



# Proposal for Updating Metro Code Section 2.19.120

*Metro staff are proposing to amend Metro Code Section 2.19.120 and repeal Section 2.19.140. This change would amend 2.19.120 to update the recruitment and appointment process for Metro-administered solid waste community enhancement grant committees to create more opportunities for a diverse range of community members to serve.*

The proposed amendment to Metro Code Chapter 2.19 would update the recruitment and appointment process for Metro-administered solid waste community enhancement grant committees. This updated code would also repeal 2.19.140 to eliminate the North Portland Rehabilitation and Enhancement Committee because the solid waste community enhancement program there is no longer in existence.

These updates would impact committee recruitment and appointment only for enhancement programs that Metro administers. Currently Metro directly administers one enhancement grant program, the Metro Central Enhancement Grant Program funded by the Metro Central Station (located at 6161 NW 61<sup>st</sup> Ave. Portland, Oregon 97210).

## **Q: What is the Community Enhancement Program?**

A: Metro Code Chapter 5.06 requires a [Community Enhancement Program](#) at certain solid waste facilities, including Metro's own transfer stations, to rehabilitate and enhance communities around the solid waste facility. The Community Enhancement Grant Program was established in 1986 and has invested more than \$6 million dollars in communities across the Metro Area. Local jurisdictions and community partners help Metro to administer the grant funds in and around Forest Grove, Gresham, North Portland, Northeast Portland, Oregon City, Sherwood, Troutdale and Wilsonville. These funds come from fees collected at local waste transfer stations that are reinvested back into surrounding communities.

## **Q: What changes are proposed in this revised code?**

- Administrative Rule 2.19.120 revised to update the recruitment and appointment process for Metro-administered community enhancement grant committees.
- Administrative Rule 2.19.040 updated to eliminate the North Portland Rehabilitation and Enhancement Committee.

## **Q: How will this change impact the Metro Central Enhancement Grant committee?**

Current Metro Code Section 2.19.120 requires that the committee is represented by the District 5 Metro Councilor, five people from boundary-area neighborhood associations and one member representing environmental interests. The updated administrative rules would remove the requirement that most committee members are recruited exclusively through area neighborhood associations. The amendment would expand recruitment opportunities to a broader range of people who are invested in the grant boundary area and reflect the diversity of the area's residents, businesses, organizations and communities, along with other relevant criteria.

Proposed updated language is:

2.19.120 Metro-Administered Community Enhancement Program Committees

*(a) Each solid waste community enhancement programs that is directly administered by Metro under Metro Code Chapter 5.06 must establish a solid waste community enhancement committee as set forth in this Section.*

*(b) Solid waste community enhancement committees for Metro-administered solid waste community enhancement programs must consist of a minimum of five members as follows:*

- (1) One committee member must be the Metro Councilor representing the council district where the facility is located, and that Councilor will serve as the committee chair.*
- (2) The Council President will appoint all other committee members, subject to confirmation by the council. Staff, with support from existing committee members, will recruit a pool of potential nominees who are invested in the enhancement area and reflect the diversity of the area's residents, businesses, organizations, and communities, along with other relevant criteria. Staff will recommend to the Council President a slate of nominees from this pool for appointment. The Council President may reject any or all individuals on the committee slate and request that staff submit a new slate of qualifying nominees for consideration. Metro will fill vacancies of non-council positions in the same manner as original appointments.*
- (3) For each nominee, staff will provide the Council President with relevant information about the nominee, including but not limited to the nominee's connection to the enhancement area, and the knowledge, skills, and experiences that qualify the nominee to serve on the committee.*
- (4) Appointed committee members serve a two-year term and may serve one additional two-year term if re-appointed by the Council President.*

. [Ord. 00-860A, Sec. 1; Ord. 02-955A, Sec. 1.]

**Q: Will these changes impact any enhancement grant review committees other than Metro Central Enhancement Grant committee?**

A: No, these changes will only impact the committee recruitment and appointment for enhancement program sites that Metro directly administers. Currently Metro directly administers one enhancement grant program, the Metro Central Enhancement Grant Program. All other enhancement grant programs administered by local governments or non-profit partners will continue to follow with existing AR 5.06-5.1.3 and 5.1.4, which state:

*5.1.3 The Metro COO may enter into an intergovernmental agreement to designate the host local government as the solid waste community enhancement committee. Such a committee shall consist of at least five members and may include the Metro Councilor whose district hosts the solid waste facility (with the option to serve as co-chair to the committee), and three citizen representatives appointed by the mayor, city manager, or county administrator. In lieu of appointment of such a committee, the local government may designate itself and the Metro Council member representing the district that hosts the solid waste facility (with the option to serve as co-chair to the committee) to perform the function of such committee. The term for such*

*intergovernmental agreements should be established to coincide with the term set forth in the subject facility's Metro license or franchise.*

*5.1.4 The Metro COO may enter into an agreement with a recognized non-profit community organization including, but not limited to, a neighborhood district coalition, neighborhood association, committee for citizen involvement or other similar community-based group having a legally constituted active board of directors. The designated solid waste community enhancement committee shall consist of at least five members, and may include the board of directors, the Metro Councilor whose district hosts the solid waste facility, and any number of citizen representatives appointed by the Metro Councilor whose district hosts the solid waste facility.*

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**Q: How can I share my feedback on this proposal?**

Metro staff is collecting feedback on this proposed code update in October 2023. Below are ways to provide public input.

**Opportunities to Engage**

We will host virtual and in-person drop-in sessions for people to provide input on both of these proposals. People interested in sharing their thoughts or asking questions can come by in person or join the virtual room at any time during the open hours. There is no agenda or presentation for these drop-in sessions. Staff are also available for individual conversations. For questions contact Alejandra Cortes, [Alejandra.Cortes@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:Alejandra.Cortes@oregonmetro.gov).

**In-person drop-in anytime sessions**

Wednesday, November 1, 2023  
3 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
Rewild  
8940 N Bradford St, Portland, OR 97203

Tuesday, November 7, 2023  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Friendly House  
1737 NW 26th Ave, Portland, OR 9721

**Virtual drop-in sessions**

Thursday, November 2, 2023  
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
[Meeting Link](#)

Wednesday, November 8, 2023  
4 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
[Meeting Link](#)

Staff will receive feedback on this proposal through Monday November 27, 2023.

Metro Council will consider a proposed ordinance in January 2024 and choose to either adopt the ordinance as written or with amendments, or to not approve the ordinance.

The public is invited to testify and share their feedback:

Metro Council meeting  
Thursday January 4, 2023  
10:30am  
600 NE Grand Ave.  
Portland, Oregon 97232  
[To access virtual meeting link](#)

**Q: When will these changes be implemented?**

Staff anticipates an effective date in April 2023 if the Metro Council approves the proposed code.

**Q: Do these rule changes impact any other committees in Metro?**

A: No, this change is limited to the Community Enhancement Grant Program established under Metro Code Chapter 5.06.

Questions? Contact:

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