

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2021-729

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of

Date of Introduction: July 27, 2021

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, TEU, R

Date of Analysis: July 29, 2021

Type of Action: Authorizing execution of solid waste service agreements; Ordinance Code amendment; Ordinance Code waiver; establishing legislative sunset date; requesting emergency enactment on first reading

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes execution of a solid waste service agreement between the City and Gaston Tree Debris Recycling, LLC for operation of a yard waste recycling facility located at 7405 Philips Highway. It further authorizes the Mayor to administratively enter into additional solid waste agreements with yard waste processing providers selected according to the processes in the City's Procurement Code. The bill amends Ordinance Code Chapter 380 – Solid Waste Management – to reduce the tipping fee for private citizens delivering yard waste to the Trail Ridge Landfill to \$1 for the first 500 pounds and removes the restriction that such private citizen deliveries can only take place on Saturday. The bill temporarily waives provisions of the Solid Waste Code requiring a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CON) for operation of a yard waste processing facility with regard to the temporary facilities being authorized by this ordinance. It temporarily waives the requirement that the City Council must approve solid waste service agreements with regard to the agreements being authorized by this ordinance. The bill sets a sunset date of March 31, 2023 for the expiration of the temporary waivers relating to administrative execution of service agreements without City Council approval and the operation of facilities without a CON. It sets a sunset date of 180 days from the effective date of this ordinance (with two additional 180-day extensions authorized) for the cost reduction and removal of the Saturday-only restriction on citizen transport of yard waste to the Trail Ridge Landfill. Emergency passage on first reading is requested.

Background Information: The bill authorizes emergency actions to deal as quickly as possible with the build-up of uncollected yard waste due to labor shortages and other factors affecting the franchise solid waste haulers.

Policy Impact Area: Emergency solid waste disposal operations.

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined

Analyst: Clements