

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

FROM: Kevin Handelin, Superintendent of Solid Waste
Nicholas Ross, Director of Transportation and Engineering

SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to Sign a Professional Service Agreement with Happy Trash Can, LLC for the Solid Waste Organics Management Program Processing

MEETING DATE: March 25, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Agreement - Vendor/Contract

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the City Manager to Sign a Professional Service Agreement with Happy Trash Can, LLC for the Solid Waste Organics Management Program Processing.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 1.1 Outreach: Continue to strengthen and innovate in how we deliver information to the community and our partners.

BACKGROUND: At the direction of City Commission, Bozeman Solid Waste will be launching a citywide, year-round Organics Collection service to compliment our current garbage and recycling service offerings. This expanded organics service will operate weekly and collect yard waste, food scraps, dirty paper products. The service will replace our seasonal yard waste collections for a fee of \$10 per month.

In order to procure contractor support for the processing of collected organics material into compost, the city issued an RFQ for processing services and selected Happy Trash Can, LLC. The city will retain 20% of the finished compost product for use on city facilities. This professional services agreement will serve as the contract mechanism for the processing component of our expanded Organics Collection service.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None

ALTERNATIVES: As suggested by the commission.

FISCAL EFFECTS: The City shall pay Contractor the following fees for services:

- Processed/composted organic waste: \$25.00 per cubic yard
- Final screened and finished compost: \$15.00 per cubic yard

Rates shall be reviewed by the parties prior to agreement for mutual extension after the Agreement expires on December 31, 2027. Contractor

may request negotiation of new rates on an annual basis through demonstration of hardship. In the event that the parties cannot agree on new rates, Contractor may terminate this agreement upon 30 days written notice.

Attachments:

[Agreement - City of Bozeman and Happy Trash Can Exhibit A](#)

Report compiled on: March 7, 2025