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COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Request for Resolution: Amendment to Interlocal Agreement 78509/SC-101171 with Pierce County for Solid Waste Programs - December 15, 2020
DATE: November 19, 2020

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to Interlocal Agreement 78509/SC-101171 with Pierce County for Solid Waste Programs, extending the termination date from December 31, 2020 to December 31, 2021.

BACKGROUND:

This Department's Recommendation is Based On: The City of Tacoma entered into this agreement with Pierce County in January 2011 to formalize the partnership for the purposes of developing and operating under a joint Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) for the State. The agreement expires at the end of this year, however, the development of the new 20-year SWMP is in process and is anticipated to be completed in 2021. Pierce County has proposed amending this agreement to extend the term one year, to allow the plan update to finish, and then a new agreement or amendment can be developed with a more thorough update based on the new SWMP.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

The development of the joint SWMP affects all residents and businesses within the City of Tacoma and Pierce County. The development process will include engagement with representatives of many stakeholder groups, including the Pierce County Solid Waste Advisory Committee and the Sustainable Tacoma Commission.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility:

Environmental Services seeks City Council approval to extend the term of this agreement with Pierce County to allow for the development of a new SWMP to be completed prior to establishing a new agreement. The development process will include engagement with stakeholders from throughout the county, with a specific aim at engaging with underrepresented communities to solicit feedback. The City and the County are also committed to building equity into the components of the new plan.

Livability: Equity Index Score: Moderate Opportunity

Improve access and proximity by residents to diverse income levels and race/ethnicity to community facilities, services, infrastructure, and employment.

Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s).

The development of the new SWMP will incorporate equity considerations, including evaluating the current Solid Waste infrastructure in the county to assess and address barriers to access. The new SWMP plan will also attempt to align with the City of Tacoma's Climate Justice Action Plan goals and Pierce County's Sustainability plan goals to reduce greenhouse gas impacts within the Solid Waste system.



ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. Allow agreement to expire	none	City of Tacoma will not have formal authorization to develop the State required SWMP in partnership with the County

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

The SWMP development is being led by the County with the assistance of a consultant who is facilitating the process. Milestones have been established to complete the new SWMP in the first half of 2021. Staff will provide update to the Council on the new SWMP when it is completed, and develop a new agreement with Pierce County.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

Environmental Services recommends authorizing the execution of an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County to extend the term to end December 31, 2021 to allow for the completion of a new 20-year SWMP.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No cost to the City of Tacoma.

What Funding is being used to support the expense?

N/A

Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium's current budget?

N/A

Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

YES

Not extending the term of the agreement will leave the City without formal authorization to develop and operate under a joint SWMP with Pierce County.

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?

No

Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts?

No

ATTACHMENTS:

Proposed 2020 ILA Amendment

Executed 2011 ILA