

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 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 application 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 359 property owners and residents located approximately a quarter of a mile from the facility. Notice was also 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 3, 2017, Aloha 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 Aloha 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 Aloha has held since 2003. The applicant has not requested 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.*

Metro conducted 20 inspections of Aloha during the term of its current license. The facility has not had any significant compliance issues during the term of the license. Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has also reported to staff that Aloha is currently in compliance with DEQ's requirements and there have been no enforcement actions taken against the facility within the last five years.

Metro has not received any complaints or been notified of any concerns regarding the facility during the last five years. DEQ has also reported to staff that they have not received any complaints about the facility during that time. However, Washington County had received one odor complaint about the facility in 2015. In that instance, Washington County staff determined that the facility had stored yard debris on-site for too

long and the matter was subsequently resolved when that yard debris was removed from the site. Metro staff will continue to monitor the facility to ensure that it maintains compliance with its license provisions.

Notwithstanding the odor complaint mentioned above, the facility has generally had a good compliance history during the term of its current license. Staff finds that Aloha plays a positive role in the region's solid waste recovery efforts and it is in the public interest to renew Aloha's license.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the approval and issuance of Solid Waste Facility License No. L-106-17 to renew Aloha's authority to accept and process mixed non-putrescible waste from its own hauling company for material recovery and yard debris for reloading to authorized compost facilities. 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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