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Oregon City Commission
PO Box 3040
Oregon City, OR 97045

RE: Business Food Waste Requirements – Compliance Plan

Dear Mayor Holladay and City Commissioners:

As the established franchise hauler for Oregon City, Oregon City Garbage would like to take this opportunity to express support for the implementation of Ordinance 19-1011 Oregon City Municipal Code 8.26 Business Food Waste Requirement. Thank you for your reconsideration of this important topic, and I apologize that I could not attend your November 6th meeting in person. The proposed Ordinance will ensure that the solid waste business within Oregon City complies with Oregon Revised Statutes 459a and Metro Administrative Rules 5.10-4085 by implementing requirements to source separate food waste, dispose of food waste at approved facilities, and require covered businesses and landlords to provide spaces to allow source separation for food waste.

The concerns we had with the policy have been minimized in part due to recent program clarifications. The first clarification was regarding access to disposal sites. Metro provided two approved disposal sites, and we now better understand the potential of logistical and hauling costs. Oregon City Garbage has met with the Metro approved disposal sites, and we have a much clearer understanding of the expectations at these sites.

Secondly, we were concerned about early rate adoption without a clear understanding of the program costs. We appreciate the effort of City staff to complete detailed estimates of potential cost, food waste tonnage, and cart quantity. However, we still have concerns regarding the level of participation by the first tier businesses and the amount of food tonnage generated for separated disposal. Due to these concerns, we continue to propose a July 2020 rate review/increase to ensure the proposed policy complies with state law and is a viable economic policy. We remain committed to scheduling with staff for a Work Session topic on solid waste rates not later than April 2020.

Lastly, as Oregon City's garbage hauler, we would like to express our devotion to serve Oregon City residents and the business community. In looking at the cost estimates, the rate increase with Metro access to service payments would allow us, your franchise

haulers, to mitigate some of the cost, which would mean minimal impact on our customer community.

Oregon City Garbage strives to comply with state law and align with DEQ and Metro established waste shed reuse and recycle goals. Thank you for your time and consideration of our support for Ordinance 19-1011 Oregon City Municipal Code 8.26 Business Food Waste Requirement.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 503-656-8403.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pamela Bloom". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Pamela Bloom
Oregon City Garbage