



## Board Action Report

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Commissioner Philbeck - To Approve an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Gastonia for Yard Waste Processing

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### **BUDGET IMPACT**

N/A

### **BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT**

N/A

### **BACKGROUND**

Gaston County and the City of Gastonia are discussing opportunities to combine efforts and achieve cost savings and/or greater efficiency. Currently, both the City of Gastonia and Gaston County own and operate separate yard waste processing/grinding facilities. Yard waste processing is one area the two entities feel that partnering may be beneficial. Gaston County accepts yard waste at convenience center sites and from direct deliveries to the County's yard waste processing facility on Philadelphia Church Road. Approximately twice per year, Gaston County hires an outside vendor to grind the debris into mulch and offers the final product to the general public. The City of Gastonia currently collects yard waste from City residents and contracts with a vendor to process the material at their yard waste processing facility. Combining the two waste streams should result in processing economies of scale and allow Gaston County to accept the material at a slightly reduced gate rate. The economies of scale should be realized from longer vendor contract commitments; larger volumes processed at a time and reduced mobilization costs. Approval of this Board Action authorizes the attached interlocal agreement between Gaston County and the City of Gastonia, authorizes the County Attorney to modify and finalize the agreement where necessary for signature purposes, authorizes the County Manager or his designee to sign said agreement and reduces the yard waste acceptance fee per the agreement terms. Costs for more frequent processing will be offset by fees assessed to customers through the yard waste acceptance fee along with revenue generated from mulch sales once processing is complete.

### **POLICY IMPACT**

N/A

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Interlocal Agreement for Disposal Services