

ORDINANCE NO. 15-2021

Temporarily Waiving Section 945.02 of Codified Ordinances of the City of Worthington for Curbside Collection of Household Food Waste.

WHEREAS, the City of Worthington, with support from the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio and a partnership with GoZERO, has provided a drop off location at the Department of Service and Engineering for the collection and composting of household food waste; and,

WHEREAS, the Worthington Partnership and The Compost Exchange has provided a bucket drop off program at the Worthington Farmer's Market for the collection and composting of household food waste; and,

WHEREAS, the Worthington Partnership is working with The Compost Exchange to offer a free, six-week pilot program to Worthington residents to determine if there is sufficient interest in a curbside collection program for household food waste; and,

WHEREAS, if the pilot program is successful, the Worthington Partnership plans to continue the curbside collection program as a subscription service in which residents would pay a monthly fee for curbside collection of their household food waste; and,

WHEREAS, Section 945.02 of the Codified Ordinances restricts who may collect or remove solid waste, including household food waste, from residential units; and,

WHEREAS, staff is recommending that City Council temporarily waive the requirements of Section 945.02 to permit The Compost Exchange and/or GoZERO to offer curbside collection of household food waste to evaluate the interest and viability of a voluntary curbside collection program paid by the residents; and,

WHEREAS, City Council has deemed approval of this Ordinance to be in the best interest of the residents and citizens of the City of Worthington and to further the public health, safety and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That City Council hereby temporarily waives the provisions of Section 945.02 of the Codified Ordinances to permit The Compost Exchange and/or GoZERO to collect and remove household food waste from residents without having a contract with the City of Worthington.

SECTION 2. That the waiver provided in Section 1 shall expire on May 1, 2022 unless earlier terminated, extended, or modified by City Council.

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SECTION 3. That notice of passage of this Ordinance shall be posted in the Municipal Administration Building, the Worthington Library, the Griswold Center, and the Worthington Community Center and shall set forth the title and effective date of the Ordinance and a statement that the Ordinance is on file in the office of the Clerk of Council. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law and by the Charter of the City of Worthington, Ohio.

Passed April 19, 2021

/s/ Bonnie D. Michael

President of Council

Attest

/s/ D. Kay Thress

Clerk of Council

Introduced April 5, 2021

P.H. April 19, 2021

Effective May 12, 2021