

City of Pittsburgh

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Resolution authorizing and directing the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the Director of Public Works to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to develop a comprehensive and affordable program through which residents can recycle and dispose of electronic and household hazardous waste.

WHEREAS, in 2010, Pennsylvania passed the Covered Device Recycling Act (CDRA), prohibiting televisions, computers, and other electronic waste from landfills because of the toxins they often contain; and,

WHEREAS, due to the lack of accessible options for removal, electronic waste is often dumped onto vacant lots, alleys, and hillsides rather than properly recycled; and,

WHEREAS, in addition, there are few accessible options for Pittsburgh residents to properly dispose of household hazardous waste, including cleaning products, paint, and pesticides; and,

WHEREAS, if not safely and responsibly disposed of, household hazardous waste can cause fires and pollute our rivers and environment; and,

WHEREAS, events to collect household hazardous and electronic waste are held infrequently and can be more expensive than most are able to pay; and,

WHEREAS, the City should develop a comprehensive and affordable program to allow residents to properly recycle and dispose of both electronic and household hazardous waste.

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:

Section 1. The Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby authorize and direct the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the Director of Public Works to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to develop a comprehensive and affordable program through which residents can recycle and dispose of electronic and household hazardous waste.