

NINE STEP PLANNER

CLARK COUNTY WORK SESSIONS

This form must be reviewed & approved by the Council before a work session is scheduled.

REQUESTED BY:

Public Works Solid Waste and Recycling Division

1. **TOPIC:** Solid Waste Code Updates for sections CCC 2.37.030 through 2.37.040, CCC 24.12.370 through 24.12.380 and CCC 24.12.130.

2. **NAMES OF STAFF PRESENTING/ATTENDING:**

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3. **TIME FRAME**

Length of time needed for staff presentation: 15 minutes

Desired date: August 26, 2026

Scheduled date:

4. **TIMING CONSIDERATIONS:**

The Solid Waste and Recycling Division is requesting a work session to review proposed updates to several solid waste code sections, including CCC 2.37.030 through 2.37.040, CCC 24.12.370 through 24.12.380 and CCC 24.12.130. These revisions stem from the March 2025 reorganization that moved Solid Waste Operations and the Education and Outreach programs from Public Health to Public Works, shifting departmental responsibilities and prompting the need to align existing code language with current organizational structure and state regulatory requirements.

The proposed updates include changes to compost procurement reporting responsibilities and deadlines, removal of duplicative local requirements already addressed in RCW and the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan and rescission of the temporary \$1.43 tipping fee originally adopted in 2017 during a period of reduced state funding. Together, these updates support clearer internal processes, improved transparency, and more consistent systemwide reporting. Holding the work session in August 2026 is intentionally aligned with the annual Master Service Agreement pricing review, allowing the fee removal and related administrative changes to take effect January 1, 2027.

Council approval at the work session will allow the Solid Waste and Recycling Division to move forward with a public hearing and begin necessary administrative cleanup, including updating contract language, amending the Master Service Agreement, and finalizing the required countywide compost procurement policy and procedure. These combined changes will streamline responsibilities between departments, clarify financial support mechanisms for Public Health and position the County to better meet state compost-use goals and reporting expectations.

5. DESIRED RESULTS:

Council approval to proceed to a public hearing, allowing the Solid Waste and Recycling Division to complete necessary administrative cleanup. This includes amending the MSA, removing the temporary fee from contract language, and finalizing the countywide compost procurement policy and procedure.

6. IMPACTS (COMMUNITY/FINANCIAL/STAFF/OTHER):

Updating the compost procurement and solid waste code sections will strengthen transparency and consistency across the solid waste system. The changes streamline reporting, clarify departmental responsibilities, and remove local code language that is already covered in RCW and the CSWMP. Financial support for Public Health's remaining solid waste responsibilities will shift to a defined interdepartmental agreement instead of tip-fee revenue, improving long-term budget transparency. Community impacts remain minimal, with no changes to service levels. Staff impacts include clearer roles, reduced duplicative reporting, and improved policy alignment.

7. POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The updates eliminate the temporary tipping fee established in 2017 and support implementation of RCW-required compost procurement policies and procedures

8. ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED:

Rescinding the separate Public Health tip fee aligns Clark County with common statewide practice of using a unified tip fee. Partner cities and the Regional Solid Waste Systems Steering Committee previously expressed support for removing the separate fee, and this change aligns with that direction. No significant issues have been identified for the administrative compost procurement updates.

9. RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Council approval to move forward with a public hearing and eventual adoption of amendments to CCC 2.37.030 through 2.37.040, CCC 24.12.370 through 24.12.380 and CCC 24.12.130.

Name of requestor:

DATE: _____

APPROVED FOR SCHEDULING: