

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2022-907

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Salem

Date of Introduction: December 13, 2022

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

Date of Analysis: December 13, 2022

Type of Action: Adoption of pilot program, agreement authorization and designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: This bill adopts a “Food Waste Diversion (Composting) Pilot Program”, that will sunset on June 30, 2023, unless extended by subsequent legislation. The agreement between the City of Jacksonville and Sunshine Organics & Compost LLC for the Food Waste Diversion (Composting) Pilot Program is authorized. This bill creates a special revenue fund of the City to be known as the Food Waste Diversion Program Special Revenue Fund for monies remitted by Sunshine Organics & Compost LLC, that are derived from the fees collected from participants. The Solid Waste Division of the Public Works Department will be responsible for oversight.

Background Information: On average, Americans waste around 25% of all food purchases each year, and the purpose of this legislation is to reduce the amount of solid waste entering the city’s landfills. This pilot program will provide a voluntary opportunity for limited composting services to various restaurants and food-based businesses in the Riverside/Avondale area and nearby farmer’s markets, as well as the Duval County Public Schools Nutrition Service Center facility. The service contract with Sunshine Organics & Compost LLC specifies that each participating facility will be invoiced at a rate of \$25 per bin collected in addition to a “tipping fee” assessed based on the weight of material collected, with an exception for any participating Duval County Public Schools facilities. The monies will be deposited into the Food Waste Diversion Program Special Revenue Fund to be used toward the establishment of a permanent composting program, or to cover costs arising from any extension of the Pilot Program.

Policy Impact Area: Food Waste Diversion (Composting) Pilot Program

Fiscal Impact: Undetermined revenue from fees based upon program participation

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