

# Private Waste Hauler Regulations

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2. Potential regulation components
  - License application
  - Licensing fees
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  - Data reporting
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# Background – Existing Regulations

- Currently, private waste haulers can collect waste from commercial and multifamily properties within City limits
- In order to do so, companies need to obtain a general business license
  - \$50 fee
  - Renewal of license requires an inspection of vehicles



# Background – Challenges

- Existing licensing process lacks basic requirements
  - No insurance requirements
  - No plan for collected materials (i.e. Where are recyclables going?)
  - No reporting requirements
- As a result, we have incomplete picture of the waste produced within Flagstaff
  - Difficult to evaluate and achieve goals



# Application

Potential additions to existing licensing application for private waste haulers:

- Robust vehicle inspection
- Develop a plan for accepted materials
  - Where are trash/recyclables/organics going?
  - How is material being collected, transported, and processed?
  - How are waste diversion opportunities incentivized, if offered?
- Examples of similar regulations: City of Mesa & City of Tempe



# Licensing Fee

A more substantial licensing fee could cover costs incurred by private waste haulers

- Ex: City of Tucson & City of Tempe
  - \$1,000/per vehicle fee
  - In Tucson, covers costs associated with the abatement of litter

In Flagstaff, the Solid Waste Section funds litter collection efforts, and the costs of sustainable materials management education and outreach provided by the City, which reaches all residents whether they are a customer of a private waste hauler or the City

- A similar fee could cover these costs



# Insurance Requirements

Staff recommend basic insurance requirements based of other Cities:

- Ex: City of Tempe
  - Public liability and property damage
  - Personal injury
  - Safety bond



# Data Reporting Requirement

In order to calculate an accurate diversion rate, staff need data on amount of material collected within City limits

- Annual tons of material delivered to a landfill
- Annual tons of material delivered to a recycling/composting facility

Ex: Mesa & Tucson



# Other service requirements

Other requirements could support City goals including:

- Appropriate recycling/trash bin colors that are consistent with the City (i.e. blue=recycling, gray=trash)
- Signage to communicate what materials are accepted
- Annual vehicle inspection program.
- Age limit on front-line heavy-use collection vehicles





# Relationship to council goals

- Updating private waste hauler regulations was identified as an initiative in the Rethink Waste Plan
- Supports Climate Action and Adaptation Plan
  - Better data informs future programming
  - More efficient collection vehicles reduces transportation emissions
- Updated application process allows City to promote collection practices that reduce litter



# Questions

