

**CITY OF RAMSEY
CONTRACT FOR CURBSIDE
RECYCLING SERVICES**

This agreement is made as of the _____ day of _____, 2025, between the City of Ramsey, a Minnesota municipal corporation located at 7550 Sunwood Drive, Ramsey, MN 55303 ("City"), and Ace Solid Waste, Inc. a Minnesota corporation located at 6601 McKinley St. N.W., Ramsey, MN 55303 ("Contractor").

The City and the Contractor agree as follows:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this agreement is to establish a curbside Recycling Program for the collection of Recyclable Materials from residents of the City of Ramsey.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Contract, the following words and terms shall have the definitions given them by this section.

Aluminum Cans – Disposable containers fabricated primarily of aluminum, commonly used for soda, beer, juice, water, or other beverages.

Bi-Weekly – Occurring once every two weeks or every other week.

Boxboard – Dry goods boxes including, but not necessarily limited to, cereal, cake, chip, and cracker boxes.

Cartons – Paper cartons used for liquids such as juice, milk, soup, and broth.

City Administrator - means the then duly appointed and qualified City Administrator of the City of Ramsey.

Collection – The act of collecting Recyclable Materials from the Recycling Carts by the Contractor's personnel in authorized collection vehicles.

Contract – The agreement to be entered into between the City and Contractor.

Contractor – The City's recycling service contractor under this Contract.

Corrugated Cardboard – Cardboard materials with double wall construction and a corrugated, wavy layer separating the outer walls. This does not include plastic, wax, or other coated cardboard.

Curbside – The area of a private street or public road right-of-way between the property line and the curb or edge of the street, but not on the street itself.

Curbside Recycling Service – The Curbside Collection of Recyclables, in conjunction with related public education and other customer services as addressed in this Contract.

Excluded Waste – means any radioactive, volatile, corrosive, highly flammable, explosive, biomedical, infectious, biohazardous, toxic or hazardous material as defined by applicable federal, state or local laws or regulations.

Finance Department – The department within the City of Ramsey that is the recipient of the Contractor's recycling invoices.

Fibers – Newsprint, inserts, circulars, Magazines, Mixed Paper/Mail, Boxboard, Corrugated Cardboard, telephone books, catalogs, paperback books, notebooks, brown paper bags, and Cartons.

Glass Jars and Bottles – Unbroken glass jars, bottles, and containers (lids/caps and pumps removed) that are primarily used for packaging and bottling of food and beverages.

Magazines – Glossy and non-glossy magazines and catalogs.

Mixed Paper/Mail – Mail, advertisements, office paper, school paper, envelopes, etc.

Newsprint – All newspapers, including inserts, coupons, advertisements, etc.

Non-Recyclable Materials – Materials that are not included in the City's Recycling Program or accepted by the Contractor. Examples may include pizza boxes, ceramics, plastic bags, hoses, etc.

Organics Cart – Uniform, wheeled recycling containers in which Organics can be stored and later placed for Curbside collection. Carts shall be consistent in color and design, with a different color lid that includes an approved instruction label imprinted on top. Carts shall be visibly marked to clearly indicate it is for Organics recycling for the benefit of both the resident and the Contractor driver.

Participation Rate – A record of which specific households on a recycling route set out Recyclable Materials at some point during a defined period, as a percentage of the overall number of eligible households.

Plastics – Plastic bottles, jugs, containers, and cups marked with a resin code of #1, #2, and/or #5 that contained milk, juice, soft drinks, liquor, water, certain foods, soap, shampoo, conditioner, etc.

Processing – The sorting, volume reduction, bailing, containment, or other preparation of Recyclable Materials delivered to the processing center for transportation or marketing purposes.

Recycling Cart – Uniform, wheeled recycling containers in which Recyclable Materials can be stored and later placed for Curbside collection as part of the single-stream collection system. Carts shall be consistent in color and design, with a different color lid that includes an approved instruction label imprinted on top. Carts shall be visibly marked to clearly indicate it is for recycling for the benefit of both the resident and the Contractor driver.

Recycling Manager – The City Staff person responsible for managing the Recycling Program.

Recyclable Materials or Recyclables – Aluminum Cans, Steel Cans, Glass Jars and Bottles, Plastics #1, #2, and #5 (excluding those that contained automotive fluids or cleaning products), Newsprint, Magazines, Mixed Paper/Mail, Boxboard, telephone books, paperback books, notebooks, brown paper bags, office paper, Corrugated Cardboard, Cartons, and any other materials mutually agreed upon by both the City and the Contractor.

Recycling Program – The collecting of all Recyclable Materials accumulated in Recycling Carts at Residential Properties located within the City and the transporting of the Recyclable Materials to a site where they can be processed for the marketplace as determined by the Contractor.

Residential Property - All single family and other residential dwelling units where a separate driveway and/or garage exist for each unit or group of units within City limits. Multi-unit apartment buildings and residential dwelling units above commercial businesses, which, for the purposes of this contract, are not defined as Residential Property, are specifically excluded from this Contract.

Rigids – Aluminum Cans, Steel Cans, Glass Bottles and Jars, and Plastics #1, #2, and #5 (bottles, containers, cups, tubs, etc.).

Single Sort Recycling – Placing all Recyclable Materials in the Recycling Carts without needing to sort by type of material.

Source Separated Compostable Materials (also known as Organics) – Has the meaning given in State Statutes.

Steel Cans – Disposable containers fabricated primarily of steel or tin and used for food and beverages.

SECTION 3.

SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED

- A. For recycling purposes, the City is divided into two collection areas: an east side and west side. The dividing line is Sunfish Lake Boulevard and Nowthen Boulevard. The Contractor shall collect at Curbside all Recyclable Materials from every Residential Property in the City on a Bi-Weekly schedule, with the east side collected one week and the west side collected the next week. The Contractor will inform the City of the current Collection schedule and update the City if the schedule changes. If the Contractor desires to change the Collection day for any Residential Property, or group of Residential Properties, the request must be submitted in writing to the City. Changes in Collection days cannot be made without advance approval of the City. The Contractor is responsible for educating residents of any day change with at least two education notices prior to changing the Collection day.
- B. The Contractor shall not be required to make regular Collections on State of Minnesota legal holidays; provided, however, that collection shall occur on the routes reasonably

in advance thereof or thereafter in the opinion of the City and Contractor so that the Bi-Weekly schedule can be completed regardless of a holiday.

C. The Contractor shall provide the following equipment and labor biannually for recycling events:

1. Roll-off boxes or equivalent as mutually agreed upon by the City and Contractor for the drop off of scrap metal and Recyclable Materials by City residents.
2. All required labor for loading and removal of materials collected
3. Trucking services for the delivery and removal of the roll-off boxes
4. If the City and the Contractor determine the need to hold recycling event(s) at the Contractor's location, the City will provide reasonable notice for Contractor to prepare their location.

D. The Contractor will provide every Residential Property with a Recycling Cart. Single family homes will receive a ninety-five (95) gallon size Recycling Cart and townhomes will receive a sixty-five (65) gallon size Recycling Cart. After ninety (90) days, residents may exchange their delivered Recycling Cart with a smaller or larger Recycling Cart based on their needs. Recycling Cart exchanges for size are limited to once per year per resident.

1. The Contractor shall provide a second Recycling Cart to a Residential Property upon request at no cost as long as the Residential Property already has the largest available Recycling Cart size.
2. If a Residential Property requests a second Recycling Cart and the Residential Property is not conducting a business from their home, but the Residential Property is requesting the second Recycling Cart to be collected at a different collection point from their first Recycling Cart (essentially, a second stop), the Residential Property will be charged an additional per unit fee by the Contractor directly to the Residential Property.
3. A Residential Property requesting to have their Recycling Cart cleaned or exchanged due to regular use will pay a Container Exchange fee directly to the Contractor of \$35.00 per Recycling Cart.

E. The Contractor will provide an Organics Cart to each Residential Property that signs up for Curbside Organics recycling. Each Residential Property shall be directed to follow Section 5 of this Contract regarding how to prepare Organics for Curbside Collection.

F. The Contractor will support Recycling Program promotion as follows:

1. Contractor will provide the ReCollect App Recycle Wizard and Schedule Reminder tools to all Residential Properties via the City's website and the Contractor's website.
2. All Recycling Carts delivered for recycling will have a printed education flyer attached to the lid outlining the details of the Recycling Program.
3. The Contractor will meet with the City at least once every quarter, or as deemed appropriate, to discuss and consider outreach and educational information and

materials to promote recycling, target specific Recyclable Materials, and identify problem materials that are not acceptable.

- a. Contractor shall create and produce, at its own expense, an annual public education marketing piece that is mailed directly to all Residential Properties each year of this Contract. Additionally, the Contractor shall assist with drafting articles for inclusion in the City's bi-monthly newsletter and the Ramsey Recycler publication. Articles shall adhere to the Recycling Education Committee's Recycling Calendar Topics for Statewide Education Plan.
- G. The Contractor will provide Recycling Carts or equivalent at the City's public works facility for delivery of Recyclable Materials collected by City employees in the City parks and at City events. The size of Recycling Carts (or equivalent) and frequency of Collection will match the need. The Contractor has created a public drop-off for Recyclable Materials and Organics at their location that the City can promote the use to the City residents and commercial businesses.
- H. The Contractor shall work with the City to develop and implement new programs and pilot projects to help increase tonnage and participation in the Recycling Program. Examples may include:
1. Expanding the list of Recyclable Materials.
 2. Providing equipment for additional drop-off opportunities (e.g. additional cardboard over holidays, organics collection, yard waste collection in the fall, etc.)
 3. Working with the City to provide additional curbside pick-up services (e.g. City-wide curbside appliance and/or electronics collection).
- I. Notwithstanding any other term contained herein, the Contractor shall have no obligation to collect any waste which is, or which the Contractor reasonably believes to be, Excluded Waste. Title to and liability for any Excluded Waste shall remain with resident/generator of such Excluded Waste, even if the Contractor inadvertently collects and disposes of such Excluded Waste. If the Contractor finds what reasonably appears to be discarded Excluded Waste, the Contractor shall notify the resident/business/generator, if such can be determined, that the Contractor may not lawfully collect such Excluded Waste and leave a tag specifying the nearest location available for appropriate disposal.

SECTION 4.

TERM OF CONTRACT

- A. The term of this Contract shall be January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2029 (the "Contract Term").
- B. This Contract may be renewed at the City's option. Any renewal shall be subject to mutual Contract amendments proposed by the City and/or the Contractor. The unit cost of the Recycling Program shall be negotiated by the City and the Contractor prior to the granting of the renewal. The City may, however, in its sole discretion, seek competitive bids for renewal, and in its discretion, select another Contractor.

- C. The City shall notify the Contractor a minimum of three (3) months prior to the Contract's termination if the City intends to request a renewal. If the Contractor does not intend to renew this Contract, it shall notify the City at least six (6) months prior to the Contract's termination. If the Contractor notifies the City of its intent not to renew this Contract, it shall not bid on the new Contract.

SECTION 5. PREPARATION FOR COLLECTION

- A. All occupants of Residential Properties in the City will be directed to prepare and store Recyclable Materials in a manner consistent with the Contractor's Collection program.
- B. City residents will be advised that Recycling Carts in which Recyclable Materials have been stored must be placed on the boulevard area of the street in front of their residence for Collection. Recycling Carts must be placed for Collection by 6:30 a.m. on the scheduled day of Collection. Walk up service for qualified Residential Properties will be provided at no additional cost. Drive-in service shall be billed by the Contractor directly to the Residential Property at a rate of \$10 per month.
- C. All Recyclable Materials placed for Collection shall be owned by, and be the responsibility of, the occupants of each Residential Property until said materials are handled by the Contractor. Upon handling of the Recycling Carts and Recyclable Materials by the Contractor, the Recyclable Materials become the property and responsibility of the Contractor.

SECTION 6. CONTRACTOR'S EQUIPMENT

- A. All vehicles used by the Contractor in picking up the Recyclable Materials from the Residential Properties shall be painted and marked uniformly and shall be identified on both sides of the vehicle. Broom and shovel in good usable condition shall be placed and maintained on each vehicle.
- B. The Contractor shall make all Collections of Recyclable Materials in vehicles with closed tops on the load portion so that contents will not spill or leak. All of the Contractor's receptacles and vehicles shall be kept clean and as free from offensive odors as possible and shall not be allowed to stand in any street or other place longer than is reasonably necessary to collect Recyclable Materials.
- C. The Contractor shall keep all equipment used in the performance of the work required by this Contract in good operating condition and in a clean, sanitary condition and shall thoroughly wash each vehicle at least twice each month or before each Bi-Weekly Collection unless the same has not been used since the last washing. All of the Contractor's equipment is subject to periodic inspection by the City to assure that said vehicles and/or equipment are being maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.

SECTION 7.

CONTRACTOR'S OPERATIONS

- A. The Contractor shall establish and maintain, in a location approved by the City Administrator, an office staffed and capable of accepting complaints and customer calls. The office shall be in service during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on all days of Collection as specified herein. The address and telephone number of the office shall be given to the City in writing. Any changes in address and telephone number of the office shall be given to the City in writing at least ten (10) working days prior to such change.
- B. The Contractor shall collect curbside Recyclable Materials between the hours of 7:00am and 6:00pm, or as mutually agreed upon by the Contractor and the City.
- C. Complaints on service will be taken and collected by the City in addition to those received at the Contractor's office. The City will notify the Contractor of all complaints it receives. The Contractor is responsible for all corrective actions. A record of all such complaints and the action taken thereon shall be kept by the Contractor and reported to the City's Recycling Manager whenever requested. All complaints shall be answered by the Contractor courteously and promptly.
- D. The City shall notify the Contractor by 12:00 p.m. on the work day following the scheduled Collection of all missed stops. The Contractor is required to service such locations before 5:00 p.m. on the date of notification.
- E. The Contractor's employees shall handle all Recycling Carts with reasonable care to avoid damage, shall replace all Recycling Carts in an upright position and shall immediately clean up and dispose of any Recyclable Materials which may have fallen out of a Recycling Cart.
- F. The performance of the Contract shall be done by the Contractor with forces adequate to insure the satisfactory Collection and disposal of the Recyclable Materials at all times. Contractor's failure to perform shall not be excused by adverse conditions of weather, breakdown and similar hindrances, including those caused by force majeure.
- G. The Contractor shall certify that the materials collected in the Recycling Program are delivered to a recycling processing center. Materials found to be landfilled are in violation of City ordinance and will cause the Contractor to incur the penalties listed in the City's recycling ordinance.

SECTION 8.

COMPENSATION

- A. Compensation is based on the Contractor's Quote, which was received by the City on September 8, 2025. Said Quote is not attached to this Contract, but is available from the Recycling Manager.
- B. The City will compensate the Contractor for the collection of Recyclable Materials from city residents at a per month rate for each Residential Property as outlined in the table below. The City shall make payment to the Contractor by the 20th day of each month

for the charges incurred during the immediately preceding month.

Year	Price
2026	\$3.98
2027	\$4.10
2028	\$4.22
2029	\$4.35

- C. The number of Residential Properties will be updated not less than every calendar quarter and will be equal to the number of Residential Properties billed for participation in the Recycling Program through the City's utility billing system.
- D. The monthly rate per Residential Property is fixed and cannot be changed without mutual agreement of both parties.

SECTION 9. ADDITIONAL SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES

- A. Each Residential Property shall have the option to sign up for weekly Collection of Organics. The Contractor shall directly bill each Residential Property that signs up for the curbside Collection of Organics at the monthly rate outlined below:

Organics Collection	
Year	Price
2026	\$3.75
2027	\$3.86
2028	\$3.98
2029	\$4.10

- B. The Contractor shall, no less frequently than once per quarter, provide the City the total number of Residential Properties that have signed up for curbside Collection of Organics.

SECTION 10. FILING OF REPORTS

The Contractor shall submit monthly summary reports for both Recyclable Materials and Organics. The report for Recyclable Materials shall describe the participation rate of Residential Properties, the quantity (tonnage) and kinds of all Recyclable Materials collected and the primary purchaser(s) of the Recyclable Materials. The report for Organics shall include data for both the curbside Organics program as well as the Organics Drop-Off program. Monthly summaries shall be electronically submitted to the City's Recycling Manager no later than the 15th day of the month following the month for which the report is submitted.

The Contractor shall also submit a summary report within three (3) weeks following each biannual recycling event. The summary report shall identify each material collected as well as the tonnage of each material.

SECTION 11.**ACCESS TO RECORDS**

The Contractor shall permit the City to review its books, documents, papers and records that are directly related to the performance of this Contract for the purpose of making an audit, and other examinations deemed necessary by the City.

SECTION 12.**INSURANCE**

Prior to the commencement of this Contract, the Contractor shall furnish the City with certificates or copies of the following policies of insurance, approved by the City Administrator, showing that such insurance is in force. All endorsements shall apply to both bodily injury or death and property damage coverage.

- A. Comprehensive general public liability insurance insuring against liability for bodily injury or death, in the sum of \$500,000 for any one person and in the sum of \$1,000,000 for two or more persons in the same occurrence, and for damages to property in the sum of \$500,000.
- B. Workers' compensation insurance and employers' liability insurance as required by law.
- C. Automobile liability and property damage insurance, including coverage for non-owned and hired vehicles, in limits as for comprehensive general public liability coverage stated above.

The City shall be named as an additional insured on the above policies, for coverage needed only for work, as specified in this Contract. The Contractor shall provide the City with thirty (30) days' written notice prior to any cancellation or termination of any of the insurance policies required hereunder.

No policy shall contain any provisions for exclusions from liability other than provisions for exclusion from liability forming part of the standard basic unamended and unendorsed form of policy, except that no exclusion will be permitted in any event if it conflicts with a coverage expressly required in this Contract, and in addition, no policy shall contain any exclusion from bodily injury to, or sickness, disease or death of any coverage under the contractual liability endorsement of the liability of the Contractor under this Contract. Compliance by the Contractor with the foregoing requirements to carry insurance and furnish certificates shall not relieve the Contractor from liability assumed under any provisions of this Contract.

SECTION 13.**INDEMNIFICATION**

The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the City and its officers, agents and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses or expenses, including attorney fees, for which it may be held liable, arising out of or resulting from the assertion against them of any claims, debts or

obligations in consequence of the performance of this Contract by the Contractor, its employees, agents or subcontractors. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Contractor shall have no obligation to indemnify the City, or any of the City's subsidiaries, affiliates, or related companies, or any of their respective employees, agents, representatives, officers, managers, contractors, or subcontractors, or any other party, to the extent any claims, suits, actions, losses, damages, liabilities, costs or expenses arise out of: (i) the negligence or willful misconduct of the City, or any of the City's officials, employees, agents, representatives, officers, managers, contractors, or subcontractors, or any other party, (ii) the City's breach of any of the terms, conditions, representations, or warranties contained in this Contract, or (iii) the violation of any law, rule, regulation, ordinance, order, permit, or license by the City, or any of the City's officials, employees, agents, representatives, officers, managers, contractors, or subcontractors, or any other party.

Nothing in this Contract shall be construed to create an employer/employee, partnership, joint venture, license or agency relationship between the parties hereto and neither party shall have the right or authority to bind the other in any manner. For purposes of this Contract, Contractor shall be deemed an "independent contractor" as defined by law. Contractor's employees shall not be entitled to any employment benefits given to City employees.

SECTION 14. TERMINATION

If, during the term of this Contract, either party shall be in breach of any provision of this Contract, the other party may suspend its performance hereunder until such breach has been cured or terminate this Contract; provided, however, that no termination of this Contract shall be effective until the complaining party has given written notice of such breach to the breaching party and the breaching party has failed to cure such breach within ten (10) days after its receipt of such notice. Upon any such failure to cure, the complaining party may terminate this Contract by giving the breaching party written notice of such termination, which shall become effective upon receipt of such notice.

SECTION 15. PENALTIES AND DAMAGES

- A. Failure by the Contractor to perform under this Contract, may result in its termination and/or claims by the City for damages.
- B. In the event of breach of this Contract by the Contractor, or proven negligence by the Contractor, the Contractor agrees to pay, in addition to the actual damages sustained by the City as a result thereof, the reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the City in pursuing any of its rights under this Contract.

SECTION 16. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

The Contractor binds itself, its successors, executors, administrators and assigns to the City in respect to all covenants of this Contract, except that the Contractor shall not assign or transfer any part of its interest in this Contract nor shall the Contractor assign any moneys due, or to become due, without the City's written consent.

SECTION 17.**AMENDMENT, MODIFICATION OR WAIVER**

No amendment, modification, or waiver of any condition, provision, or term of this Contract shall be valid or of any effect unless made in writing, signed by the party or parties to be bound or by its duly authorized representative, and specifying with particularity the extent and nature of such amendment, modification, or waiver. Any waiver by any party or any default of another party shall not affect or impair any right arising from any subsequent default.

SECTION 18.**SEVERABLE PROVISIONS**

Each provision, section, sentence, clause, phrase, and word of this Contract is intended to be severable. If any provision, section, sentence, clause, phrase, or word hereof is illegal or invalid for any reason whatsoever, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Contract.

SECTION 19.**ENTIRE CONTRACT**

This Contract contains the entire understanding of the parties hereto with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby and supersedes all prior agreements and understanding between the parties with respect to such subject matter. No representations, warranties, undertakings, or promises, whether oral, implied, written, or otherwise, have been made by either party hereto to the other unless expressly stated in this Contract or unless mutually agreed to in writing between the parties hereto after the date hereof, and neither party has relied on any verbal representations, agreements, or understandings not expressly set forth herein.

SECTION 20.**CAPTIONS, HEADINGS OR TITLES**

All captions, headings or titles in the paragraphs or sections of this Contract are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not constitute a part of this Contract as a limitation of the scope of the particular paragraphs or sections to which they apply.

The representative of Ace Solid Waste, Inc., hereby acknowledges receipt of this Contract and has reviewed the conditions of this Contract and has agreed that they comply with the terms of this Contract.

CITY OF RAMSEY, MINNESOTA

ACE SOLID WASTE, INC.

Mayor

By: _____

City Administrator

Its: _____