

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-797

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President Salem

Date of Introduction: November 14, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, TEU

Date of Analysis: November 16, 2023

Type of Action: Approving renewal of solid waste certificate of public convenience and necessity (CON), subject to conditions

Bill Summary: The bill approves the renewal and modification of the solid waste Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CON) for Gaston Tree Debris Recycling, LLC to continue operating and to expand its yard trash recycling facility on Philips Highway at Cypress Plaza Drive, subject to a set of operating conditions.

Background Information: Gaston Tree Debris' CON was originally granted by the Council via Ordinance 2012-293-E and has since been renewed once. The term of the CON is for five years. The modified CON allows for the expansion of the facility to an adjoining parcel. The company is subject to 32 specific conditions for operation of the site. These include: operating hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday, excluding Thanksgiving Day and Christmas day; a monthly waste analysis reporting requirement; limitations on the height of storage piles and the length of time materials can be stored on site; a minimum recycling percentage; prohibitions against acceptance of any defined unacceptable wastes (hazardous waste, regulated substances, etc.); odor and litter control, and the like.

Policy Impact Area: Yard waste processing and recycling

Fiscal Impact: The company will pay a solid waste host fee to the City for any materials that are not recyclable and end up being disposed of at Trail Ridge Landfill.

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