

# Memo

DATE: June 26, 2017

TO: Roy W. Brower, Solid Waste Information Compliance and Cleanup Director

FROM: Hila Ritter, Solid Waste Authorization Coordinator 

RE: Renewed Solid Waste Facility License No. L-064-17 for Allwood Recyclers, Inc.

Attached for your signature is renewed Solid Waste Facility License No. L-064-17 for Allwood Recyclers, Inc. ("Allwood"), a yard debris composting facility located at 23001 NE Marine Drive in Fairview (Metro District 1). This memo provides background information on the applicant's request and recommends that Metro issue a renewed license to Allwood.



## OVERVIEW

Allwood is a Metro-licensed facility that accepts and processes yard debris and land clearing debris for composting. The facility also accepts clean wood waste for the production of boiler fuel. Allwood is a locally-owned facility that has been operating under a Metro license since 1998. The facility's current Metro-issued license<sup>1</sup> will expire on June 30, 2017. On March 23, 2017, Allwood submitted an application to Metro requesting the renewal of its license. The applicant did not request any new authorizations.

Under Metro Code Section 5.01.110, the proposed license renewal is to be approved or denied by the Chief Operating Officer (COO). On July 1, 2015, the COO delegated to the Solid Waste Compliance and Cleanup Director (the Director) authority to carry out the COO's responsibilities under Metro Code

<sup>1</sup> Metro Solid Waste Facility License No. L-064-13A

Chapter 5.01 for approving or denying a solid waste facility license renewal. As such, the Director is authorized to approve this proposed license.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT**

On April 14, 2017, Metro issued public notice of the proposed license renewal and provided an opportunity for the public to submit comments. The public comment period was open for 30 days and ended on May 15, 2017.

Public notice was mailed to about 30 property owners and residents located approximately one quarter of a mile from the facility, posted on the Metro web site, and e-mailed to a standard list of stakeholders that have a general interest in solid waste issues.

Metro did not receive any comments regarding the application or the proposed license renewal.

#### **METRO CODE RENEWAL CRITERIA**

Metro Code Section 5.01.110(b) states that:

*A licensee must request a renewal license not less 120 days before the license's expiration date.*

On March 23, 2017, Allwood filed a complete application for renewal of its current license accompanied by payment of an application fee of \$300. The license renewal application submitted by Allwood included a description of its operation and the solid waste it accepts. The proposed license would replace the current license that is set to expire on June 30, 2017, and it continues the same authorization that Allwood has held since 1998. The proposed license renewal does not include any new authorizations.

Metro Code Section 5.01.110(d) states that:

*The Chief Operating Officer must approve a solid waste facility license renewal unless the Chief Operating Officer determines that the proposed renewal is not in the public interest. The Chief Operating Officer may attach conditions to any renewed license.*

Allwood is currently in compliance with its Metro-issued license and it has not had any significant compliance issues with regard to Metro regulations within the last five years. Metro staff conducted 25 inspections of Allwood during the term of its current license. During that time, Metro did not take any enforcement actions at the facility. Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) staff reported that Allwood is currently in compliance with DEQ's requirements and there have been no enforcement actions taken at the facility by DEQ in the past five years. In addition, Metro has not received any complaints or been notified of any concerns regarding the facility during the last five years. DEQ and city of Fairview have also reported to staff that they have not received any complaints about the facility during that time.

Allwood has had a good compliance history during the term of its current license. Staff finds that Allwood plays an important role in the region's solid waste recovery efforts and it is in the public interest to renew the facility's license.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the approval and issuance of Solid Waste Facility License No. L-064-17 to renew Allwood's authority to accept and process yard debris and land clearing debris for composting and wood waste for the production of boiler fuel. The proposed license carries forward the same authorizations as the current license. The proposed license commences on July 1, 2017, and expires on June 30, 2022. A copy of the license is attached for your signature.

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