

## Memorandum

**TO:** City and County of Denver – City Council

**FROM:** Agatha Linger – Department of Public Health & Environment

**DATE:** October 16, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Executive Summary for three-year extension of the Composting Agreement between the City and County of Denver and Waste Management of Colorado, Inc.

Waste Management of Colorado, Inc. (WMC) operates the City-owned Denver Arapahoe Disposal Site (DADS) landfill. In 2016, the City and WMC entered into a contract that allows WMC to also offer composting services. WMC obtained State approvals, constructed the composting pad and monitoring well, and met State requirements for operations. They receive food and green material including wood material, generate compost, and sell compostable material and sometimes wood chips. In return for leasing land to WMC for the compost operations, the City receives a) an eight percent royalty on the revenue that WMC generates from the incoming material, b) details on the type and volume of incoming material, and c) information on WMC's operating costs. Based on the eight percent royalty received by the City from 2016 through the first quarter 2024, the City has received approximately \$345,000 in payment.

Both the City and WMC want to continue offering compost as an alternative to disposal and requests to extend the agreement term by three years, through the end of 2027.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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