

# Memo

DATE: June 26, 2018

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

FROM: Hila Ritter, Solid Waste Authorization Coordinator 

RE: Issuance of Renewed Solid Waste Facility License No. L-065-18 for Best Buy in Town, Inc.

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Attached for your signature is renewed Solid Waste Facility License No. L-065-18 for Best Buy In Town, Inc. (Best Buy), a yard debris reload facility located at 2200 NW Cornelius Pass Road in Hillsboro (Metro District 4). This memo provides background information on the applicant's request and recommends that Metro issue a renewed license to Best Buy.

## BACKGROUND



Best Buy site, located at 2200 NW Cornelius Pass Rd. in Hillsboro.

The applicant (Best Buy) is a Metro-licensed facility that accepts yard debris, leaves, and land clearing debris for reloading and transport to authorized composting facilities. The facility also accepts wood waste for reloading and use as boiler fuel.

Best Buy is a locally-owned retail landscape supply company that has operated under a Metro license since 1998. Best Buy's current license<sup>1</sup> expires on June 30, 2018.

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<sup>1</sup> Metro Solid Waste License No. L-065-13A

On March 12, 2018, Best Buy submitted to Metro a complete application and the required application fee requesting the renewal of its license. The facility did not seek authorization for any new activities. Current operations would remain the same under the proposed renewal.

Under Metro Code Section 5.01.080, the proposed license is to be approved or denied by the Chief Operating Officer (COO). On October 9, 2017, the COO delegated authority to the Solid Waste Information Compliance and Cleanup (SWICC) Director to determine whether to approve or deny these types of applications. As such, the SWICC Director is authorized to grant this license.

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

On April 9, 2018, Metro issued public notice of the license application and provided an opportunity for the public to submit comments. Public notice was mailed to about 626 property owners and residents located near the facility. Notice was also posted on the Metro website and emailed to a list of Metro-area stakeholders that have a general interest in solid waste issues. The public comment period ended on May 9, 2018. Metro received one comment in support of renewing Best Buy's license. The comment is attached.

#### **COMPLIANCE HISTORY OF THE APPLICANT**

Metro has conducted 16 inspections of Best Buy's facility during the term of its license. Best Buy is currently in compliance with Metro's requirements and there has not been any significant compliance issues at the facility during the term of its license. Although a yard debris reload facility is required to obtain a Metro license, these types of facilities are generally not required to obtain a solid waste permit from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) due to the minimal risk of environmental impacts. The DEQ has not taken any enforcement actions at the facility during the term of the license.

Staff finds that the facility has a good compliance history and plays an important role in the region's solid waste recovery efforts. As such, it is in the public interest to renew Best Buy's license as described in this staff report.

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

Metro Code Section 5.01.110(d) states that:

*The Chief Operating Officer must approve 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 or limitations to any renewed License.*

The proposed license would replace the current license that is set to expire on June 30, 2018, and it continues the authorization that Best Buy has held since 1998. The applicant has not requested any new authorizations.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends issuing renewed Solid Waste Facility License No. L-065-18 to Best Buy authorizing it to accept yard debris and wood waste for reloading to authorized processing facilities. The proposed license becomes effective on July 1, 2018, and expires on June 30, 2023. A copy of the proposed license is attached for your signature.

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**Hila Ritter**

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**From:** Solid Waste Information Compliance and Cleanup  
**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 10:14 AM  
**To:** 'Terrell Garrett'  
**Subject:** RE: Public Notice: Environmentally Conscious Recycling (ECR)

Hello,

Thank you for your comment. Metro will respond to comments in the staff report, which will be available online as an update to the [public notice webpage](#) after the close of the public comment period.

Thanks,  
\*Hila

**Hila Ritter**

Solid Waste Authorization Coordinator  
Property and Environmental Services

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**From:** Terrell Garrett [mailto:[greenwaybusiness@gmail.com](mailto:greenwaybusiness@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 10:04 AM  
**To:** Solid Waste Information Compliance and Cleanup <[SWICC@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:SWICC@oregonmetro.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Public Notice: Environmentally Conscious Recycling (ECR)

Hila,

Please place this letter of support of renewal for both ECR and Best Buy.

Thanks,

Terrell Garrett

On Wed, Apr 11, 2018 at 4:23 PM, Solid Waste Information Compliance and Cleanup <[SWICC@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:SWICC@oregonmetro.gov)> wrote:

Hello,

You are receiving this message because you may have interest in the Environmentally Conscious Recycling (ECR) material recovery facility, and/or receiving updates about solid waste and recycling.

Metro has issued a public notice regarding the following solid waste license renewal:

- Environmentally Conscious Recycling (ECR) located at 12409 NE San Rafael St. in Portland, seeks a renewed license to receive and process dry waste to recover recyclable materials. The facility also accepts and processes clean wood waste for delivery to mills for use as boiler fuel. Metro is sending out notifications of the opportunity for public comment to addresses adjacent to the facility, see attached. ECR's license will expire on June 30, and it has submitted a complete application to Metro for a license renewal with no changes to its authorization.

Metro staff will evaluate the license application and all comments received. The Metro Chief Operating Officer (COO) will decide whether to issue or deny this license unless the Metro Council chooses to consider it.

Metro has established a web page with information on the license application on Metro's website at [www.oregonmetro.gov/solidwastepublicnotices](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/solidwastepublicnotices). For more information, or to provide comment, contact Hila Ritter at [hila.ritter@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:hila.ritter@oregonmetro.gov) by **May 9**.

If you no longer wish to receive these kinds of messages, please let me know and your email address will be removed from the distribution list.

Thank you.

**Hila Ritter**  
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