



Legislation Text

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.Fiscal Note

The proposed resolution authorizes the Streets Division to enter into a three-year contract with Universal Recycling Technologies (URT) to collect electronic scrap for recycling from the Streets Division's Drop-Off sites. The contract would begin July 1, 2021, and offers options for two one-year renewals.

URT has been providing electronics recycling services for the City since 2012. The following table shows actual electronics recycling costs since 2016. Costs in 2020 were lower than other years due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the closure of the Streets Drop-Off sites for a month.

	URT Cost
2016	153,221
2017	139,291
2018	131,786
2019	120,170
2020	90,960

Under the proposed contract, URT would charge \$0.19 per pound of recycling, as well as a \$25 fee for transportation per pallet collected. The estimated cost of this contract is \$135,000 annually. This estimate assumes 575,000 pounds of electronics recycled annually, which is consistent with the amount collected in 2018 through 2020, and just under 1,100 pallets collected annually. 2020 was the first year that pallets were collected; this estimate assumes a slightly higher level of recycling than 2020 as the City emerges from the pandemic.

The 2021 Adopted Operating Budget for the Streets Division includes \$153,000 to cover the cost of the electronics recycling program, tire disposal, and metal recycling. No additional appropriation is required.

The Streets Division charges for stickers for recycling electronics and other large appliances. There is currently no tracking mechanism that shows what sticker fee revenue comes from electronics recycling versus other large appliances. The City budgets a total of \$245,000 for sticker fees, and received \$269,000 to \$280,000 in 2019 and 2020 from sticker sales. The Streets Division intends to audit this program to determine costs and revenues, and adjust sticker fee levels as needed.

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Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to contract with Universal Recycling Technologies to process and recycle electronic waste received by the Streets Division's electronics recycling program

Body

WHEREAS, over the past five years, the Streets Division received on average 304.76 tons of electronics waste from Madison residents each year, and;

WHEREAS, this electronic waste requires specialized processes to ensure proper recycling, such as processes for handling leaded glass from cathode ray televisions, secure data destruction for recycling

computers, among other processes, and;

WHEREAS, the current contract for accepting, processing, and recycling electronics ends on June 30, 2021, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Madison Streets Division remains a registered collector within the State of Wisconsin's Department of Natural Resources e-Cycle Wisconsin program; and,

WHEREAS, Universal Recycling Technologies (URT) have provided electronics recycling services for the City of Madison Streets Division since 2012, and;

WHEREAS, URT is a registered recycler within the State of Wisconsin's Department of Natural Resources e-Cycle Wisconsin program; and,

WHEREAS, URT following a competitive request for proposals process, was selected as the vendor for the next contract to sort, process, and recycle the electronics received by the City of Madison Streets Division; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to contract with Universal Recycling Technologies to process and recycle electronics waste received by the Streets Division's electronics recycling program.