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Councilmember

## MOTION

### *Long-Term Upgrades for the Yard Waste Removal Program*

**WE MOVE** that the Administration prepare a second report that outlines the cost, feasibility, and timeline for long-term solutions to improve the City's yard waste program. The report should, at a minimum, address the program constraints as listed on page 3 of Item No. 2023-00558. Additional solutions to be considered should include, but not be limited to:

- The potential for alternative waste providers to accept yard waste.
- Combining the natural collections with the City's yard waste program with the biochar pilot program, thereby using residents' yard waste to create biochar and supplement the ongoing efforts of the Parks Department.
- In addition, the report should include the types of third-party end users that may benefit from use of the compost created by Rumpke, including whether the City would be able to request having compost be delivered back for use in City operations such as Parks or Recreation outdoor greenspaces.
- Any other recommendations to improve the program.

## BACKGROUND

In September 2022, City Council submitted a motion to the Administration requesting a report on the City's current yard waste disposal program. In the subsequent report (Item No. 2023-00558), the Administration outlined current laws and regulations around the collections and acceptance of residential yard waste, as well as details of the City's current contract with Rumpke as it relates to yard waste.

This motion is intended to be a companion to a motion asking for short-term solutions for more sustainable practices regarding how our city collects and disposes of yard waste. The report in this motion will focus on longer-term solutions that can be addressed in the coming years.

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