## ORDINANCE No. $18545^2$

Update Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Code to ensure the collection of high quality recyclable and compostable materials (Ordinance; add Code Section 17.102.295)

The City of Portland Ordains:

Section 1. The Council Finds:

- 1. Portland City Code 17.102.130 includes a goal to promote sustainability of the system of solid waste and recycling collection, by seeking to maximize efficiency, equity and economic vitality, improve worker safety and reduce environmental and human health impacts over the entire life cycle of the materials.
- 2. Portland City Code 17.102.130 includes a goal to set and achieve recycling goals for Portland that are among the highest in the nation.
- 3. The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability partners with private recycling and composting facilities to meet recycling goals, and it is imperative to deliver clean streams to these facilities.
- 4. Commingling plastic bags or solid waste in recycling or composting collection containers presents serious issues for the recycling and composting processing, with lost time for processing, contamination of otherwise commercially valuable recyclable material and potential infection from waste items.
- 5. The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability will continue to emphasize public education and outreach as the primary means for addressing the appropriate separation of materials for recycling, composting and solid waste.

## NOW THEREFORE, the Council directs:

a. Portland City Code Chapter 17.102 is amended by adding a new Section 17.102.295 to read as follows:

Section 17.102.295 Separation of Recyclables, Compost and Solid Waste. It shall be a violation of Chapter 17.102 for any customer to:

A. Place in a recycling cart, recycling container or recycling bin any plastic bag, diapers, pet waste, Styrofoam, wood, food, yard debris, or any Solid Waste; or, B. Place in a compost cart or compost container any plastic bag, diapers, pet waste, Styrofoam, or any Solid Waste.

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Passed by the Council: JUN 21 2012

Mayor Adams Prepared by: Megan Ponder Date Prepared: May 30, 2012 LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland By

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