

RESOLUTION NO. 1357

WHEREAS, the State of Washington's Waste Not Washington Act ESHB 1671 of 1989, is a comprehensive solid waste management bill that establishes the fundamental strategies of waste reduction and source separation of solid wastes; and

WHEREAS, the Waste Not Washington Act also established an aggressive state goal to achieve a fifty percent recycling rate by 1995, which included the efforts of local governments to help achieve this goal by including waste reduction and recycling elements in their own comprehensive solid waste management plans; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Department of Ecology issued in 2004 a state solid and hazardous waste plan titled "Beyond Waste Plan" as required under Chapter 70.95 and Chapter 70.105, Revised Code of Washington [RCW] to be developed and regularly updated (updated in 2009 and 2015), which is a 30 year plan for eliminating wastes and the use of toxic substances; and

WHEREAS, the Beyond Waste Plan is the state plan to support the waste management hierarchy established in the main solid and hazardous waste statutes which both identify waste reduction as the highest priority. The 30-year vision outlined in the Beyond Waste Plan seeks to eliminate most solid wastes and toxics and use any remaining waste products as resources; and

WHEREAS, the Beyond Waste Plan uses a sustainable materials management approach that looks at the full life cycle of materials from the design and manufacturing phase, through the use phase and to the end-of-life phase when the material is either disposed of or recycled, which is an approach also used by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County 2013 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan embraces the State strategies and goals, including the Beyond Waste Plan, and has a vision that shifts to a more sustainable future, where people are generating less waste and handling wastes they do generate using environmentally sound and approaches; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County 2013 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan includes waste prevention, reduction of waste and toxic materials pollution prevention, reuse, recycling, and equitable and efficient waste collection services for County residences and businesses, and supports product stewardship that acknowledges that not all products and packaging are suitable for reuse or recycling and that some products require special handling for disposal such as pharmaceuticals, pesticides and other hazardous

waste; and acknowledges that the reduction of waste and toxics, pollution prevention and reuse, make up the highest tier of the solid waste hierarchy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Edmonds is a signatory on the interlocal agreement to follow the County's Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan and indeed continually carries out waste reduction and recycling actions and activities as outlined in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, Zero Waste is a philosophy and visionary goal that supports the Beyond Waste Plan and is ethical, economical, and efficient and will guide people in changing their lifestyles and practices to emulate sustainable natural cycles, where all discarded materials are designed to become resources for others to use; and

WHEREAS, Zero Waste means designing and managing products and processes to systematically avoid and eliminate the volume and toxicity of waste and materials, conserve and recover all resources, and not dispose of them; and

WHEREAS, implementing Zero Waste strives to eliminate all discharges to land, water or air that are a threat to planetary, human, animal or plant health; and

WHEREAS, Edmonds 2015 Comprehensive Plan identifies Zero Waste as a strategic goal for consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Edmonds hereby adopts both Zero Waste and Beyond Waste as long-term goals in order to prevent and eliminate waste and pollution in the extraction, manufacture, transportation, storage, use, reuse, and recycling of materials. These goals can be achieved through action plans and strategies that significantly prevent and reduce waste and pollution.

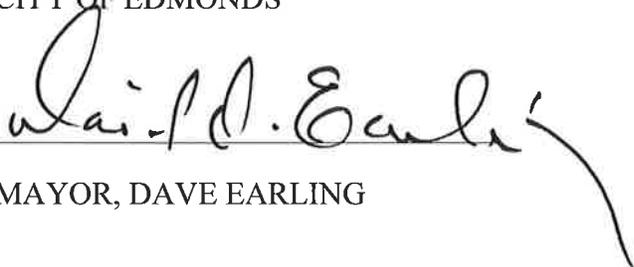
These strategies will include 1) encouraging residents, businesses and agencies to use, reuse, and recycle materials judiciously, in addition to encouraging manufacturers to produce and market less toxic and more durable, repairable, recycled, and recyclable products; 2) investigating mandatory waste collection in support of the Snohomish County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan; and 3) investigating construction and demolition waste source separation strategies such as permit incentives, mandatory source separation and recycling, education and outreach.

In order to establish short- and long-term goals, and monitor city efforts, City staff will first identify quantitative metrics and establish dependable baseline measurements. Staff may collaborate with the Climate Protection Committee to assist in program evaluation. Data measures should mirror State and County measures when possible, and should include reasonably attainable local per capita rates, and other pertinent data. Quantitative

targets should strive to meet or exceed State and County targets and be updated accordingly.

RESOLVED this 19th day of April, 2016.

CITY OF EDMONDS

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MAYOR, DAVE EARLING

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK, SCOTT PASSEY

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:
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