



WHEREAS, in December 2019, Nashville's Solid Waste Region Board approved a Zero Waste Master Plan which provides policy framework to lead the region in reducing waste to landfill by 90%. The Plan included analysis of multiple strategies for waste reduction. The plan was then adopted by Metro Council in August 2021 pursuant to RS2021-1030; and

WHEREAS, to successfully implement the strategy and policy recommendations within the Zero Waste Master Plan, the Metropolitan Government must develop organizational capacity and a financial strategy capable of executing the Zero Waste Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metro Council hereby requests that the Department of Water and Sewerage Services, Waste Services Division, engage industry experts to conduct a comprehensive study assessing the costs and benefits of creating a department, authority, or other entity dedicated to solid waste disposal and associated responsibilities, as well as an associated plan for execution.

Section 2. The Metro Council further requests the Department of Water and Sewerage Services, Waste Services Division, or any entity assuming its responsibilities, study and report opportunities to manage waste services efficiently and effectively for the city. This study should include practices implemented by peer cities, current and future costs and revenue streams, and specific methods for executing strategies required for the fulfillment of the Zero Waste Master Plan.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.