



**Special City Council Meeting
6:00 PM, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015
Conference Room
Farmington City Hall
23600 Liberty St
Farmington, MI 48335**

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. AUDITORS TO PRESENT ANNUAL AUDIT

5. RRRASOC: CURBSIDE CLOTHING RECYCLING

A. Consideration of Proposed Curbside Clothing Recycling Pilot

**6. CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO GRAND RIVER CORRIDOR
IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY**

**7. DISCUSS DATE FOR BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEWS -
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

8. OTHER BUSINESS

9. COUNCIL COMMENT

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To Adjourn

**Farmington City Council
Staff Report**
Council Meeting Date:
November 16, 2015

**Reference
Number
(ID # 2065)**
Submitted by: David Murphy, City Manager

Description: Proposed Curbside Clothing Recycling Pilot

Requested Action:

Approve RRRASOC to deploy a program for the curbside collection and recycling of clothing in the City of Farmington.

Background:

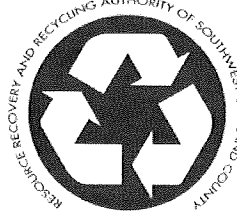
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Agenda Review
Review:

David M. Murphy Pending
City Manager Pending
City Council Pending 11/16/2015 6:00 PM

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To: David Murphy, City Manager, Farmington
From: Mike Csapo, General Manager, RRRASOC
Date: November 12, 2015

Re: **Proposed Curbside Clothing Recycling Pilot**

Action Requested

Grant permission for RRRASOC to deploy a program for the curbside collection and recycling of clothing in the City of Farmington.

Overview

As you are aware, RRRASOC has established a program for the curbside collection, reuse, and recycling of used clothing and household goods through an agreement with Simple Recycling. The program is currently operating successfully in South Lyon, Wixom, and Walled Lake, as well as a number of other communities in Michigan and the U.S.

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Since the inception of the program, more than 120,400 pounds of used clothing and household goods have been collected in the RRRASOC communities and delivered back into the value chain.

Member Communities

•Farmington •Farmington Hills •Novi •South Lyon •Southfield •Walled Lake •Wixom

The program has been reviewed and endorsed by the RRRASOC Board of Directors.

Key Features

- According to EPA, U.S. households discard approximately 70 pounds of used clothing every year. Only about 15% of that material is currently donated for reuse. The clothing collection targets the remaining 85% that currently ends up in landfills. The program will encourage residents to continue to donate used clothing to the charity of their choice.
- Simple Recycling will be responsible for program promotion and distribute specially marked bags to each household, into which residents can place their used clothing. The bags can be placed at the curb on regular trash day for collection by Simple Recycling, who will then leave new bags for the homeowner. The City's regular solid waste contractor, Waste Management, is aware of and supports integrating the collection with the regular collection schedule, particularly since it will reduce the amount of trash they have to deliver to the landfill.
- There will be no costs to RRRASOC or the City of Farmington. Simple Recycling handles all calls and questions concerning the program through direct number provided by Simple Recycling.
- The collected material will enter into the already established supply chain managed by Simple Recycling and its downstream partners. Much of the material will enter into the thrift store network in southeast Michigan for resale. Material not suitable for domestic resale will either be diverted to overseas resale markets or recycled in the textile recycling market.

Representatives from RRRASOC and Simple Recycling will be available to answer any questions you or the City Council may have and provide additional material concerning the program.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.