

2020 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: Request that SPU negotiate the provision of every-other-week garbage collection with the City's solid waste contractors

Ongoing: No

Primary Sponsor: Lisa Herbold

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Brian Goodnight

Date		Total	LH	BH	KS	AP	DJ	MO	SB	TM	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Statement of Legislative Intent:

The purpose of this Statement of Legislative Intent is to pursue an action that may reduce collection truck emissions, consistent with the Council's recent adoption of Resolution 31895 supporting a Green New Deal for Seattle.

Between June and December 2012, the City conducted an every-other-week (EOW) garbage collection pilot involving approximately 800 customers in four neighborhoods. Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) estimated at the time that if EOW garbage collection were fully implemented, there would be an approximately 35 percent reduction in emissions related to the vehicle fleet used for garbage collection. In terms of the overall fleet of vehicles used for solid waste collection (including recycling and food and yard waste), the emission reduction would be approximately 15 percent.

At the time of the EOW pilot, the City's solid waste contracts allowed for the implementation of EOW garbage collection for the entire city. The City's current solid waste contracts, which took effect in April 2019 and are effective until 2029, contain a provision for conducting pilot tests of alternative collection methods or schedules, but the current solid waste contracts do not contain an option for a permanent change in the collection schedule.

The Council requests that SPU work with the City's current solid waste contractors to reopen their contracts to negotiate the provision of EOW garbage collection.

The Council further requests that SPU provide quarterly reports to the Council with updates on the status of the negotiations. The first quarterly report is expected no later than March 31, 2020.

Responsible Council Committee(s):

Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development & Arts

Date Due to Council: March 31, 2020

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