



**City of Missoula, Montana
City Council Committee Agenda Item**

Committee: Public Works and Mobility

Item: A resolution of the Missoula City Council delegating authority to set compost prices to the Director of Public Works or their designee.

Date: March 1, 2023

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Ward(s) Affected:

<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Action Required:

Approve the resolution delegating authority to set compost prices to the Director of Public Works and Mobility or their designee.

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: Approve the resolution delegating authority to set compost prices to the Director of Public Works and Mobility or their designee.

Timeline:

Committee discussion:	March 1, 2023
Council action (or sets hearing):	March 6, 2023
Public Hearing (if required):	N/A
Final Consideration	N/A
Deadline:	N/A

Background and Alternatives Explored:

The City of Missoula's Wastewater Division of the Public Works and Mobility Department operates a composting operation known as Garden City Compost (GCC) and they have not raised its prices for its products since the City acquired the composting operation from EKO Compost in 2016. GCC's operating costs have risen significantly since 2016 and they generate revenues from selling compost and other soil amendments and charging tipping fees to customers who drop off yard and other organic wastes. GCC's objective is to establish revenues (including avoided cost of wastewater biosolids disposal) that fully offset its operating costs. GCC sells compost and other soil amendments in an open market and PW&M staff have a detailed understanding of the conditions of the local market for compost and other soil amendments. GCC would like the authority to set prices for compost and other soil amendments generated by GCC, to the Director of PW&M or their designee.

Financial Implications: The revenue generated by GCC shall be placed in the Wastewater Enterprise Fund.

Links to external websites: None