

STAFF REPORT

City of Lancaster

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Date: January 12, 2016

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Brian S. Ludicke, Planning Director

Subject: **Used Mattress Recycling Program and Used Mattress Collection Service Agreement**

Recommendation:

Adopt **Resolution No. 16-02**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lancaster, California, authorizing and directing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute an agreement with the Mattress Recycling Council, Inc. for a Used Mattress Recycling Program and Used Mattress Collection Service Agreement.

Fiscal Impact:

No negative fiscal impact. The City will be reimbursed for labor and disposal costs associated with the implementation of the program.

Background:

In 2013, California passed the Used Mattress Recovery & Recycling Act which required the mattress industry to create a program to promote mattress recycling. As a result of this law, the Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) was created and a recycling fee for each mattress and box spring sold to end users was established. This recycling fee went into effect on December 30, 2015, and will be used to fund mattress collection, transportation, and recycling services throughout California.

There are no mattress-recycling programs currently in effect in the City of Lancaster. Residents wishing to dispose of old mattresses/box springs must take them to the landfill or arrange for a bulky item pickup through Waste Management. Often these mattresses are dumped in alley ways, by commercial dumpsters, or out in the desert. This results in City staff spending a lot of time picking up illegally dumped mattresses and taking them to the landfill for disposal.

The City's 24-hour Recycling Center currently accepts e-waste, used cooking and motor oil, antifreeze, batteries, and labeled paint. The agreement between the MRC and the City of Lancaster would allow the City to expand the services provided at the 24-Hour Recycling Center by giving residents a place to dispose of their old mattresses and box springs for free.

The MRC would provide the City with a container to store the mattresses when they are dropped off at the center and would pick up the container when it is full. The City would be reimbursed for staff time implementing the program (e.g., stacking the mattresses in the container, etc.), landfill disposal fees for any mattresses not covered under the program (e.g., severely torn, soiled, infested, etc.), and would receive a per mattress fee.

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Attachment:

Resolution No. 16-02
Agreement (Exhibit A)