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RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE
SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT ROUND 2 GRANT FROM CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION TO IMPLEMENT
CURBSIDE CO-COLLECTION OF FOOD SCRAPS USING UNIFORM COLLECTION
BAGS, AND TO ENTER INTO ASSOCIATED AGREEMENTS IN ORDER TO ACCEPT
GRANT FUNDING AND CARRY OUT THE ASSOCIATED GRANT PROGRAM
ACTIVITIES

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WHEREAS, Connecticut is facing a waste disposal crisis; and

WHEREAS, the closure of the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority in Hartford has resulted in Connecticut is sending about 860,000 tons (1.7 billion pounds) of trash out of state by truck and train; and

WHEREAS, the majority of trash remains in state and is burned at aging incineration facilities; and

WHEREAS, aging infrastructure has resulted in tipping fees for municipal solid waste crossing \$120 per ton; and

WHEREAS, this represents an increase in cost of 50% since 2017; and

WHEREAS, the public health and environmental impact of incinerating and transporting trash is significant; and

WHEREAS, incineration releases harmful pollutants (particulate matter, heavy metals, and dioxins) which worsen asthma and respiratory illnesses and can increase risk of cancer, reproductive and developmental issues; and

WHEREAS, food scraps make up 20-25% of the waste stream that is burned; and

WHEREAS, diverting food scraps from the waste stream can help mitigate the financial risk of rising tipping fees, improve air quality, and provide soil-building nutrients; and

WHEREAS, food scraps can be co-collected with refuse by diverting the material into color-coded bags; and

WHEREAS, these bags can be sorted and made into compost and biogas; and

WHEREAS, co-collection systems are most effective when participants utilize standardized bags to collect refuse and food scraps; and

WHEREAS, such a standardized bag system will maximize the investment the City is making in a co-collection sorting facility at the New Haven transfer station; and

WHEREAS, co-collection with uniform bags can enable food scrap collection, reduced litter and worker injuries, and increased recycling and source reduction; and

WHEREAS, funding is available through the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Sustainable Materials Management Round 2 Program to develop and implement source-separated organics programs and innovative waste management programs to more efficiently handle the state's multiple waste streams.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven that the Mayor, on behalf of the City, is authorized to apply for and accept the grant mentioned herein from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to execute said application for funding for an amount up to \$2,989,257, to execute any revisions, amendments or modifications to said contract, and to sign any associated state agreements, agreements with contractors, and other documents, any of which may have a term of longer than one year and any state agreements that may include indemnification provisions, that the Mayor deems desirable or necessary, including any subsequent amendments to agreements, in order to accept grant funding and carry out the associated grant program activities.