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ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE SOLID WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RECYCLING GRANT AWARD FROM US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO PROVIDE FOOD WASTE COLLECTION FOR COMPOSTING.

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WHEREAS, studies estimate that nearly one third of New Haven's solid waste stream is organic material that could be composted;

WHEREAS, currently the City of New Haven's food waste is incinerated along with other municipal solid waste at the Bridgeport incinerator, exacerbating regional air quality and contributing to the air pollution that causes climate change;

WHEREAS, the New Haven Office of Climate and Sustainability recognizes that composting recycles nutrients from food scraps, leaves, woody debris, and other organic matter;

WHEREAS, the New Haven Office of Climate and Sustainability recognizes that composting reduces air pollution and improves soil health;

WHEREAS, the tipping fees the City of New Haven pays to incinerate food scraps and other municipal solid waste have increased to over \$100 per ton;

WHEREAS, the New Haven Office of Climate and Sustainability recognizes that composting has the potential to avoid the cost of incineration tipping fees and create a compost product of marketable value;

WHEREAS, the New Haven Office of Climate and Sustainability recognizes that sustainable materials management is a challenge faced by all municipalities in the region and that environmental justice requires intermunicipal cooperation and a regional approach to materials management;

WHEREAS, the City of New Haven will, in partnership with the Towns of Hamden and Branford, and the City of West Haven, apply for funding from the US Environmental Protection Agency; and upon receipt of such grant, the City or an entity qualified by the Environmental Protection Agency will accept said grant in its entirety;

WHEREAS, the US Department of Environmental Protection has issued a request for proposals, entitled Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling, intended to improve and institute materials management, recycling, and composting programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ORDERED by Board of Alders of the City of New Haven that the Mayor, on behalf of the City, in partnership with counterparts from the Towns of Branford and Hamden, and the City of West Haven, is authorized to apply for and accept the grant mentioned herein from the US Environmental Protection Agency.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Mayor, in partnership with counterparts from the Towns of Branford and Hamden, and the City of West Haven, is authorized to execute said application for

funding for an amount of \$4,000,000 and to execute any revisions, amendments or modifications to said contract.