

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMMITTING METRO)	RESOLUTION NO. 07-3802
SOUTH AND METRO CENTRAL TRANSFER)	
STATIONS TO ACHIEVE DRY WASTE)	Introduced by Councilors Kathryn Harrington
MATERIAL RECOVERY STANDARDS FOR)	and Rod Park
SPECIFIED LOADS.)	

WHEREAS, Metro is accountable for meeting state mandated waste recovery goals for the tri-county region; and

WHEREAS, the recovery of additional "dry waste" material generated by the building industry is a key component of achieving the state-mandated waste reduction goal of 64%; and

WHEREAS, Metro regulates private solid waste facilities in the region that accept dry waste; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 07-1147 would require private solid waste facilities accepting mixed dry waste to ensure processed residual does not contain more than 15% of size-specified cardboard, wood and metal pieces by weight; and

WHEREAS, Metro owns two waste transfer stations that accept dry waste from commercial haulers and the public; and

WHEREAS, Metro has been a leader in implementing sustainable practices at the public facilities; and

WHEREAS, Metro Council desires Metro facilities to meet the standards proposed for private solid waste facilities in Ordinance 07-1147; and

WHEREAS, Metro accepts all types and sizes of incoming dry waste loads from both commercial haulers and independent self-haulers, while private facilities are free to choose which loads to accept or reject.

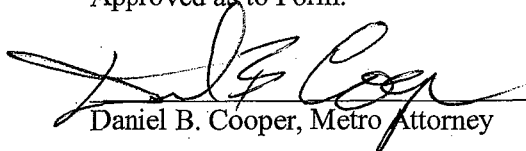
WHEREAS, this fundamental difference makes mixed dry waste loads received at the public facilities not strictly comparable in volume or composition to loads received at private recovery facilities; and

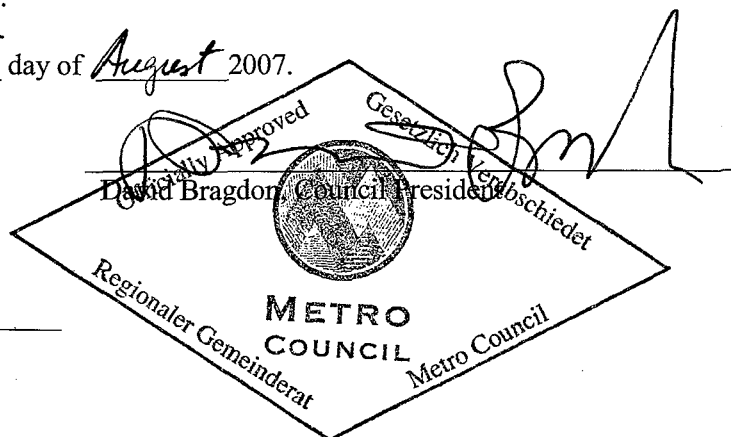
WHEREAS, for the purpose of comparing recovery performance between public facilities and private facilities, mixed dry waste loads delivered in loose drop boxes and self tipping vehicles at public facilities is most comparable to the types of loads accepted at private facilities; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Metro Council directs staff to take appropriate steps to ensure that the contract operator of Metro South and Central transfer stations will consistently meet or exceed the recovery performance and reporting standards described in Ordinance 07-1147 for all dry waste received in loose drop boxes and self-tipping vehicles.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 16th day of August 2007.

Approved as to Form:


 Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney



STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 07-3802, FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMMITTING METRO SOUTH AND METRO CENTRAL TRANSFER STATIONS TO ACHIEVE AND REPORT ON DRY WASTE MATERIAL RECOVERY STANDARDS FOR SPECIFIED LOADS.

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BACKGROUND

Higher levels of material recovery from commercial sources are essential to achieving the region's 64% state-mandated waste reduction goal. Increased recovery of materials like wood, cardboard and metal from "dry waste" generated by the building industry is a key component of achieving this goal.

In 2003, a stakeholder study group examining options for increasing recovery from this sector recommended that Metro require processing of all construction and demolition debris loads for material recovery before landfilling. Metro Council then directed staff to develop such a program proposal.

Ordinance 07-1147, which establishes this region-wide dry waste recovery program, contains a new performance standard for material recovery applicable to all privately owned facilities receiving unprocessed dry waste. The new standard requires that residual from dry waste processing contain no more than 15% cardboard, wood and metal by weight (size- specified in the ordinance).

Data from 2006 residual assays show that most private facilities are already meeting this recovery standard. Both Metro facilities have also met the standard in most samples taken to date.

As a regional leader in implementing sustainable practices at its facilities, Metro declares its intent, through this resolution, to measure, report, and achieve the same recovery performance standard for private facilities contained in Ordinance 07-1147.

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition:** There is no known opposition to this resolution.
2. **Legal Antecedents:** ORS 268.317, Metro Code Chapters 5.01, 5.05, and the Metro Charter.
3. **Anticipated Effects:** Contracted operator at Metro's two transfer facilities achieves higher recovery levels for dry waste loads received in loose drop boxes and self-tipping vehicles.
4. **Budget impacts:** No direct impacts on Metro's budget. The resolution highlights the need for Metro staff to work with the Metro facility operator to identify and implement minor process changes and measure dry waste recovery performance at Metro's two transfer stations.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Chief Operating Officer recommends Metro Council approve Resolution 07-3802.