



REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Earle M. Chesley P.E., General Services Director

DATE: March 7, 2023

SUBJECT: Solid Waste Flow Control Ordinance Amendment

Recommendation

Accept this report and set the attached ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Title I, General Code, Chapter 5, Public Works, Article 5-7, Solid Waste relative to flow control for a public hearing, and subsequent consideration, on April 10, 2023.

Background

Currently, the Code of Ordinances, Title I, General Code, Chapter 5, Public Works, Article 5-7 Solid Waste contains provisions whereby all solid waste collected in the City is to be delivered to a designated disposal facility. While at the inception of the waste to energy plant in Penacook (with which the Concord Regional Solid Waste and Resource Recovery Cooperative had a long-term contract to dispose its member's waste), such a provision may have been reasonable to assure sufficient waste volumes were delivered to support its' operation, such a provision is no longer applicable. In fact, it now presents a liability for the City to procure such capacity in the current market.

Discussion

After discussion and review with the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and in consultation with the City's Legal Department, the General Services Department prepared the attached ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances effective July 1, 2024, concurrent with the expiration of the City's current contracts for solid waste collection and disposal. Acting upon the ordinance change well in advance of its effective date will provide private contractors needed time to procure alternative waste disposal options.

The Department recommends approving of this ordinance.

CC: Tina Waterman, Purchasing Manager