



Regional Service Standard Update

Metro Council adopts new Code chapters

On Dec. 10, 2020 the Metro Council adopted Ordinance 20-1451 updating Metro Code Chapter 5.10 and adding a new Chapter 5.15. These changes were made to align the Regional Service Standard with the 2030 Regional Waste Plan. The Regional Service Standard sets the policy for a consistent base level of recycling collection and education programs for all single-family and multifamily residents and businesses in the region. Many of the changes to the code were housekeeping in nature, but there were some more substantive changes. As shared with RWAC throughout the spring and summer of 2020, many of the significant changes were designed specifically to improve the solid waste and recycling services provided to people living in multifamily homes.

Public process continues

Although the Metro Council adopted the new chapters, most of the implementation details are provided by a set of administrative rules that are adopted by the Metro Chief Operating Officer. The rules follow a parallel review and approval process, and a second 30-day public comment period will begin January 11, 2021 and conclude on February 11, 2021. A public hearing is scheduled for January 21, 2021 to give people the opportunity to comment orally.

Next steps

Once the administrative rules public comment process is complete, staff will prepare a public comment report. The rules and the report will be submitted to the COO for consideration. If adopted, the rules will become effective in mid-March 2021, aligning with the effective date of the revised Code.

Additional information and documents can be found at www.oregonmetro.gov/servicestandards

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