



Memorandum

Date: 2/21/2023  
Meeting of: City Council

File No. AM No. 23-020  
Type: Consent Item

TO: Members of the City Council  
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney  
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**TITLE:**  
Adoption of a Compost Procurement Ordinance

- a. Ordinance No. 3113: An Ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington Adding a New Chapter 6.40, Environmental Purchasing, to Title 6 of the Redmond Municipal Code, Regarding Compost Procurement in Compliance with State Law

**OVERVIEW STATEMENT:**

Adoption of this ordinance by jurisdictions is required by RCW 43.19A.120. This compost procurement ordinance requires all state agencies and local governments to consider whether compost products can be used in public projects, and must use them except when availability, health, quality, safety, or price criteria are not met.

**Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

- Receive Information       Provide Direction       Approve

**REQUEST RATIONALE:**

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**  
Environmental Sustainability Action Plan
- **Required:**  
RCW 43.19A.120
- **Council Request:**  
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**  
In March of 2022, the State Legislature passed HB 1799 which required jurisdictions over 25,000 residents to

adopt a compost procurement ordinance.

**OUTCOMES:**

This ordinance requires all departments to track how much compost is purchased for use by the City, and to report this amount to Ecology on even years starting in 2024. Considering the use of compost on all applicable City projects may increase the use of compost by the City. By encouraging the use of compost derived from curbside collected organics, this ordinance supports the local circular economy, and keeps more methane producing organics out of the landfill. This ordinance also requires the City to educate residents on how the City has used compost in its projects.

**COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:**

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**  
N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**  
N/A
- **Feedback Summary:**  
N/A

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

**Total Cost:**

This ordinance is not expected to significantly impact costs to the City as the City already purchases compost in some projects where applicable.

**Approved in current biennial budget:**       Yes       No       N/A

**Budget Offer Number:**

N/A

**Budget Priority:**

N/A

**Other budget impacts or additional costs:**       Yes       No       N/A

**If yes, explain:**

This will require annual tracking of compost purchases by the City with reporting to the Department of Ecology on even numbered years which could have a minor impact on staff time as tracking systems are developed.

**Funding source(s):**

N/A

**Budget/Funding Constraints:**

N/A

**Additional budget details attached**

**COUNCIL REVIEW:**

**Previous Contact(s)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Requested Action</b>
2/7/2023	Committee of the Whole - Planning and Public Works	Approve

**Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Requested Action</b>
N/A	None proposed at this time	N/A

**Time Constraints:**

The legislation passed in March 2022 required adoption of this ordinance by January 1, 2023. Ecology has stated that they will not be enforcing on jurisdictions that are making a good faith effort to adopt.

**ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:**

If not approved, we will be in violation of the RCW.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: Compost Procurement Ordinance