



## Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE authorizing the King County executive to execute an interlocal agreement with the city of Seattle concerning disposition of residual materials sorted from source-separated recyclables from King County's solid waste jurisdiction and processed at material recovery facilities within the city of Seattle.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. King County has jurisdiction over the solid waste, including recyclable materials, collected within unincorporated King County and the thirty-seven municipalities with which it has interlocal agreements for solid waste disposal.
2. Some of the recyclable materials collected within King County's solid waste jurisdiction are sent to material recovery facilities located within the city of Seattle, which is not within King County's solid waste jurisdiction. When the material recovery facilities sort the collected material to separate recyclables, a residual volume of materials cannot be recycled and need to be disposed of. The material recovery facilities pay a disposal fee for the residuals.
3. King County's position has been that it has the authority to direct the final disposal of the residuals from recycled materials collected within its solid waste jurisdiction.
4. The city of Seattle's position has been that it has the authority to direct the final disposal of the residuals from recycled materials sorted at material recovery facilities within its jurisdiction.
5. King County and the city of Seattle wish to enter a cooperative agreement regarding the

disposal of residuals that will benefit both parties and their ratepayers. The interlocal agreement, Attachment A to this ordinance, will also preserve space at the King County Cedar Hills Regional Landfill. Once the interlocal agreement is signed, the city of Seattle will also dismiss the lawsuit it filed in King County Superior Court against King County regarding the final disposal of residuals from recycled materials.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. This ordinance authorizes an interlocal agreement with the city of Seattle concerning disposition of residual materials sorted from source-separated recyclables from King County's solid waste jurisdiction and processed at material recovery facilities within the city of Seattle.

SECTION 2. The executive is hereby authorized to execute an interlocal agreement with the city of Seattle substantially in the form of Attachment A to this ordinance.