

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF)
ENCOURAGING HAULERS AND)
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITHIN)
THE METRO REGION TO)
IMPLEMENT SOLID WASTE FEE)
REDUCTIONS CORRESPONDING TO)
METRO'S REDUCTION IN THE)
DISPOSAL RATE)

RESOLUTION NO. 97-2500

Introduced by Mike Burton
Executive Officer
and Councilor Don Morissette
Chair, REM Committee

WHEREAS, the Council last adjusted the Metro solid waste disposal rate in 1992 when it increased that rate to \$75 per ton; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 96-2434 the Council recently approved Amendment No. 7 to the long-term Waste Disposal Contract with Oregon Waste Systems, which amendment will result in substantial savings to Metro of approximately \$37 million in disposal fees in comparison to the original disposal fee structure in the Waste Disposal Contract; and

WHEREAS, planning and forecasting efforts in recent years by Metro's Department of Regional Environmental Management have resulted in substantial expenditure savings associated with Metro's waste disposal costs; and

WHEREAS, the combination of Amendment No. 7 to the Waste Disposal Contract and effective financial management planning within Metro's Department of Regional Environmental Management has enabled Metro to implement a major reduction in its waste disposal fee structure; and

WHEREAS, after review and recommendation by Metro's Rate Review Committee, the Executive Officer recommended that the Council adopt a \$70/ton overall disposal rate at Metro facilities commencing July 9, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Council recently enacted Ordinance No. 97-681B, which reduced Metro's solid waste disposal fees by \$5 per ton and other fee components of Metro's solid waste disposal rate system in appropriate amounts; and

WHEREAS, the Council's action will enable the various solid waste haulers operating within the 24 cities in the Metro region and those unincorporated areas within the Metro region in Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington Counties to enjoy the benefits of lower disposal costs at Metro facilities; and

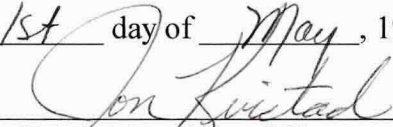
WHEREAS, Metro cannot directly pass its disposal fee reduction through to the haulers' customers within the Metro region; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Metro Council urges the various solid waste haulers within the Metro region in Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington Counties to cooperate with local governments in the implementation of fee reduction efforts associated with Metro's reduction in solid waste disposal rates at Metro facilities; and


2. That the Metro Council urges the governing bodies of the 24 cities in the Metro region and those unincorporated areas within the Metro region in Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington Counties to review current solid waste collection fee and rate schedules for the various haulers operating within local government boundaries and commence appropriate proceedings to implement fee and rate reduction efforts to take advantage of Metro's reduction in solid waste disposal rates at Metro facilities.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 1st day of May, 1997.



Jon Kvistad, Presiding Officer

Approved as to Form:



Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

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