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**Sponsor:** Public Health

**Meeting Date:** 11/19/2024

**Title:** Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Saint Anthony for Yard Waste and Food Scraps Collection Sites

**File Number:** 2024-598

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**Background and Rationale:**

The Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between the city of Saint Anthony and Ramsey County, established to manage yard waste and food scrap recycling, ensures efficient service delivery for all Saint Anthony residents, including those in Hennepin County. Ramsey County's longstanding policy allows only its residents to use its yard waste sites. However, since 2005, the city has requested that all its residents, including those in Hennepin County, be allowed access to these sites, agreeing to compensate the county for the additional costs incurred. The agreement, initially focused on yard waste, has been renewed multiple times, most recently expanding in 2019 to include food scrap collection, aligning with state mandates and solid waste management goals.

The rationale behind the JPA stems from the need to streamline waste management services across county lines, while ensuring compliance with county policies and state regulations. The city of Saint Anthony and Ramsey County agreed on an annual compensation model based on the proportion of city residents in Hennepin County, with the city forgoing its Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment (SCORE) funds to simplify administration. As a result, the city's residents, regardless of county residency, now have access to Ramsey County's yard waste and food scrap collection sites. This partnership benefits both entities by reducing administrative complexity and enhancing service accessibility for Saint Anthony residents.

**Recommendation:**

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve the Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Saint Anthony for Use of Yard Waste and Food Scraps Collection Sites for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Joint Powers Agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to approve and execute amendments to renew the term of the agreement for four one-year periods with all other terms and conditions remaining the same, in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Frethem, seconded by Commissioner McGuire. Motion passed.

Aye: - 6: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

By: \_\_\_\_\_



Jason Yang, Interim Chief Clerk - County Board