

RESOLUTION #3618

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RED LODGE, IMPLEMENTING A RECYCLING PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, by MCA 75-10-803, the state has established Solid waste reduction goals as such: (1) It is the goal of the state to reduce, through source reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting, the amount of solid waste that is generated by households, businesses, and governments and that is either disposed of in landfills or burned in an incinerator; and

WHEREAS, the City of Red Lodge has adopted the Energy Conservation Plan (ECP) by resolution No. 3498 (Oct. 28, 2018), including a Solid Waste, Recycling and Compost section proposing multiple projects to reduce and reuse solid waste including supporting the operation of a recycling program; and

WHEREAS, The City of Red Lodge manages postconsumer solid waste by contracting waste collection and disposal services yet does not yet implement, maintain or contract services to manage disposal of reusable or recyclable materials in alignment with the City-adopted ECP; and

WHEREAS the City of Red Lodge currently relies on the nonprofit recycling entity Recycle Red Lodge for recycling services and those services are offered to residents, businesses, and non-resident visitors through a membership-based program; and

WHEREAS the nonprofit Recycle Red Lodge intends to dissolve by July 1, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the City of Red Lodge desires to prevent a gap in services and ensure residents, businesses and non-resident visitors are able to participate in reusable and recycled waste management without interruption

NOW THEREFORE the City Council of Red Lodge, Montana resolves as follows:

1. The City of Red Lodge shall assume responsibility for implementing a recycling program, to begin July 1, 2023, for a trial period of two fiscal years, and within the financial parameters of a reasonable budget that is successfully passed by City Council with ample opportunity for community input
2. The City of Red Lodge shall accept assets of the Recycle Red Lodge nonprofit when it dissolves, for use in the city's new recycling program, for the benefit of the community
3. The City of Red Lodge shall work with nonprofit staff to understand and become educated on current recycling program operations to ensure seamless transfer in leadership and uninterrupted services
4. The Council agrees that if expenses for the city recycling program exceed those budgeted, the Council will put forth a resolution to pause operations while an assessment and possible solutions are explored

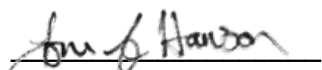
This resolution shall take effect July 1, 2023

Passed and approved by the Red Lodge City Council on the 24th day of January, 2023

For the City of Red Lodge

  
Mayor Kristen Cogswell

Attest: City Clerk

  
Loni Hanson, City Clerk