

Resolution

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Establishing Recycling Chute Requirements for New Construction.

Whereas, in 2014 the State of Minnesota has established recycling and composting goals for metropolitan counties of 75 percent by weight of total solid waste generation by the end of 2030; and

Whereas, in June 2015 Minneapolis City Council established a comprehensive citywide recycling and composting goal of 50% by 2020 and 80% by 2030, and achieve a zero percent growth rate in the total waste stream from 2010 levels; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling Division of Public Works and Sustainability staff were directed to work with the Mayor's office, City Council staff and the Minneapolis Community Environmental Advisory Commission to organize meetings of community stakeholders representing a broad range of interests and perspectives on waste prevention, recycling, and composting; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis acknowledges the challenges ahead and the need to collaborate with partners, including Hennepin County, the State of Minnesota, and other community and industry stakeholders; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis is committed to being a leader as one of the most sustainable cities in the United States by establishing mandatory multi-unit and commercial recycling ordinances in 1996 and 2011 respectively; and

Whereas, the State Building Code requires that space designated for recycling shall be located so it is at least as convenient as the location where other solid waste is collected; and

Whereas, it is the duty of the Minneapolis Building Code Official to verify that building designs meet the requirements set forth in the State Building Code;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the Minneapolis Building Official will mandate that when a trash chute is installed in new construction or major renovations, a recycling chute will be installed in such a way as to provide equivalent access at all floors served by the trash chute, in order to make recycling as convenient as trash disposal, as required by the State Building Code.