City of Plymouth

Agenda Number: **6.4**

Regular City Council

April 13, 2021

To: Dave Callister, City Manager

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Item: **Adopt ordinance amending Sections 105 and 600 of the City Code concerning curbside source-separated organic collection**

1. Action Requested:

Adopt attached ordinance amending Sections 105 and 600 of the City Code concerning curbside source-separated organic collection and resolution approving summary publication of said ordinance.

Approval of ordinance requires a 4/7 vote of the Council. Approval of the summary publication resolution requires a 6/7 vote.

2. Background:

The Hennepin County Board of Commissioners amended "Ordinance 13 – Recycling for Hennepin County" on November 27, 2018, requiring cities to provide organic recycling (also known as source-separated organic material) to residents by January 1, 2022. For cities the size of Plymouth, this includes making curbside collection available either by contracting for citywide organized service or requiring licensed refuse haulers to provide service. At the June 10, 2020 Environmental Quality Committee (EQC) meeting, the EQC recommended requiring all licensed refuse haulers to provide curbside collection of organic material upon request of household subscribers. With the recommended approach, the organics program will remain voluntary, the recycling fee will not increase, haulers will manage the service, and staff can focus on education and increasing participation of recycling and organics collection.

The attached ordinance updates Sections 105 and 600 of the City Code which would require licensed refuse haulers to provide curbside collection of source-separated organic material upon request from a household subscriber beginning January 1, 2022.

3. Budget Impact:

There is no impact to the solid waste budget, although revenues in 2022 may increase since 50% of SCORE funding is distributed to cities in Hennepin County proportional to the percentage of city residents who participate in curbside organic material collection within the County.

4. Attachments:

Hennepin County Ordinance 13

Hennepin County Residential Recycling Funding Policy
EQC Staff Report
EQC Minutes
Ordinance
Resolution