

**RESOLUTION NO. RS-2020-38**

**ADOPTION OF TEXT AMENDMENT TO  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING PLAN  
FOR  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND  
(SW-20-001)**

**RECITALS**

The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland, (the "Board") adopted the 2011-2021 Solid Waste Management and Recycling Plan for Washington County, Maryland, including the 2013 and 2014 Amendments and Update, (the "Plan") on August 5, 2014, as required by Md. Code, Environment Article, Sections 9-501 through 9-521.

The Board and the Washington County Planning Commission (the "Planning Commission") held a joint public hearing for the purpose of taking testimony on a proposed amendment on November 17, 2020, pursuant to public notice duly given as required by Section 9-503(d).

Notice was given to the principal elected official of each municipal corporation affected by this amendment at least 14 days prior to the public hearing, pursuant to Section 9-503(d)(1)(ii).

The amendment is being made in accordance with new legislation passed by the Maryland General Assembly in 2019. The law became effective on October 1, 2019, and amends Sections 9-1703 and 9-1714 of the Environmental Article, Annotated Code of Maryland. Section 9-1703 (b) (15) of the Environmental Article, Annotated Code of Maryland requires Washington County to revise its recycling plan within the Solid Waste Management Plan by October 1, 2020. The purpose of this amendment is to establish a plan that requires office building owners to be responsible for fulfilling recycling requirements throughout their buildings.

It is the opinion of the Planning Commission and the Board that approval of this amendment is necessary in order to provide consistent implementation of the County's land use policies and regulations.

The Board has considered the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the Planning staff reports, and any comments received as part of the public hearing before the Planning Commission and the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Solid Waste Management and Recycling Plan for Washington County, Maryland, be, and is hereby amended to include the following:

#### **5.1.8.1 Office Building Recycling Plan**

##### Collection and Marketing

In accordance with Section 9-1714 of the Environment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, passed in 2019 by the Maryland State Legislature, office building owners will be responsible for providing all containers necessary to fulfill recycling requirements throughout their buildings that have 150,000 square feet or greater of office space, as well as determining the collection schedule directly with the collection contractor. Each owner of the participating office building must provide by October 1, 2021, recycling receptacles for the collection of paper and cardboard, metals, and plastic materials and for the removal for further recycling of recyclable materials deposited into the recycling receptacles. Distinctive colors and/ or markings of recycling containers should be provided to avoid cross contamination. Office building owners must ensure collection and transportation of recyclable materials from office building locations to markets or tipping as commercial recycling at a processing and transfer station at the prevailing tipping fee rate. Owners and/or tenants will be responsible for placing recyclables in building recycling bins prior to their removal on the scheduled pick up day.

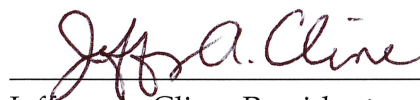
Adopted and effective this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

ATTEST:



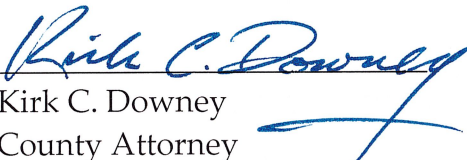
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