

Legislation Text

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# Item Title: City Wide Compost Cart Purchase and Rollout

#### Suggested Action:

I move that the Mayor and Council authorize the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Rehrig Pacific Company for the purchase of Compost carts to be distributed to all homes in the City currently eligible for municipal compost pickup. Additionally, an expenditure not to exceed \$180,000 is authorized to facilitate this purchase utilizing the Omnia Partners collective purchasing agreement, of which the City is a member, pending legal review.

#### Summary Background:

The City began a curbside food scraps pilot program with 100 homes in 2016. After several expansions of the pilot program, and Prince George's County moving to a mixed food scraps and yard waste collection system, the City began Citywide food scrap and yard waste collection in early 2020. After experimenting with a number of different collection methods, City staff have settled on using waste carts, similar to the ones used for solid waste collection. These carts will be easily identifiable as for compost only, and will allow residents to put out their combined food scraps and yard waste for one combined pickup. These new cans will be delivered to residents in spring of 2023.

#### **Next Steps:**

Sign contract, issue purchase order, conduct education campaign and roll out carts to residents

Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$180,000

# **City Administrator Comments:**

Recommend Approval

#### Community Engagement:

Community members have been able to participate in curbside collection of yard waste and food scraps for many years.

#### **Strategic Goals:**

Goal 2 - Ensure the Long-Term Economic Viability of the City

### Legal Review Required? Pending