



APPENDIX

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# City Council Resolution of Adoption

**CITY OF SEATTLE**

**RESOLUTION 32082**

A RESOLUTION adopting Seattle's 2022 Solid Waste Plan Update: Moving Upstream to Zero Waste; revising the 2011 Revision: Picking Up The Pace Toward Zero Waste; and superseding certain requirements adopted by Resolution 30990.

WHEREAS, the City Council approved Resolution 29805, adopting Seattle's Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan "On the Path to Sustainability" in August 1998; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved Resolution 30750 adopting the 2004 Comprehensive Solid Waste Plan Amendment to the 1998 Plan "On the Path to Sustainability" in March 2005; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved Resolution 31426 adopting the 2011 Revision: Picking Up The Pace Toward Zero Waste in February 2013, accelerating recycle goals established in Resolution 30990 to recycle 70 percent of the municipal solid waste produced within the city by 2022 and 70 percent of the construction and demolition waste produced within the city by the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City implemented industry-leading diversion policies and practices that resulted in an all-time high overall recycle rate of approximately 59 percent in 2016, but has been unable to achieve the recycling goals set in Resolution 31426 due to changes in products and packaging beyond the City's control that dramatically altered the composition and volumes of materials in the waste stream; and

WHEREAS, the City's vision of Zero Waste strives for a waste-free society by creating new practices and policies to reduce or reuse waste and build an economy supported by re-use of resources; and

1 WHEREAS, this Zero Waste vision involves looking at the entire life cycle of materials used to  
2 make products and packaging to eliminate waste, prevent pollution, encourage product  
3 durability and reusability, conserve natural resources, and build a circular economy; and

4 WHEREAS, best management practice in the solid waste industry now focus “upstream” to  
5 prevent waste, which yields the greatest environmental benefits by reducing resource use  
6 and climate-changing greenhouse gas pollution; and

7 WHEREAS, the City Council approved Resolution 32000 adopting the 2021-2026 Seattle Public  
8 Utilities Strategic Business Plan in May 2021, establishing the Utility’s vision of  
9 “Community Centered, One Water, Zero Waste” where advancing Zero Waste means  
10 supporting and promoting policies and practices that reduce Seattle waste and carbon  
11 pollution as fast as possible and create a circular economy; and

12 WHEREAS, continuing to recycle in conjunction with preventing waste from being generated is  
13 a more effective approach to addressing waste and achieving Zero Waste and a circular  
14 economy; and

15 WHEREAS, by addressing waste at its source, waste prevention can: enhance the resilience of  
16 the solid waste management system by reducing the amount of waste and toxics  
17 produced; support other local environmental priorities like reducing litter, decreasing  
18 greenhouse gases and toxicants, and preventing stormwater pollution; and minimize the  
19 overall life cycle impacts of materials; and

20 WHEREAS, the State of Washington requires local governments develop comprehensive solid  
21 waste management plans and that they be reviewed and revised, if necessary, every five  
22 years; and

1 WHEREAS, Seattle developed a Plan Revision, which has included opportunities for public  
2 input on its crucial program elements; and

3 WHEREAS, the City's Solid Waste Advisory Committee participated in and supports the Plan  
4 Revision; NOW, THEREFORE,

5 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**  
6 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

7 Section 1. Seattle's 2022 Solid Waste Plan Update: Moving Upstream to Zero Waste,  
8 attached to this resolution as Attachment 1, is adopted as the Solid Waste Management Plan for  
9 The City of Seattle to provide long-term planning direction and guide solid waste program  
10 development over the next five years.

11 Section 2. To determine whether the City is making progress toward Zero Waste and  
12 building a more circular economy, Seattle Public Utilities will, no later than December 31, 2024,  
13 provide the City Council's Transportation and Seattle Public Utilities Committee, or its  
14 successor committee, a report identifying the new metrics it will use to quantify waste reduction  
15 and diversion in the city. Upon receipt of that report by the committee, those new metrics will  
16 supersede the goal established in Resolution 30990 to recycle 70 percent of the municipal solid  
17 waste produced within the city by 2022 and 70 percent of the construction and demolition waste  
18 produced within the city by the year 2020.

19 Section 3. SPU will report to City Council by October 1 of each year on the previous  
20 year's progress preventing, reducing, and diverting waste. Each annual report shall contain the  
21 comments of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. This requirement supersedes the reporting  
22 requirement established in Section 5 of Resolution 30990.

1           Adopted by the City Council the 11th day of April, 2023,  
2 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 11th day of  
3 April, 2023.

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5 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

6           The Mayor concurred the 20th day of April, 2023.

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8 Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

9           Filed by me this 20th day of April, 2023.

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11 Elizabeth M. Adkisson, Interim City Clerk

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16 Attachments:  
17 Attachment 1 – Seattle's 2022 Solid Waste Plan Update: Moving Upstream to Zero Waste