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..Title

Substitute resolution directing the Department of Public Works to implement a pilot program relating to weekly curbside compost collection.

..Analysis

This substitute resolution directs the Department of Public Works, through a request for proposal, to implement a voluntary pilot program relating to weekly curbside compost collection in the neighborhoods of Bay View and the East Side. On the Municipal Services Bill, participating households would be charged a special fee of \$10 per month for Compost Pilot Program and receive a \$1 per month credit on their Solid Waste Collection fee.

..Body

Whereas, The Department of Public Works was tasked under Common Council File Numbers 140611 and 141469 with reporting on the feasibility of residential organics collection; and

Whereas, In 2012, the Department of Public Works collected approximately 245,000 tons of residential solid waste from about 214,000 households; and

Whereas, Mayor Barrett's "40 by 2020: A Clear Vision to the Future" solid waste diversion initiative calls for increasing the percentage of Milwaukee's solid waste diverted from landfills from the current 24% to 40% by 2020; and

Whereas, Phase II of the "40 by 2020" initiative, anticipated to be phased in between 2014 and 2020, calls for implementing a citywide residential food waste collection program; and

Whereas, This pilot would be a vital first step in collecting the baseline data needed to evaluate a future, citywide "pay as you throw" program; and

Whereas, National estimates indicate that 13%-21% of solid waste disposal is comprised of compostable material; and

Whereas, The Department of Public Works report entitled "Residential Organics Collection Feasibility Report," dated January 28, 2015, states that a curbside compost collection program could divert 7-9 pounds of currently-collected garbage per household per week; and

Whereas, The Department of Public Works report estimates that, on average, 250 participating households can divert one ton of compostable material from landfills per week; and

Whereas, In 2015, the City incurs a solid waste tipping fee of \$43 per ton, an increase of 14% over 2014; and

Whereas, Based on the Department of Public Works report, using the example of the 250 participating households, the City would experience an estimated savings of \$2,515 per year in tipping fees or \$10.06 per household; and

Whereas, According to the Department of Public Works report, if 10% of the City's 1-4-unit households participated in a compost pilot program, the City could divert 2,000 tons per year from landfills, at a 2015 estimated savings of \$86,000; and

Whereas, The cities of Portland, Boulder, New York, Seattle, and San Francisco have implemented citywide residential compost collection programs; and

Whereas, In Wisconsin, the city of Madison has implemented pilot programs for curbside collection of organic materials; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the City of Milwaukee begin a one-year voluntary pilot program of curbside residential compost collection; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Department of Public Works is directed to develop a request for proposal (RFP) to implement a voluntary pilot program for the collection of residential compost; and, be it

Further Resolved, That a quarterly report on the status of the pilot program shall be sent to the Common Council; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the voluntary pilot program shall encompass the neighborhoods of Bay View and the East Side; and, be it

Further Resolved, That volunteers participating in the pilot program shall receive special compost collection bins at no cost to them; and, be it

Further Resolved, That households participating in the pilot program shall be charged a special fee of \$10 per month on their Municipal Services Bill for Compost Pilot Program; and, be it

Further Resolved, That participants in the pilot program shall be credited \$1 per month off their Municipal Services Bill for Solid Waste Collection.

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