Company (CRC) regarding solid waste recycling, transfer, transport and out of county disposal in April of 1991; and

WHEREAS, The contract has been subsequently amended six times with the last amendment occurring on January 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Through interlocal agreement CRC is responsible for processing all commingled curbside recyclables collected from cities, towns and the unincorporated areas of the county; and

WHEREAS, Global markets for recyclables have recently incurred a rapid, unanticipated restructuring in the materials accepted by the market and a subsequent price decrease; and

WHEREAS, CRC has been required to make significant changes to processing to continue to market recyclables; and

WHEREAS, CRC has notified the county that the changes to processing has resulted in a large increase in processing costs and a decrease in revenue from the sale of recyclable material; and

WHEREAS, the contract language did not contemplate the changes to the market and subsequent increase in processing cost combined with a decrease in revenue for recyclable materials sold; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

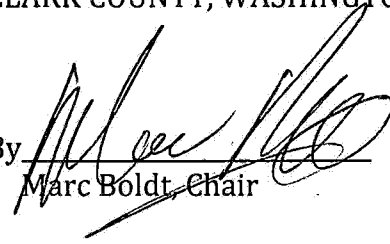
1. The Clark County Counselors authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute an amendment to the contract with CRC to establish a processing fee to recover a portion of the losses incurred by the market changes.
2. The processing fee shall be passed through to residential recycling customers served by the Recycling Collection Contractors operating in the Cities, Towns and unincorporated areas of the county.
3. The Clark County Counselors direct staff and the County Manager to coordinate and communicate with the Cities and Towns regarding the potential cost impact of the fee on residential recycling customers.
4. The processing fee shall be implemented throughout the county no later than April 1, 2019.

DATED this 18th day of December, 2018.

CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL  
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Attest:

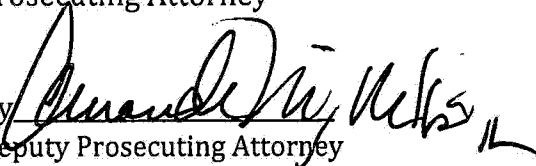
  
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