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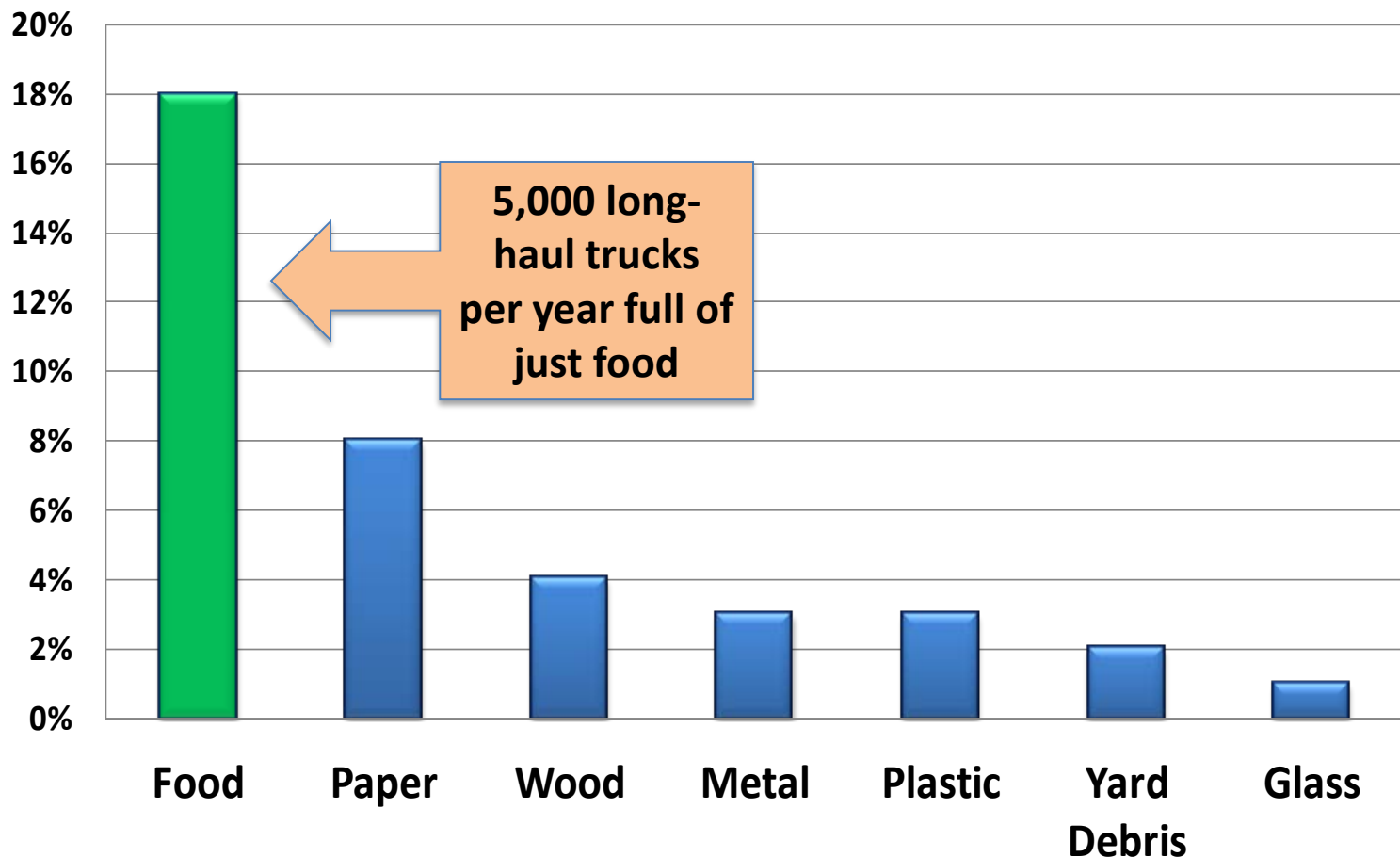
# Regional Food Scraps Policy Overview

City of Oregon City

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# Why Food?

## Metro Region Disposed Recoverables





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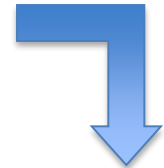
# Commercial not Residential



These food  
scraps



Not these



# This work isn't new

- 1993: Metro workshop to develop strategies for Organic Waste
- 1994: Metro conference follow up to 1993 workshop
- 1995: RFP for Phase I Food Waste Collection & Processing
- 1996: RFP for Phase 2 Food Waste Collection & Processing
- 1999: AOR Organics Forum: Portland discusses mandatory
- 2000: Metro & Portland convene processing roundtable, Metro RFP
- 2001: City of Portland issues RFP
- 2002: Metro matching grant program & site search
- 2003: Metro Organic Waste Infrastructure Development Grant
- 2004: RFP for combined transportation & processing services
- 2004-present: Metro provides funding to support local program development
- 2005: Food scraps collection program begins in Portland
- 2010: SWAC engagements specific to Food System
- 2009: PRC begins accepting food scraps
- 2010: Recology takes over contract for processing
- 2010: Nature's Needs begins accepting food scraps
- 2011: SWAC recommends the region move to mandatory if benchmarks not met
- 2012: Roadmap Food Scraps Project begins
- 2013: Nature's Needs closes to commercial food scraps
- 2013: JC Biomethane begins processing the region's food scraps

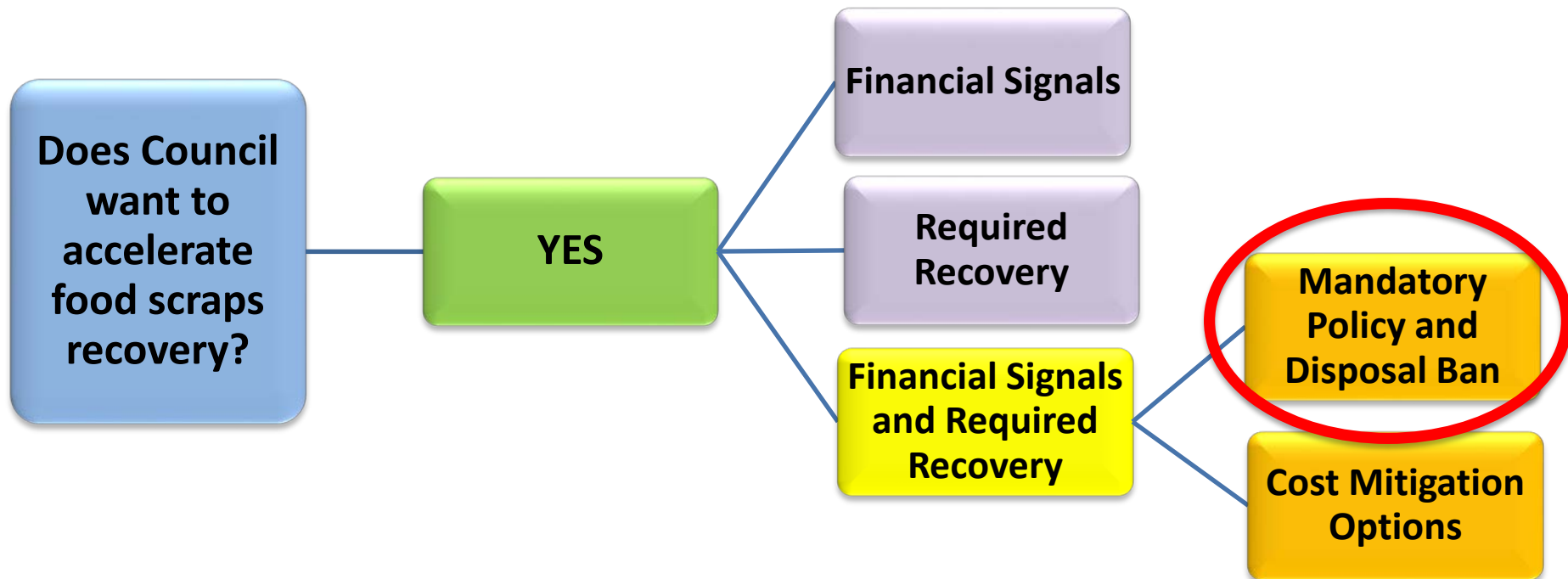


# Metro Council Direction

To achieve the objectives of increasing recovery and attracting stable, local processing capacity:

1. Require certain businesses to separate their food scraps for recovery, eventually ban disposal of food.
2. Determine how to efficiently collect and deliver food scraps for processing.
3. Secure local and stable processing capacity.

# Staff Actions: Recovery



# Policy context

- There are approximately 67,000 businesses in the Metro region.
- About 7,000 of those are food-oriented.
- About 3,000 would be affected by the policy (4% of the region's businesses).
- Over 1,300 are participating already.



# What will this policy do?

- Requires local governments inside the Metro boundary to implement collection programs.
- Affects ~3,000 large to medium-sized food-oriented businesses.
- Phased in over 5 years.
- Will eventually prohibit the disposal of large amounts of food.



# Draft policy elements

- Local Governments must adopt policy that meets the regional requirements and performance standards, including:
  - Send notice to affected businesses
  - Require businesses to separate food from other waste
  - Provide educational materials, program setup assistance
  - Ensure collection service is provided
  - Enforcement, grant waivers, reporting
- Metro will continue to provide funding support.

# Policy implementation phases

- Local Government adoption (July 2018)
- Phase 1 begins (March 2019)
- Phase 2 begins (March 2020)
- Phase 3 begins (Sep. 2021)
- Disposal ban effective (2023)



# Exemptions and Waivers

## For Governments:

- Outside the Metro boundary exemption.
- Business quantity minimum threshold waiver.
- Distance (to transfer or processing) waiver.

## For Businesses:

- Local governments may grant temporary compliance waivers.



# What have businesses told us?

- On-site assistance is key, as is reliable collection service.
- 90% not opposed to a mandatory program.
- 45% in favor.
- 30% had some concerns.
- Phase-in is critical.



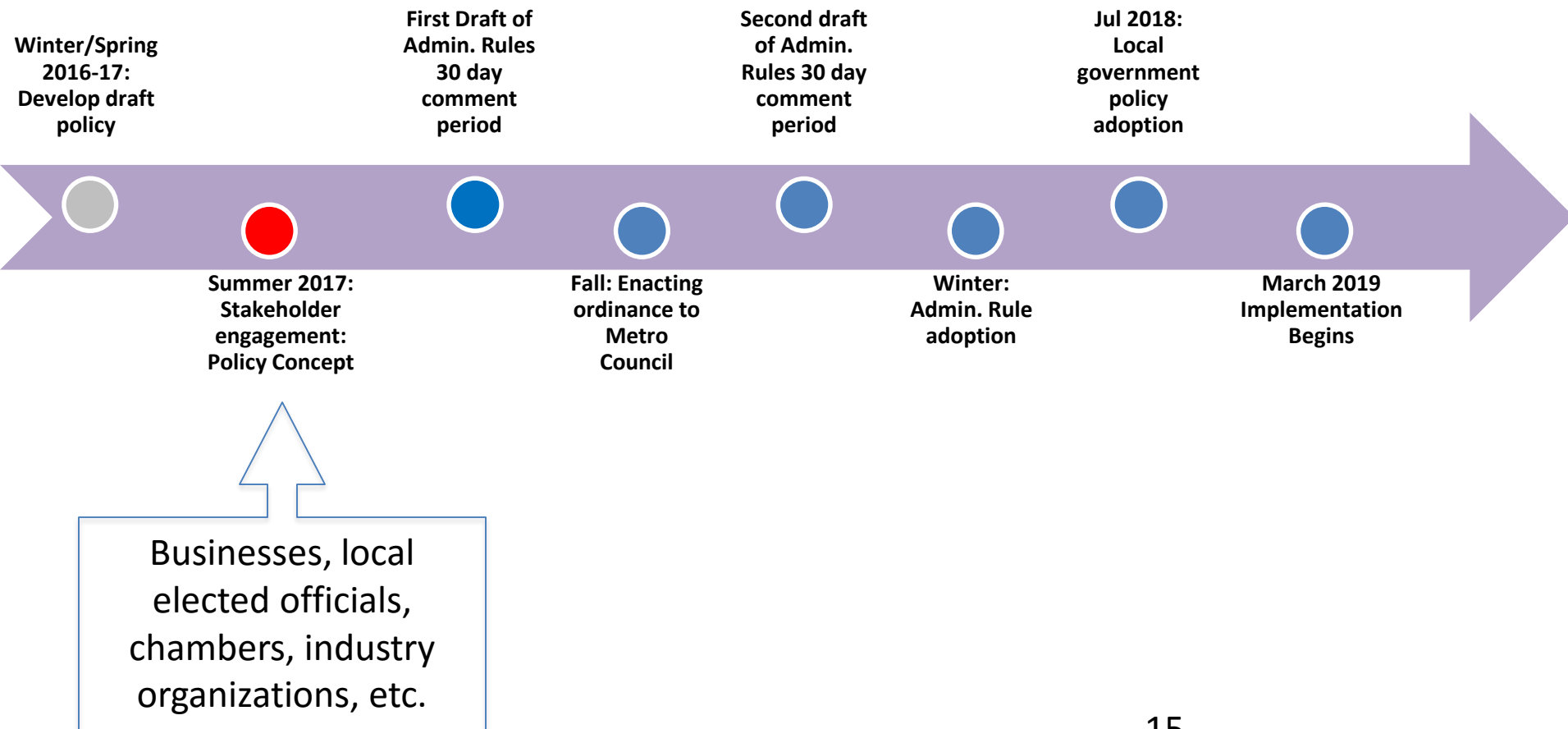
# What does this mean for Oregon City?

~100 to 140 businesses would be affected overall.

- Phase 1 (2019):  
~20 businesses
- Phase 2 (2020):  
~40-60 businesses
- Phase 3 (2021):  
~40-60 businesses



# Policy Process Timeline



# What's Next?


## **Metro:**

- Secure a processing facility
- Continue stakeholder engagement
- Public comment on draft administrative rules (2 rounds)
- Identify measures to minimize costs
- Continue to provide financial support for local government business assistance staff

## **Local Governments:**

- Aim for consistent rate structures and service levels
- Ensure collection service is more widely available
- Participate in stakeholder engagement and policy development
- Bolster food donation efforts
- Continue refining assistance to businesses

*These two are  
specific  
opportunities for  
Oregon City*





# Thank you

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