

## ORDINANCE NO. 1261

### AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK REGARDING COMPOST USE, PROCUREMENT, EDUCATION, AND REPORTING AS PROVIDED IN RCW 43.19A.150; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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**WHEREAS**, in 2022, the Washington State Legislature adopted RCW 43.19A.150, requiring many cities to adopt a compost procurement ordinance by January 1, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lake Forest Park is required to adopt such an ordinance because it has curbside organics collection services; and

#### **NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. ADOPT POLICIES.** The City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park hereby adopts the following policies regarding compost use, procurement, education, and reporting:

##### **A. City use of compost.**

1. The City shall plan for the use of compost where practicable and feasible in its City maintained landscaping areas, construction project soil amendments; and postconstruction soil amendments.
2. The City shall plan for the use of compost where practicable and feasible to prevent erosion and promote vegetation growth.
3. The City shall plan for use of compost where practicable and feasible to improve the stability and longevity of City rights-of-way.
4. Consistent with the adopted Surface Water Design Manual and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Permit, the City shall plan for use of compost to filter stormwater runoff, and for use in low-impact development and green infrastructure to filter pollutants and keep water on-site.

##### **B. Priority purchasing.**

The City shall give priority to purchasing compost products from companies that satisfy the following:

1. produce compost products locally,
2. are certified by a nationally recognized organization,
3. produce compost products that are derived from municipal solid waste compost programs, and

4. meet quality standards adopted by the Washington State Department of Transportation or adopted by rule by the Washington State Department of Ecology.

**C. Education.**

The City shall develop and implement strategies to inform Lake Forest Park residents about the value of compost, how the City uses compost in its operations, and how the City uses compost consistently with the solid waste management plan.

**D. Reporting.**

Pursuant to RCW 43.19A.150, the City shall report to the State of Washington Department of Ecology the City's previous year's compost procurement activities.

**Section 2. SEVERABILITY.** Should any portion of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

**Section 3. CORRECTIONS.** The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

**Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after passage and publication.

**APPROVED BY A MAJORITY** the Lake Forest Park City Council this 8th day of December, 2022.

APPROVED:

Jeff Johnson  
Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

  
Matthew McLean  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Kim Adams Pratt  
City Attorney

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