

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-043

NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING COMPOST
PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE 1344)

WHEREAS, in March 2022, ESSHB 1799 was signed into Washington law. The primary goal of the law is to increase the diversion of organic materials going to landfills in order to reduce methane emissions - organic materials (such as food and yard waste) decomposing in landfills are a significant source of methane emissions; and

WHEREAS, as more organic materials are diverted and recycled, it is critical the compost manufactured be procured by local jurisdictions and others to support the economic viability of these processes and programs. It is well-established compost production and use provide significant environmental benefits to our soil and food. ESSHB 1799 encourages most cities and counties in Washington to adopt a compost procurement ordinance by early 2023; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC will hold a public hearing to take public testimony on proposed Ordinance 1344 regarding compost procurement. The hearing will take place at or after 10 a.m. February 28, 2023, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room on the second floor of the historic courthouse at 351 NW North Street in Chehalis.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BOCC will hold a public hearing in the Commissioners' Hearing Room on the second floor of the historic courthouse at 351 NW North Street in Chehalis at or after 10 a.m. February 28, 2023, to consider and take public testimony about proposed Ordinance 1344, which establishes a compost procurement policy for Lewis County; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board is hereby instructed to proceed with all appropriate and necessary notifications, postings, and publications as required by law.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 7th day of February, 2023.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney

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