

CITY OF AUSTIN POLICY GOALS:

- Terminate all non-expired waste related solicitations and proposed contracts and procure waste related services on a temporary basis to allow sufficient time for policy discussion and appropriate Council directives needed before the issuance of new solicitations and award of new long-term contracts.
- Reaffirm adherence to City Code sections 15-6-11 through 15-6-13, protecting free competition among licensed providers for commercial, industrial, institutional and multi-family waste related services in Austin.
- Discontinue contracting and/or brokering waste related services for any Austin event, other than events majority-sponsored by the City of Austin.
- Reaffirm City goals and requirements with regard to recycling, reusing, composting, landfill disposal, and landfill diversion waste related services for every City-generated waste stream, and update contract evaluation scoring matrices to reflect each standard.
- Allow City Council to decide whether it wants to prohibit all future utilization of the Waste Management-Austin Community Landfill and the Republic Services Sunset Farms Landfill for disposal or processing of some or all City-generated waste.
- Discontinue land application of all Austin biosolids and require 100% of Class B biosolids to be composted to the standards of Dillo Dirt.
- Contract for the disposal of all City-generated waste utilized in compost production based on an evaluation matrix that assigns scoring benefit to compost production.
- Do not aggregate or consolidate future service contracts for City-generated waste across City departments; require each department to be responsible for their own waste diversion and waste disposal expenses.
- Require City management to seek input and direction from appropriate city commissions and the Austin City Council in advance of issuing new solicitations for waste related services.
- Develop criteria and internal processes for issuing distinct purchasing solicitation formats based on product and/or service category.
- Where allowed by state law, require that full, unredacted purchasing solicitation responses and proposed City purchasing contracts be available for public review at least ten days in advance of being posted for action on any citizen commission or City Council meeting agenda.
- Amend the City of Austin's Anti-Lobbying Ordinance to expand permitted communication between proposed waste related services contractors and City officials.

- Amend the City of Austin’s purchasing solicitation evaluation matrices to assign “Local Business Presence” scoring benefit to companies with headquarters located inside or within a five-mile radius of Austin’s city limits.
- Require that all eligible bidders for any waste related services City purchasing contracts be announced at the public bid-unsealing event for each solicitation.

In service to these policy goals, City Council will need to:

- Determine the expected remaining operating life of the Waste Management-Austin Community Landfill, and other area landfills, based on the continuation of the most recent annual reported waste volume received for disposal.
- Determine whether the current owners of the Sunset Farms Landfill are bound by the restrictive covenants negotiated by City staff in 2008 to permanently close the facility to waste receipt by November 1, 2015.
- Determine whether waste related services may be procured by the City of Austin without a competitive process under Texas state law and/or Austin city code.
- Determine whether waste related services may be contracted for on a monthly or temporary basis once long-term contracts have expired.
- Determine whether any existing City of Austin waste related contract allows for the procurement of additional services not currently being provided under the contract.