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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This staff report summarizes policy options for expanded regularly-occurring residential collection of certain solid waste materials that may typically be recycled through drop-off locations.

At its May 5th, 2021 meeting the Solid Waste Commission discussed three non-franchised companies offering solid waste collection for a fee, of materials intended for recycling. The items these companies collect are promoted within our community as recoverable through a variety of drop-off locations. After learning that solid waste collection for a fee is limited to franchised collectors or their subcontractors, two of these companies chose not to pursue their collection activities in the County.

One company, Ridwell, Inc., continued soliciting for customers after receiving similar information. The County sent a letter on March 18, 2021 requesting that the company "...cease accepting sign ups of interest and to "...refrain from processes that would place Ridwell in actual violation..." The letter supported exploration of "...pathways for a constructive approach that supports innovative collection while meeting the public values inherent in our garbage and recycling collection system." Finally, the letter stated the County would engage in "...good faith conversations with Ridwell, Inc. as long as the company is not collecting material for compensation from any customer in Clackamas County." The company continued soliciting customers and began operating in unincorporated Clackamas County. The company recently suspended service after receiving a second violation notice. More information is included in the staff report to the Solid Waste Commission for the February 16th, 2022 meeting.

After the second notice, Ridwell initiated a pre-written e-mail campaign (Attachment 1) urging their supporters to ask County commissioners to allow Ridwell, Inc. to operate. To date the Board has received just over 200 e-mails. In January, Ridwell informed the County through a submitted recycling license application that they had more than 440 prospective customers. Though a small percentage of the 24,000 customers in the County's Urban fee zone, this clearly illustrates a willingness, on the part of some customers, to pay a premium for the convenience of having these recoverable materials collected from their home.

At the February 16, 2022 meeting of the Solid Waste Commission, a Ridwell representative was invited to present information and answer questions. (<u>https://www.clackamas.us/recycling/solid-waste-commission</u>) Ridwell, launched initially in the Seattle area, is a venture capital start-up that offers subscription-based collection of recoverable materials such as plastic film, block foam, batteries, electronic waste, and textiles for approximately \$12-16 per month. The materials are housed and segregated within a warehouse in Portland and routed to recycling or reuse destinations in the domestic US.

Treatment under County Code and State Law

The materials collected by Ridwell are defined in state law (ORS 459.005 24) and County Code (10.03.030 59) as solid waste. This definition includes materials that may be recycled. Currently our code requires that the collection of solid waste for a fee occur only by franchised haulers or their subcontractors (County Code, Section 10.03.140), and does not contemplate a service such as the one Ridwell provides. As a result, Ridwell's business model is arguably not allowed by Clackamas County Code.

The other avenue for collection of discarded, but recyclable, solid waste material is through a recycling license. Chapter 10.04 of the County Code allows the County to issue recycling licenses to businesses or non-profits that collect 'recyclable materials' (as defined in ORS 459.005 20. and County Code 10.03.030 52.) In keeping with the limits of Chapter 10.03—only franchisees and their subcontractors can collect solid waste for compensation—and long-standing interpretation of the Code, these licenses are only available to companies collecting material at no cost to the customer or in exchange for the value of the material above and beyond the cost of collection (i.e. a fair market exchange payment to the customer for the material). In the 1970s and 1980s, as franchise systems developed to support transparent, efficient garbage collection as well as to promote consistent recycling, the state and local governments crafted law and code in ways that were intended to continue to allow operation of pre-existing commercial recyclers with a long history of collecting and paying for -the commodities collected such as metal or paper. During times of low market prices, the businesses would provide the collection service in exchange for receiving the material.

The County's recycling license is intended to monitor the level of this recycling activity and to ensure the County met their state mandated reporting requirements. These businesses continued to operate, outside the franchise system as intended by the Opportunity to Recycle Act, while ensuring that new collection of solid waste materials for a fee, whether for recycling or disposal, is limited to franchised companies or their subcontractors.

Should Expanded Recycling Collection Be Offered Within Clackamas County?

Clackamas County has supported recycling in our code and programs for decades. Historically, recycling opportunities have been provided through a combination of regular 'curbside' collection of glass, metal, paper and certain plastic containers, complemented by free drop-off recycling locations for the types of materials other companies have offered to collect for a fee. Providing the opportunity for all citizens to have sustainable, affordable and environmentally responsible recycling services is core to our mission.

A rationale to offer expanded optional residential recycling collection includes the following points:

- There are some materials not accepted in regular residential and business recycling that have an environmental benefit if they can be recycled or reused. These are not accepted in residential recycling today because of the cost to recycle, the inconsistency in availability of markets, because they are difficult to sort at the MRF, or because they create challenges at the MRF.
- The inconvenience of recycling drop-off opportunities means that many community members place items otherwise recycled via drop-off, into the garbage at home.
- There are community members willing to pay for the convenience of collection at home. They will perceive a benefit from such a service.
- An optional subscription service can create additional opportunity while avoiding significant impacts to the cost of regular residential recycling.
- Optional subscription services could help create the conditions for certain materials to eventually transition into regular recycling collection in a more affordable way.

What are the Policy Values in our System?

The common use of franchises to oversee and provide garbage and recycling collection in Oregon, including in Clackamas County, allows us to support a system that creates public value across a variety of areas:

At its core, garbage and recycling is not just an environmental service, it is also a
public health service to affordably remove putrescible waste instead of
uncontrolled burning, illegal dumping, or garbage building up on properties. The
success of local government oversight of, or provision of, such service over the
last several decades has reduced disease vectors and other challenges
associated with inconsistent handling of garbage.

- Garbage, recycling, yard waste, or compost goes to approved facilities with their own environmental reporting requirements, ensuring safe management of the materials.
- What is collected for recovery is based largely on the existence and support of stable recycling markets. Markets for accepted items are less likely to fluctuate wildly, or to leave our collection and sorting systems with material that is no longer desirable.
- Items collected are environmentally worth their recovery when viewed with a lifecycle lens.
- We can standardize and ensure accessibility of services equitably across the County.
- The County can review costs and set fees through a structured and fair process that ensures service is affordable and everyone pays a fair fee.
- Minimize inefficient traffic and impacts to roads caused by multiple collection services.
- Garbage and recycling collectors can provide living wages and benefits across a variety of job types.
- Participants in the system report to local and state governments and pay into the collection system, which helps improve the collection system for all.

Any consideration of expanded recycling services should keep these values in mind.

Two Basic Options for Expanded Recycling Services

Staff believes there are two basic policy options for providing expanded recycling services in Clackamas County:

- Code amendment to license or permit expanded recycling. Change the code to allow non-franchised businesses to offer limited solid waste collection services for the purpose of recycling, for compensation, with appropriate fees and conditions. Such a change would allow multiple participants to do business in this way, including existing franchised collectors. The amendment could take the form of a license or permit.
- Administrative Rule amendment incorporating expanded recycling on the part of franchised collectors. Make changes to rules that would create a program in which franchised collectors accept additional source-separated solid waste materials for collection and recycling, for an additional fee, on a subscription or on-call basis. This policy option would likely entail clarifying amendments to the County code.

In each case, the Administrative Rules will also require amending to reflect the conditions placed on the provider of expanded recycling services.

Design Principles for Expanded Recycling via License or Permit

If the Board of Commissioners chooses to establish a pathway for companies such as Ridwell to operate in unincorporated Clackamas County via license or permit to collect additional recyclables through subscription collection at home, staff will recommend consideration of the following design principles. And, the Solid Waste Commission may provide comment or input on these conditions in this meeting, and would also have further opportunities to review these conditions:

- Clearly define the purpose of amendments to code and administrative rule;
- Establish a vetting and approval process for the County to follow to identify materials that may be collected for additional recycling through an expanded program;
- Materials that may be accepted through subscription-based expanded recycling could be limited in some ways, such as:
 - To exclude materials accepted in the County's recycling service available to all customers
 - To exclude items that may be recycled for which the available recycling approach does not create environmental benefit on a life-cycle basis
- Identify appropriate Reporting and Disclosure requirements such as:
 - Monthly reports on material recovery (similar to recycling reports from franchised collectors), in order to be able to track contributions of additional recycling to community recovery and waste reduction goals.
 - Quarterly reports on customers, gross revenue to assess relevant fees and understand the usage of service
- Messaging consistency with state and local waste reduction and recycling guidance
- Fee options to consider for services taking into account customer base or parity with franchise system
- Clear conditions for maintenance of a license or permit including accountability for failure to meet conditions

Design Principles for Expanded Recycling by Franchisees or their Subcontractors

If the Board of Commissioners chooses to direct our franchised collectors or their subcontractors to provide additional subscription-based recycling services under the franchise, this would entail:

- The design principles identified above, plus:
- Regulated, transparent fees subject to cost-reporting, review and setting by the Board
- Established zones where service is available, which could include the entirety of unincorporated Clackamas County

Equity and Accessibility in Service

An important value in shaping future garbage and recycling service is the desire to serve residents of multifamily communities (e.g. with 5 or more units) with services that are as accessible and useful as possible. Historically, in many cases the recycling services available to residents of multifamily communities have not been as accessible or convenient when compared with single-family homes. Subscription-based expanded recycling for multifamily residents could potentially be made available through either the franchise system or through licensed or permitted providers, in situations where requirements for safety can be met. (For example some walkways at apartment complexes cannot safely accommodate a recycling box left in place because it could obstruct access or emergency egress for some residents).

Another approach to ensuring accessibility and equity in service would be to work with licensed, permitted or franchised providers of additional recycling service, for collection events or distributed containers at sites, for greater inclusion and access.

Further Analysis of Options

In Oregon, local governments' authority to regulate solid waste collection is a wellestablished right in state law and in court. The public benefit of regulation of garbage and recycling services beyond the franchise system is also identified in the Regional Waste Plan. An underlying, primary objective is that any process we pursue affirms the County's authority to regulate the collection of garbage and recycling materials for public benefit.

Staff believes that the existing value within our collection system can continue to be achieved under either option, provided appropriate regulations and rules are placed on a licensee or permittee. Allowing non-franchised collection services to operate within the County will require a code amendment. New administrative rules will need to be written in either option.

The materials considered in the proposed expanded recycling services represent a very small amount of the waste stream. The program to provide these collection services will only serve a small, select subset of the existing garbage customers throughout the County. The County's collection system is predicated on providing the greatest amount of service to the largest group of citizens.

In addition to a driving theme of equity, the Regional Waste Plan includes some other themes and goals that may be relevant. The Plan calls for our region to broaden participation by more companies in the solid waste system, in ways that allow for new entrants, greater diversity and local ownership (Goal 2). The Regional Waste Plan also calls for local governments to regulate collection of solid waste by collectors who are currently not regulated (12.5).

The option to license or permit would allow franchisees to offer additional recycling

services under a license or permit, too.

The option to require franchised collectors to offer subscription-based expanded recycling under the franchise, would effectively be a recommendation that the County continue limiting the ability to offer additional recycling services exclusively to franchisees or their subcontractors, in which case another company would be unable to collect such material for a fee without violating County code. Under this option, County staff would likely still recommend clarifying amendments to County code and administrative rule.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Fees paid to the County for system oversight and administration could increase very slightly under any scenario to offer additional recycling services.

LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

ORS 459 and 459A authorize the County to regulate solid waste collection services, which we do under the auspices of County Code Chapters 10.03 and 10.04.

STAFF / PUBLIC / GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:

This meeting and the prior Solid Waste Commission meeting constitute an opportunity for public participation. Staff, have met with companies offering expanded recycling services, the franchisees and has had some interaction with the public

OPTIONS:

- Recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the County develop code amendments allowing a business to be licensed or permitted to provide limited solid waste collection services of materials for recycling, for compensation in unincorporated Clackamas County, with appropriate fees, rules and regulations.
- 2. Recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the County develop administrative rule amendments requiring franchised collectors to offer subscription-based expanded recycling to customers for additional sourceseparated solid waste materials, for an additional fee, subject to fee and regulatory rules in code and administrative rule.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully recommends Option 1.

Sincerely,

Rick Winterhalter Sustainability Analyst, Sr.

Attachment 1 - Ridwell Campaign Email Attachment 2 - Letter: Clackamas County Refuse & Recycling Association Attachment 3 - Other jurisdictions' updates Attachment 4 – Campaign Emails received/Letter to BCC

Ridwell, Inc. e-mail postcard:

My name is ______. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Clackamas County Refuse & Recycling Association

February 17, 2022

VIA EMAIL ONLY

Rick Winterhalter, Senior Sustainability Analyst and Solid Waste Commission Liaison Clackamas County Sustainability and Solid Waste Program and Clackamas County Solid Waste Commission 150 Beavercreek Road Oregon City, OR 97045

Dear Mr. Winterhalter and Members of the Solid Waste Commission,

The Clackamas County Refuse and Recycling Association is writing to provide a perspective on the growing interest in expanded curbside recycling service in the county from the franchised and regulated haulers that have served the people of Clackamas County for several decades. We are disappointed to sense a false public narrative suggesting our companies will not meet the recycling needs of our customers. This narrative highlights that we need to do more education about the role of the franchise system in building the robust residential recycling programs Oregonians have known for decades, and how the existing regulations protect public health and assure residential customers pay a fair rate as set by governments through a public process, not by our companies.

We hope the information below can both advance a conversation about how to expand recycling curbside for all residential customers and provide clarity about curbside recycling, how we are regulated and how our companies operate.

To be clear we support the goal of expanding opportunities for residents in our service areas to include more items in their curbside recycling bins. History shows we have been strong partners to maximize recycling and material recovery rates as part of our commitment to responsive and responsible waste management. As markets have developed or changed to allow for additions to programs or changes in collection technology, we have partnered with our county regulators to maximize service and value to customers. The current system works and we believe in a system where all solid waste collectors comply with the same regulations set under the franchise. The value is that all customers have the same service at a publicly set rate with annual rate reviews, detailed reporting on hundreds of data points, and service standards for access and equity to all customers.

There is a reason waste management is regulated. It is to protect the health and safety of all Oregonians. Oregon's garbage and recycling collection systems were franchised to establish consistent standards for customers as well as accountability and transparency with publicly set rates, waste recovery, and proper disposal of waste. One of the most significant advantages is that it provides for an efficient collection system that limits the number of collection trucks driving through our neighborhoods.

The bottom line is that there is a reason for the franchise system and there is no reason to eliminate regulations that require publicly set rates, annual detailed cost reports, and payment of franchise fees that support the community in Clackamas County. The system in place works in the best interest of Clackamas County residents and supports the goals of Metro's 2030 Regional Waste Plan.

- There is accountability for the workforce and living wage jobs with benefits that we provide. We must have all rates reviewed and approved by county regulators.
- We report on all material collected. We track and report what we pick up, where it is disposed, and processed for recycling.
- We pay franchise fees to Clackamas County that help pay for the use of county roads and support the greater community within the county.
- We are strong community partners, contributing to local organizations and charities and most of our members are small, Oregon-owned and operated companies with roots in the community that follow the rules and have always been adaptable to meet the needs of our customers, who are also our neighbors and friends.
- And our proposal for expanded recycling service would be available to everyone in Clackamas County as needed with publicly set rates, not a year-long locked-in subscription requiring individual customers to pay whether or not they use the service.

Recycling and improving our environment is a foundation of Oregon's values, but so is equity for all persons. Eliminating regulations to allow even one company to operate outside the franchise system does not advance our values, but undermines them. We hope that the Solid Waste Commission will put adequate study and time into considering whether to change Clackamas County code at the request of one company who wants to set their own pricing, avoid cost reporting, and pay zero or limited fees to the community. We ask you to really examine if it is necessary, or if there is a more accountable and equitable way to meet our recycling and environmental goals under the system we have today that meets the needs of all, not just some.

We are a group of haulers who live and work here and care deeply about the communities as steward of both public health and the environment. We are a diverse group including small family-owned businesses several of which have woman owners – and a few national companies. We can and are offering to provide expanded recycling service curbside to all of our customers, initially those in the urban and then rural zones as we perfect the system. We already presented a proposal to Clackamas County staff and are ready to finalize details that meet particular community needs in Clackamas County. We would be happy to present our plan to you as a commission.

Thank you for your time.

Carla Scheafer, President, Clackamas County Refuse and Recycling Association

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What other jurisdictions are doing in response to Ridwell's collection activity.

- State of Washington has interpreted their laws to allow Ridwell to operate.
- City of Lake Oswego has sent a cease and desist violation notice to Ridwell. The City noted Ridwell had an opportunity to seek a subcontract from the City's franchised collector. The negotiations were not successful.
- Washington County
 - Washington County's code has a provision to allow exemptions to their requirement that only certificate holders collect solid waste for compensation.
 - Ridwell requested consideration for this exemption process. Washington County staff presented the case for an exemption to the Garbage and Recycling Advisory Committee (GRAC serves the same functions as our Solid Waste Commission). The GRAC voted not to allow the exemption for these services—a binding decision
 - Staff has sent a cease and desist letter to Ridwell. The company initiated an email campaign there as well. The Board has received over 1,500 e-mails.
 - Ridwell, Inc. has filed suit against Washington County in Federal District Court
 - Washington County staff is working with their certificated collectors to present a program offering similar services through the garbage and recycling collectors, to their Garbage & Recycling Advisory Committee, and Board. Other code change options will be presented as well.
- City of Gresham
 - The City of Gresham has sent a violation letter to Ridwell.
 - They have facilitated meetings with their franchisees and Ridwell in an effort to allow Ridwell to operate under their Code via a subcontract-an agreement could not be reached.
- City of Beaverton
 - City staff presented the Ridwell case to their Council. Council expressed interest in upholding the code, not allowing Ridwell to operate in the City. Council directed staff to develop a similar program, to be provided to all the citizens, through the existing solid waste collection franchisees. The program is to be presented to the council at a future date.
- City of Portland
 - Created additional exceptions to the residential franchise to allow services such as Ridwell's to operate without a franchise and to recognize other aspects of the waste system;
 - The code amendment allows for small businesses to compete for and provide junk removal services and special items collection, including collection service for reusable products and recycling options not provided in the blue carts.
- City of Hillsboro, City of Beaverton and Washington County are considering allowing their solid waste collection franchisees/certificate holders to provide a collection service similar to Ridwell's.

Dear County Commissioners and Clackamas County Solid Waste Committee

We find ourselves in a new environment and new world that we as humans have known is coming for decades. I am over 50 and I remember in school watching videos telling us that we needed to make changes now because we were making the earth sick. It talked about all the trash that was filling our landfills and what wouldn't fit into the landfills was being taken out to sea and dumped. How all of this trash was making our water systems unusable and the pollution would not only make the earth sick, but the birds, animals and us humans ill. I still remember the images of the barges of trash and the equipment pushing trash into the landfill and then covering all that trash with dirt. Out of sight out of mind. We no longer have trash in its place we now have a new mountain of trash covered in dirt and an ocean with an enormous island of floating plastic. These videos were shown to us every year. Then finally when I was in middle school or high school I went home and debated with my father about the importance of our family doing our part to recycle what we could for my future and the future of his grandchildren. This was about the time that recycling programs were coming out. He didn't want to do it. He felt that it was an inconvenience, etc., but I finally convinced him of how important it was so he went out and bought sorters for us to put our recycling into. Since that day I have been an avid recycler.

I was so excited when recycling became a curbside service. It didn't matter to me that we had to sort our recyclables into separate bins to take to the curb, because I had already been doing that. Then the program changed so that we could just put all of our recyclables into one bin. This made it even easier for my, my family and neighbors to recycle and it was an another step forward making it easier for everyone to do our part to protect this beautiful planet we call home. People are spending billions of dollars trying to find a way for us to inhabit another planet. Is it to expand humanity into the galaxy or is it to run away for the problem that we have created here on earth. I believe it is both, but wouldn't it be better to have two healthy planets to live on rather than a sick dying one and a new one that we will slowly kill also because we didn't learn how to take care of our first home. I think it would be far better for us to solve the problems down here first so that if and when we are able to inhabit another planet we don't take these destructive ways with us.

As I said I have been recycling for many years. I have also slowly been doing other things to reduce my impact on the air that we all breath and the life sustaining water that we all depend on. I have replaced household products with products that can be used over and over again or are natural and not filled with chemicals. It is however very difficult to reduce certain things that come into our home because of the manufacturers and producers desire to wrap and package everything in packaging that is non-recyclable or single use. The problem of what to do with the packaging after the product has been purchased should be the responsibility of the manufacturer. They should be required to have an end game in mind. They should be required to have a circular system in place for that type of packaging before it is ever allowed to leave their facility, but until that happens we the consumers, community members, politicians, commissioners, city leaders have to find ways to keep these from getting out in to the streets, rivers, oceans, etc. Again this is difficult because there are forces in our society that are pushing back against this because of logistics, income, business models, or there aren't viable solutions to recycle certain things yet, etc. Whatever the reason is we need to work as a team and a community to make recycling easier for everyone. I have been a subscriber to Ridwell for almost a year, but then my county decided that Ridwell could no longer serve me and my neighbors because we live in unincorporated Clackamas County. This makes no sense to me. My friends and neighbors that live in the incorporated areas of the county are able to continue their service with Ridwell. Are not the incorporated and the unincorporated part of the same county? They both reside in Clackamas County. What those in incorporated Clackamas County do affects me in unincorporated Clackamas County and vice versa. Not all of those who live in unincorporated Clackamas County reside in the rural parts of the county some of us are very

much connected to the urban area of the metro area and what we do with our recyclable items has a far greater impact than those in the rural areas. Don't get me wrong what they recycle or don't recycle affects all of us. I am just trying to say that those of us that live in the urban metro area of the county are more densely populated resulting in more trash and waste that can be turned into circular systems that Ridwell is offering through their partnerships. It would be lovely someday when these circular systems are everywhere and available to everyone so that we can reuse our resources rather than ravage the earth for more and more. We, however, have to start somewhere and we need to start now and not someday. So why not start now with Ridwell who has started the ball rolling and has found partners that are creating circular systems to take some of these previously un-recycleable items out of the waste system and putting them back into the production system.

All of us just want to do our part to help make earth a healthy place for all of us living now and in the future. It seems ridicules that those that want to make adjust the way this have been done so that we can create a healthy environment for all to live in have to fight so hard to allow small businesses, with the same goal in mind, to come into our county to help us succeed. This should be something that everyone wants to get onboard with because it affects each of us. These small changes/steps develop a healthy future for everyone. It shouldn't be so difficult to make the decision to clean up our act and environment. Mother Earth is showing us each year the impact it is having on her health and how that is affecting us. We don't have to think too far into the past to see this. Just think about the drought and fire seasons that we have seen in the past 2-3 year and the ice storm we had a year ago that impacted many of your constituents in Clackamas County. Change isn't made with huge leaps and bounds rather it is made through baby steps. Right now you have the opportunity to make one of these life altering baby steps. Ridwell is wanting to work with you, and us, to help make changes that will help us and the environment in the long run. Perhaps they made some missteps when they came into our county, but you shouldn't punish them instead show them the way and work with them to open a pathway that leads to cooperation and partnership they aren't here to step on toes. They are here to help us all reach our goal of a cleaner home. All of us taking small steps and working together will make a big shift in our county. I am asking that your committee will make the small step, in the larger picture, to change the county code for small businesses such as Ridwell to come into our county and help our county show other counties and states how working together as a community can impact and help everyone. Let's make our county a leader. Our county is a very large county that encompasses so many beautiful places with lakes, rivers, streams and gorgeous mountains that we want to remain pristine and beautiful and healthy for generations to come. We have done many wonderful things so far to improve our human impact on these areas but let us continue this progress by taking new steps. Perhaps these new steps are a little uncomfortable because they are outside of how we have been doing things, but so were the steps that were taken in the past that have improved the health of our beautiful county. We each have to do our part to make our county clean, bright and beautiful so that we can shine for the rest of the state as an example of how we can make small changes such as changing county code to allow different perspectives and ways of doing things so we can all work together to improve our human life here on earth.

Now is the time to take one giant step forward in our efforts to improve the environment that we all depend on for life. Now is the time to stop looking at how we have been disposing of our solid waste and start doing new things such as Ridwell is trying to do. They aren't here to take over the solid waste industry. They are here to help us improve our solid waste disposal. They are here to show us the way to new innovations in the world of recycling. They are helping us to find partners around the country who are taking what was once trash and turning it into a circular system so that the materials and resources can be used again rather than pulling more natural resources out of our earth. They want to be a partner. They want to help your constituents be the best stewards of the land that they can be. They want to take those items that our solid waste disposal companies are unable to take curbside, due to various reasons

and resources, and get them to companies that can recycle them into materials that can be used again. I am aware that these items they take are recyclable in various recycling locations around the county, but we all live very busy lives and we don't have the time or desire to take time out of our precious leisure time to drive from one location to the next or to sit in long lines to recycle. You and all of your constituents are human and we all honor and respect our free time and we put things off because they interfere or interrupt those precious moments in our lives. I can tell you as one of the members of your community, who is very concerned about the environment and the world that I am leaving to my future family, that my heart breaks every time I have to put something in the trash bin that I know Ridwell could take and make useful again. I am angry that my county commissioners are not listening to their constituents in this matter. I am disappointed that the people that we have put into their seats aren't concerned enough about the future health of their county to change the code so that the current solid waste companies can work side by side with Ridwell. Our commissioners must change the code so that our solid waste management can grow and change and flourish into an amazing system becomes circular -reduces, reuses and produces a healthy world for all. Ridwell isn't a competitor or an enemy they are just a beacon showing us all a new way of doing things so that we can grow, change and improve our management. They are showing us that if we work together as a team and are transparent about how they are doing it we can learn from them and others like them and glean from the partnerships that they have made allowing us to someday not need Ridwell because our own solid waste management has caught up to them and perhaps even surpassed them and are now sharing their knowledge and partners with the rest of the metro area, state, country, or maybe even the world.

Transparency about where my waste goes is very important to me. Until Ridwell I had very little idea about where my recycling efforts went once they left my home. I know that at one time they were shipped to China and other countries around the world to be taken care of, this didn't work out so well for any of us. The only thing it did was transfer the problem from one location to another location. It also increased our carbon footprint since we were taking stuff that already created a carbon footprint and shipping it to the other side of the world. Humans need to stop moving the problem from place to place because the problem exist everywhere. We need to develop solutions for where we are that might be working in our neighborhoods, our cities, our counties our state. We can't solve the problems of the world but we can impact them by what we do here and now with our solid waste. We can have a ripple effect that leads to a transformation of how human society looks and deals with the waste that we produce. Through Ridwell's transparency I now know what happens to the waste that they pick up, well that is until you made them cease, from our home every other week.

- Clamshells I know that the plastic clamshells that I collect and put into my bin they turn around and send it to Green Impact, a company that specializes in PET recycling. These clamshells are turned into reusable raw materials that are then used to make new clamshells. This completes a recycling circle.
 - If it wasn't for Ridwell and Green Impact these clamshells would go into my trash bin, because either there is no place to recycle them or it would be too inconvenient to take it to the local recycling site. To make it convenient to make a trip to the recycling center I would have to clutter my home and garage for months with these clamshells because a small amount of them at a time isn't work the time, gas and effort to take it to the recycling center every other week. Ridwell makes it easy and convenient for my to put whatever amount of clamshells I have collected over a two period out for them to pickup and takeaway. The extra \$1 to do that is worth it.
- Styrofoam I know that I despise styrofoam. I know that is useful, but it has a huge impact on the environment when it is no longer useful. I find myself very angry when I open a package and find styrofoam. I am angry because I know that it had one purpose

only in this package and there is no way for me to reuse it. My only option without Ridwell is to throw it into the trash/landfill. I know with Ridwell that they work with Agilyx. Agilyx is a company that is able to use a recycling process that turns they styrofoam into reformable styrofoam materials that can then be used in manufacturing new styrofoam. I learned Agile has been able to demonstrate the previously unrecyclable materials such as styrofoam or other plastics are actually valuable and are circular. Their pyrolysis-based renewable technology is able to convert those complex plastics into a new virgin equivalent plastic. This is one that I have to pay an extra \$9, for a filled lawn size garbage bag, for to have Ridwell pick up, but it is so worth it to me because I know it will not be going into the landfill where it will never break down or when it does it will end up in the stomachs of animals and birds like much of the micro plastics do then we lose these beautiful creatures forever simply because our negligence. We can each do our small part to help stop the killing of these creatures that we are stewards of.

- Light Bulbs and Batteries I know that the light bulbs and batteries that I put into my Ridwell bags are going to Ecolights where they are recover material from them that can then be made into new batteries. If I throw these into the landfill/trash bin they going in the mountain of trash and then leach into the ground water contaminating the life force for all creatures and humans.
- Plastic Film I know that all of the plastic film that we collect, which is a lot because everything we buy is in a plastic film package of some sort, is taken by Ridwell and shipped to Trex to make decking material. This takes floating trash out of our water and wind and off our streets and out of our trees and turns it into a new product that can be used and enjoyed for many years.
- Other Items I know that they partner with local organizations to help the organization find items that they are in need of that Ridwell subscribers are in need of getting rid of. This is a win win for everyone.
- I know that I am happy to continue to pay my waste management company to pick up our trash and recycling since there is still a lot of stuff that can't go into the curbside recycling or into the Ridwell bags. We have a long way to go, but working together we can get there. Working together we can create a new and improved waste management system that is circular and no longer needs small businesses like Ridwell, but until that day we need Ridwell and others to help get there.
- I know that I am happy to also pay Ridwell to pick up those items that my waste management company is unable to pick up curbside. I fully understand why they are unable to pick up these products.
- I know that when I started my Ridwell service I did not make any changes to my trash pickup subscription/service. It has remained the same

In conclusion our Solid Waste problem is like that pile of stuff sitting on you kitchen table that you have intentions of going through and putting its contents in their respective places. Then you get busy and the pile is in the way so you move it from the kitchen table to the kitchen bar, but then you have to move it again because that is where your kids eat their breakfast so you put it on the dining room table where it is forgotten about until you decide to invite family and friends over for dinner. You think I should take care of this pile right now because I just keep moving it around, but I just don't have time since I have guests coming over for dinner. You decide to your office chair. Then finally when you go into your home office to

get some work done you see the pile once again and decide to take a few minutes to go through it rather than moving it to your desk. So you go through it. You file the important stuff, recycle or throw away the items that are no longer important. This is what we have been doing with our waste disposal for over 50 years and now we are down to we have to come up with ways to break those heaps of waste into manageable piles that can be recycled, reduced in production/use and then we get down to the stuff that we just can't do anything else with it at this time besides throw it into the landfill. Our goal as a human society should be that by the time we put something into the landfill we have filtered everything out that can be reduced, reused and put through a circular system so that our landfills are no longer mountains they are tiny hills. Of course this model will change our status quo and doing that is scary because it is a threat to our way of doing things and the way that we provide for our families and run our businesses. Yes to all of that but it will also create new jobs, new businesses, new ways of doing things, this is how humans have grown and developed through the centuries. Humans didn't stop exploring, researching, doing new things when we hit the Industrial Revolution or any other milestone in our human history. I am just asking the committee to open your minds, eyes and ears to this new frontier of changing the way we have been doing things and allowing other ideas and perspectives in to help see a new path forward.

I want to thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Roberta Buchanan Milwaukie, Oregon (unincorporated) Date: March 10, 2022

To: Clackamas County Solid Waste Commission

From: Kathleen Stewart Unincorporated Clackamas County k581marie@aol.com

SUBJECT: Expanded Recycling Services

TESTIMONY:

Hello Commissioners,

I live in unincorporated Clackamas County and used Ridwell Services until recently. As you make your decisions *please consider the following:*

1. <u>Will garbage haulers take ALL the plastics that Ridwell used to take?</u> This is very important. I had bags and bags of all kinds of plastic wrappers, poly bags, cereal bags, produce bags, packing plastics, plastic film, and clamshells each month.

2. <u>Will garbage haulers actually recycle or reuse the plastics instead of</u> <u>dumping them?</u> Ridwell had a source that reused some plastics. This is important because it keeps companies from needing **new** plastic.

3. <u>If Garbage haulers can not recycle all the plastics as Ridwell, please</u> consider creating a new path or regulation process for plastic recyclers.

Thank you.

Kathleen Stewart

From: Allison O'Reilly <allison.oreilly@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 12:59 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is __Allison O'Reilly____. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

From: Audrey Hilkern <ahilkern@comcast.net>

Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 12:23 PM

To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov; help@ridwell.com

Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is <u>Audrey_Hilkern_</u>. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Beatrice Hedlund <beabosche@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 1:17 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Beatrice Hedlund. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it

should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Bea Hedlund

From: Becca Thompson <beccajo.thompson@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 11:56 AM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Becca Thompson. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

I am able to recycle so many more things in an easy way and less things are going into our landfills. Attached is one of my last Ridwell pickups (which I paid to have picked up). All of this was saved from the landfills. Please don't suspend this valuable service simply because my address is in the unincorporated part of the county.

Thank you.

Becca Thompson

From: Bill Kayser <bill@kayser.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 4:55 PM
To: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov; BCCMail
Subject: Bring back Ridwell

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I am a tax paying Clackamas County resident and Ridwell customer and was very disappointed to learn today that Clackamas County has banned Ridwell's service.

This is particularly frustrating to someone who is doing their best to keep waste out of the landfills and reuse and recycle as much as possible. Ridwell is a great option for materias that Waste Management can't (or won't) recycle, like plastic film and batteries. But they also take materials which I would probably not throw away anyway and put them to good use. These are things like glasses, electronics, and clothing which all go to needy organizations in our community.

Please reconsider your decision to prevent me from using this service.

Bill Kayser 15525 SE River Forest Dr, Milwaukie, OR 97267.

From: Bonnie Ingersoll <bonnieingersoll@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 2:04 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Bonnie Ingersoll. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Bonnie

From: Brian Johnson <brian.p.johnson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 6:09 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov
Cc: help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Brian Johnson. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community. I became a customer of Ridwell because they help fill a gap in curbside recycling services provided the current hauler— namely #1 PET/PETE plastics commonly used in take out and other food packaging, and bulky styrofoam. I believe that Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to reduce the amount of plastics entering the environment. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you for your time and consideration,

Regards,

Brian Johnson Lake Oswego OR 97035 503-750-3076

From: Britt Christiaansen <bmchristiaansen@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 4:34 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Britt Christiaansen,

I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet.

Disappointed in Clackamas county and that this is even an issue. As a tax payer and voter, I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

From: Carole Hardy <cleehardy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 11:29 AM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Carole Hardy__. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

This is an innovative important service They pick up items that would end up in my trash otherwise and find new uses for used clothes and other items This is in the best interest of the community. I am counting on you to take action! Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Comcast <ranberg4495@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 12:48 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Mary Jean Ranberg. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! I live on the outskirts of Milwaukie near Clackamas Town Center—already an under served area of the county. It has made a significant difference in my recycling habits and I have spread the word to my family and friends!

It is unbelievable to me that you and outdated regulations are standing in the way of recycling especially with the focus on climate change and the environment! Why throw out a service that actually works!!!

Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Mary Jean Ranberg 7437 SE Michael Dr. Milwaukie, Or. 97222

From: Cory Connors <cory.connors@landsberg.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 12:11 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; christine.lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is <u>cory</u> connors<u></u>. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into

the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Cory Connors

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From: David Hilkern <dhilkern@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 12:24 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is ____David A Hilkern____. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Debi Stromberg <debstromb@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 11:38 AM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: Hearts and Minds needed for a solution to keep Ridwell in Clackamas
County!

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Hello County officials,

I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I recently received news from Ridwell that Clackamas County has demanded they halt service... for picking up recycling items that are not picked up by other services! Their mission to connect with organizations that can use items that often end up in the landfill is amazing -

threads/clothing; clamshell containers, plastic bags, etc. This is the smart way forward for needed new solutions for our planet!

Whats more confusing...is that various homes on our street (Wichita Ave in Milwaukie) evidently had the opportunity years ago to decide whether to opt into City of Milwaukie or not, and our property is w/in the City of Milwaukie, not unincorporated Clackamas County, but many other homes on the street are the opposite, causing confusion for Ridwell to know which homes are in unincorporated Clackamas County.

Ridwell is an obvious benefit to our County... please put some minds and hearts into this solution.

Debi Stromberg 9940 SE Wichita Ave Milwaukie 97222

From: Dina Alexander <dalexander@radlerwhite.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 5:30 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov
Cc: help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland metropolitan area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

Thank you. Dina Alexander

dinaalexander@me.com <mailto:dinaalexander@me.com>

503.481.7105

From: Elisabeth Raymond <elisabethwr@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 4:22 PM

To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov; help@ridwell.com Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is ___Elisabeth Raymond and Anan Raymond____. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank You

Sent from my iPhone

From: ELIZABETH ROGERS <rogersgood@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 11:56 AM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is ____Elizabeth Rogers___. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Enoch Platas <enochplatas@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 11:07 AM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: Please allow Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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Hi, I'm Enoch Platas, a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell's service here in our community!

Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of

households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet.

Most importantly, PLASTIC FILM & BAGS, which are difficult to recycle in any other way. I have a full container of plastic film almost every other week to recycle, even though my family works to avoid it. In addition, Ridwell conveniently recycle so much more: styrofoam, batteries, light bulbs, etc that we don't want going in the trash.

I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

Thank you,

enoch platas 3610 SE Pinehurst Ave Milwaukie, OR 97267

From: felicitywoeby <felicitywoeby@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 12:00 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Felicity Woebkenbergand Jason Woebkenberg. We are residents of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community, and it has been a powerful asset to our community. Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. My son visited the Ridwell facility last month is is preparing a presentation for his school. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Felicity and Jason Woebkenberg

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: Francine Selke-Minogue <essentialwisdompdx@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 3:08 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Francine.

My family and I reside in Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need and want Ridwell here in our community!!

Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

Thank you! Francine Selke-Minogue 6521 SE Jack Rd Milwaukie, OR 97222 From: Fritz Goeth <fritz.goeth@frontier.com> Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 11:20 AM To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov Subject: Ridwell in Clackamas County

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Good morning,

I saw on the TV news a few days ago that Ridwell had been told they may not be able to continue service in Clackamas County. Today I got an email from Ridwell saying they've been told they have to cease operations in unincorporated Clackamas County. That is unfortunate. Ridwell is not cheap but they are the only service that takes #1 plastics for recycle, so I signed up with them.

If there is another service that takes #1 plastics, please let me know who they are

and I'll sign up with them.

If there is not another service that takes #1 plastics, please allow Ridwell to continue to serve me in unincorporated Clackamas County.

Thanks for the help.

Fred Goeth

968 SW Schaeffer Rd

From: Genny E <gennysent@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 11:11 AM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Genevieve Entezari. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

~Genevieve

From: Heidi Schaub <hschaub@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 1:08 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Heidi Schaub. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Reading that Clackamas County was not what I wanted to see on my lunch break. Blocking a useful service like this is not a business friendly idea...

Thank you.

Heidi Schaub

Sent from my iPhone

From: Jani Moore <jani@hevanet.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 5:23 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is __janice Moore____. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Jay Fountain <jmf@jayfountain.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 1:03 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Jay Fountain. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

This is an important service. WE all need to try to combat climate change and environmental damage

Jay Fountain

225 SW Birdshill

From: Jennifer Krenek <jenniferkrenek@gmail.com> Wednesday, December 15, 2021 11:32 AM Sent: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov; To: help@ridwell.com Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County! Warning: External email. Be cautious opening attachments and links. My name is Jennifer Krenek. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you, Jennifer Krenek Jennifer Stangel <jburchell7@msn.com> From: Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 11:51 AM BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov To:

Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Jennifer Stangel. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community!

Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do their part to save the planet.

I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

From: Jessica Gibbon <jessicagibbon@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 12:30 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Jessica Gibbon, a resident of Clackamas County.

I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

From: jmeyer5888@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 11:04 AM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is _james meyer_____. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you. From: Kassy Babeckos <babeckok@gladstone.k12.or.us>

Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 12:18 PM

To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov; help@ridwell.com

Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Kassandra Rivas, I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it

should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Warmly, Kassy Babeckos Rivas and Walter Rivas

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kayti Capell <kayticapell@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 12:02 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Kayti Capell. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Lauren Nelson <lauren.a.h@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 4:43 PM
To: BCCMail
Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Neil Nelson. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
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<https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/BzonCM8ArOSw5n1iwR9mN?domain=aka.ms>
From: LESLIE JOHNSON <mexruggr@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 5:10 PM
To: BCCMail
Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Leslie Johnson. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. It seems unfathomable to me that a company that is providing such a necessary service to our community is being blocked. Please look at this from the environmental benefit side and allow those of us that want to use Ridwell a chance to do so. Thank you, Leslie Johnson From: lillie@syslocationprotection.com Wednesday, December 15, 2021 12:51 PM Sent:

To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov; help@ridwell.com

Subject: Help Ridwell Figure Out A Solution!

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My name is Virginia Stinson. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I pay taxes BOTH in Clackamas county and the city of Portland. I'm extremely dismayed that the county has threatened Ridewell use in unincorporated parts of the county. Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households and should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. If it is a situation of a technicality that Ridwell is challenged to overcome, I urge the County to take

action to help resolve the problem. So many of us must bear the brunt of the loopholes and lack of overlap that occur in unincorporated parts of the county (so many unimproved roads, dangerous un-managed traffic hazards such as the situation on Luther Road, lack of sewer access to utilities, etc.) yet we pay our taxes just the same. Now I pay an additional fee for this company to take care of planet-saving recycling that the county is unable to support. I'm willing to go the extra mile to make this possible. I urge you as well to find a solution to help your residents and a positive-impact company help serve Clackamas County.

Sincerely,

Virginia Stinson

7373 SE Luther Rd

From: Margaret Minogue-Heyl <minogue.margo@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 6:17 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Cc: Margaret Minogue-Heyl
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Margaret Minogue-Heyl. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because I use and love Ridwell! We have already recycled many, many items that would otherwise be sent to a landfill!

It made me feel positive because Ridwell gave me hope that were are making progress in our fight to preserve our beautiful planet and this lovely part of the world!

We need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to not only our household but to thousands of households around the Portland area,

Please! Ridwell should continue to be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part.

I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Margaret Minogue-Heyl

Robert Heyl Residents of unincorporated Clackamas County in the Milwaukie area. From: Michael McCaffrey <michaelsm1@msn.com> Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 11:48 AM To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov; help@ridwell.com Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County! Warning: External email. Be cautious opening attachments and links.

My name is Michael McCaffrey. I am a resident of Clackamas County and live in an unincorporated area. I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. They provide a valuable service that is not available through Waste Management as their list of items is very limited on what Waste Management will take for recycling. If we are willing to pay for this service to reduce waste added to a landfill, why would government officials want to take this option away from us? Please keep the service available for residents to use.

Thank you,

Michael McCaffrey 2845 SE Risley Ave. Milwaukie, OR 97267 From: Michele Hart <harthouse5@me.com> Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 11:39 AM To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov; help@ridwell.com Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Michele Hart. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important
waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you. From: NANCY CASTOR WOOD <fleurdenan@aol.com> Wednesday, December 15, 2021 3:15 PM Sent: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov; To: help@ridwell.com Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County! Warning: External email. Be cautious opening attachments and links. My name is Nancy Wood. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to

ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you. I am very grateful that they take such things as plastic film, clamshells,

styrofoam and many other things that otherwise would go in the garbage. Please reconsider. Nancy Wood 8571 SE Flavel Drive

Portland OR 97206

Sent from my iPhone

From: Olivia Reynolds <droliviareynolds@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 3:29 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Olivia. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Olivia

From: Roberta Buchanan <funkneepharm@me.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 2:51 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Roberta Buchanan I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

Please help us to keep Oregon beautiful and clean. Right now we need to do all that we can as a community to keep our land and air clean for all humankind and the wildlife. Every time I used my Ridwell service over the past year I have like I have been doing my part to help keep our county and state a little bit cleaner. I am able to keep things out of the landfill that I otherwise wouldn't be able to. There are so many things that we can't recycle in our curbside recycling, Ridwell has made it possible to recycle/reuse/repurpose many things that otherwise would have to go into the landfill. Please come to a resolution with Ridwell so that can continue serving unincorporated Clackamas County. Just because we live in unincorporated part of our county doesn't mean that we shouldn't do all that we can to help keep it clean. Ridwell is providing a great service to all of us.

Thank you.

Roberta Buchanan Sent from my iPhone

From: Robin Saldana <robinlsaldana@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 4:02 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Robin Saldana. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

I would also greatly appreciate if you could articulate any concerns or issues from your end.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: S Grimsy <suejunkmailetc@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 1:37 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Sue Grimsrud. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Best Regards, Sue Grimsrud

From: Sarah Howson <odontocet@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 12:08 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Sarah Hoen. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Sarah

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From: Sharron Huffman <slhuffman@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 12:45 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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Hello,

My name is Sharron Huffman. I am a 15-year resident of Oak Grove. I love this community.

Waste reduction is an important value in my household. We buy in bulk, we re-use, we take our own bags to the store, we recycle everything allowed with Waste Management — and yet the clutter of things like plastic bags and other plastic film, plastic containers like clamshells, and styrofoam continues to pile up or go in the garbage to end their useful lives in an anaerobic landfill. That is, the stuff that is not acceptable in the Far West recycling program piled up until I learned about Ridwell. What a satisfying addition to our waste management!

I was dismayed to see my email from Ridwell this morning, informing me that service has been — very temporarily I hope — suspended. I am confused, because I don't see that Ridwell is competing with anyone. Please do your best to work through whatever the issues are and make sure Ridwell's services are available to anyone in Clackamas County who wants them.

Thank you for your attention. Please help your constituents be better citizens of our neighborhoods, our county, our state ... our planet!

Respectfully yours, Sharron Huffman 14724 SE Linden Lane Oak Grove, OR 97267

From: Shawn Tvrz <shawn66.tvrz@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 12:07 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: Demanding Ridwell Cease Pickups in Uncorporated Areas

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I am a resident of Clackamas county, and I am so disappointed with the Clackamas County Commissioners demand for Ridwell to cease pickups in unincorporated areas. Ridwell does a great service to citizens of Clackamas county by picking up items that Waste Management cannot, which benefits the environment by ensuring these items don't end up in a landfill. If options were available through the county I would use them instead, but there aren't any. We CHOSE to pay for this service and don't appreciate your strong arm tactics to take it away from us. Tamara Schuman <schumant@icloud.com> From: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 11:28 AM Sent: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov; To: help@ridwell.com Earl Schuman Cc: Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Tammy Schuman_. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Tammy

From: Tiffany Jennings <tiff.jennings@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 11:17 AM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Tiffany Jennings. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

From: Vicki Sparks <dlvs@comcast.net>

Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 12:06 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; christine.lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
Ridwell
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

My name is Victoria Sparks. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

From: Amy Smith <amy.c.smith@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 6:45 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Amy Miller. I have subscribed to Ridwell for almost a year and have LOVED their service. I have kept tons or recyclable plastic out of the trash. I get really excited when I discover something new I can give them to repurpose or recycle. They also reroute home good to local non profit partners that would otherwise be languishing in the back of my garage till I had some time to dump them at Goodwill (not the beat option). I am crushed to hear they may no longer be able to serve Clackamas County.

I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! I pay for garbage service but this is an important outlet for waste that cannot go in curbside bins.

Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Thank you, Any

Sent from my iPhone

From: Angela Perdue <arperdue@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 11:37 AM
To: BCCMail
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Angela Connors. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. ***They are saving so much plastic from the landfill that can't be recycled curbside so it just ends up in the trash. Please reconsider the hood that is being done and let them continue in the unincorporated areas. ***

Thank you. From: Annabeth Rose <annabeth.rose@gmail.com> Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 10:26 AM To: BCCMail Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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Dear Clackamas County Representatives,

I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Clackamas county should be doing EVERYTHING THEY CAN to join the effort to create a better future for our children! I have children, and I feel passionate about creating an Earth that is suitable for our future generation. Ridwell has given me the opportunity to recycle things that are typically thrown away, from plastic to batteries.

Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet.

I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

Please, do not cancel my Ridwell service.

Annabeth Rose Resident of Clackamas County (unincorporated Milwaukie)

From: Antonia <torrezrabe@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 2:03 PM
To: Winterhalter, Rick
Subject: Re: Clackamas County

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Good afternoon Rick,

Thank you for the email regarding my concern about Ridwell not being able to provide any services in our area. The email you provided was the same as the commissioners email.

The site you directed me to is very outdated information and a lot of those locations are not taking plastics. I truly believe me driving around to those sites and others is just defeating the purpose of recycling and "saving our planet" because we would be putting more emissions out driving around trying to find a place to recycle.

I sure hope the county can look at what Washington state and even city of Portland has done to make Ridwell work and available to the unincorporated parts of Clackamas county.

The amount of waste happening is unimaginable and this is just adding to it by road blocking from letting citizens access this service.

How is the Junk trucks any different? They are providing a service of hauling away trash for individuals?

As a homeowner and a tax payer, I am forced to use Waste Management for garbage services unless I want to haul my own garbage to Metro. I don't get to choose my garbage carrier. And from my understanding, the recycling they collect goes to the garbage most of the time. They don't partner with local community programs and sort out the plastics and claim shells so they can be put to use instead of throwing them away.

If anything the garbage collection and recycling industry needs to be analyzed and restructured.

If WM provided the opportunity to recycle those items at my doorstep and work with local community services to recycle and reuse I would feel a whole lot better.

Please let me have my resource back to recycle the things WM does not take and recycle.

Thank you, Antonia Torrez 971-506-1685

On Dec 16, 2021, at 2:57 PM, Winterhalter, Rick <rickw@clackamas.us> wrote:

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Thank you for your comments regarding the services offered by Ridwell, Inc. Your name has been added to an interested party list and you will be notified of any actions taken as the County considers this issue. Please visit our website for options and locations where much of what Ridwell collects is accepted at no charge. https://www.clackamas.us/recycling/transferstation.html#otherdisposaloptions <https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/j000CERpjri31MnASNuZue?domain=clackamas.us>

"Sometimes, carrying on, just carrying on, is the superhuman achievement."

- Albert Camus, writer, philosopher

Oregon's 2050 Vision:

Oregonians in 2050 produce and use materials responsibly

conserving resources •protecting the environment •living well

Rick Winterhalter (he/him)

Sustainability & Solid Waste

Clackamas County

150 Beavercreek Rd.

Oregon City, OR 97045

503.742.4466

From: Antonia Torrez <torrezrabe@gmail.com> Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 2:54 PM To: BCCMail Subject: Ridwell and Unincorporated Clackamas County

Good Afternoon,

I am emailing you regarding the disturbing notification I received from Ridwell that they have been told they can no longer do business in unincorporated Clackamas county.

This is a true disservice to our community. I understand that mainstream garbage and recycling companies have regulations and contracts that they follow. I know that these companies have put up a fuss because Ridwell is in the Portland metro area. Now, what I do not understand is they are not the same. They do not provide the same exact services. Ridwell recycles particular items that the mainstream garbage and recycling companies will not recycle. In fact, those items, if I were to use the mainstream services, would end up in landfills for sure. Ridwell is helping the community by giving us an outlet to recycle items that are recyclable but our garbage/recycling service will not recycle as they should be. They partner with local PNW communities and recycle items like wine corks, eyeglasses, Halloween candy, and much more and provide those to nonprofit agencies around the area that make other things out of it.

For example, We have a pellet stove; the pellets come in a large plastic bag. If I were to use my regular services to dispose of those bags, they would be taken to the dump and then taken to the landfill. With Ridwell, I can recycle those large plastic bags and they can be turned into something else, recycled and reused for something. We get at least 4 tons of pellets each year. That is a lot of plastic bags. Not to mention any amazon packages, the plastic wrapping on any packages, wrapping around paper towel bundles, toilet paper, the list goes on.

I am asking you to please reconsider your decision or views regarding Ridwell. I urge you to think about the service it provides our community and the amazing work Ridwell has done. I ask that you do your homework and see what Ridwell really is; how it was started and how they operate. At least come up with a fair solution with Ridwell so they can operate and serve our community. They are doing amazing things and we want to be part of that.

Thank you, Antonia Torrez Milwaukie, Oregon From: Barbara Adams <racketplayer@gmail.com> Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 8:46 PM To: BCCMail Subject: KEEP Ridwell

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Hello:

I have only started using Ridwell but love the opportunities they provide to reduce what I am putting in my trash bins. I believe they are providing a convenient, needed and wanted service to Clackamas County--unincorporated included. Please work with them in finding a solution to keep the service. With regards, long term Clackamas county resident, Barb Adams

From: Brenda Lee <brenda.lee@pavelcomm.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 9:09 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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I think it is so unjust to discontinue this truly amazing service. Local garbage co will not do this service. Must be political because this is a great service.

Direct: 503-943-4716 <tel:503-943-4716> | brenda@pavelcomm.com <mailto:brenda@pavelcomm.com>

Main: 503-223-5008 <tel:503-223-5008> |

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From: Bruce Paullin <run4play@msn.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 9:11 AM

To: BCCMail

Subject: Riddell should stay, what are you thinking?

My name is _Brenda Lee_____. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Ridwell should stay, PERIOD. What alternatives are you offering? Nothing, but thoughtless points of view? Please advise of your thought process. We use RIDWELL, and WE LOVE IT. You probably don't even understand why it came into existence. Bruce Paullin Sharon White 6275 SE Acorn Ct Milwaukie, Or 97267 Get Outlook for Android <https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/WLnmCgJE31ComY4INXFtM?domain=aka.ms> Carolyn Fjelstad <fjelport4@aol.com> From: Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 8:22 AM BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov; To: help@ridwell.com

Subject: Ridwell Decision

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My name is Carolyn Fjelstad. I am a 30 year resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because I am extremely disappointed that Clackamas County has put a halt to the Ridwell services in our area! Our current garbage and recycling services have a very limited capacity for recycling, yet Ridwell has stepped up to make sure that far less goes into our landfills. They do not compete with Waste Management because they recycle items that Waste Management puts into landfills. Shame on anyone who would contribute to more waste and environmental damage! Clackamas County is better than this. The unincorporated areas (in which I live) are better than this! Profit before the environment should NEVER be considered an option. Climate damage is already taking its toll. Even if you only remotely believe that we potentially contribute to the damage, isn't it an ethical imperative that we act on behalf of how we are possibly affecting future generations? Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Thank you for your service to this generation and future generations of Clackamas County. Your decisions make a difference to both.

Carolyn Fjelstad Oak Grove, Oregon

From: Cherryl Walker <cherrylwalker1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 9:37 AM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is __Cherryl Walker____. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Christina Shafer <christinamshafer@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 7:20 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Christina. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because I was just notified that Clackamas county is t allowing a paid subscription that I'm paying for to stop because my address is in incorporated Clackamas County!!?

I would like to know why and to understand how these could be any different from other subscriptions (Amazon, Hello Fresh, etc.).

I searched out option a yr ago for ways for our household to reduce our plastics going to to the landfill-mainly because our recycling options through the county is limited). I was surprised by the options Ridwell had and was excited that they had just branches out to my area (new and growing service). We need more options like Ridwell here in our community!

Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I

am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Please have someone respond to the rationale/why there is even a concern here! Sincerely, Christina Shafer Sent from my iPhone Christy Chenoweth <christycheno@gmail.com> From: Thursday, December 16, 2021 12:17 PM Sent: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov; To: help@ridwell.com Cc: Chris Chenoweth We need Ridwell in Clackamas County! Subject: Warning: External email. Be cautious opening attachments and links.

Ridwell is not taking any business away from our regular garbage service!!! Ridwell takes things I CAN'T recycle with our garbage company - batteries, plastic bags, styrofoam, clamshells, fabrics, lightbulbs - all of which I recycle with Ridwell. These things go in the landfill without a service like Ridwell. Come on Clackamas county - allow Ridwell to continue now!!!

From: Colleen <callistamorgan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 10:40 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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From: Cynthia Scott <scottcynthia.vnva@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 2:38 PM
To: BCCMail
Subject: Ridwell

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Dear Tootie Smith, Paul Savas, Martha Schrader, Mark Shull, Sonya Fischer,

It is with great dismay that we learn you have demanded that Ridwell cease providing service to members in unincorporated areas of Clackamas County or risk facing fines and/or legal actions. We are very grateful for the service they provide in recycling items NOT allowed in the curbside recycling and knowing that we are helping to reduce landfill waste.

Please reconsider your position and allow them to continue this invaluable service (or demand that curbside recycling start providing the same service).

Thank you.

On behalf of Joanne Scott, SE Thomas Smith Rd in Milwaukie.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Scott

From: Dave White <dwhite1961@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 12:05 PM
To: BCCMail
Subject: Ridwell

To Whom this concerns,

We need companies like Ridwell to fill the recycle gaps that Waste Management does not take. It is a choice that we have decided to pay in addition to our garbage bill in order to do what we think is the right in not sending those items that Waste Management does not take for recycle to the landfill. I would think this is for the greater good of the community and the world. There are a lot of people that want to do the right thing given the opportunity. Please work on coming to a solution we can all live with.

Thank You!

Dave White

Clackamas County resident for over 30 years.

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Mail for Windows

From: Dina Alexander <dalexander@radlerwhite.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 9:51 AM
To: Winterhalter, Rick
Cc: BCCMail; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov
Subject: RE: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

Thank you for the response. I am well aware of other recycling options and use the Metro South Transfer Station on a regular basis for many items. I have concerns about the ubiquity of plastic in our culture, and the primary reason I subscribe to Ridwell is because they recycle plastic film and clam shells. I urge you to allow Ridwell to continue to provide its services in Clackamas County.

From: Winterhalter, Rick <rickw@clackamas.us>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 5:34 PM
To: Dina Alexander <dalexander@radlerwhite.com>
Subject: RE: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

Thank you for your comments regarding the services offered by Ridwell, Inc. Your name has been added to an interested party list and you will be notified of any actions taken as the County considers this issue. Please visit our website for options and locations where much of what Ridwell collects is accepted at no charge. https://www.clackamas.us/recycling/transferstation.html#otherdisposaloptions <https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/plngCpYm3rIVv27UDqNGO?domain=linkprotect.cudasvc.com>

"Sometimes, carrying on, just carrying on, is the superhuman achievement."

- Albert Camus, writer, philosopher

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Oregonians in 2050 produce and use materials responsibly

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Rick Winterhalter (he/him)

Sustainability & Solid Waste

Clackamas County

150 Beavercreek Rd.

Oregon City, OR 97045

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From: Dina Alexander <dalexander@radlerwhite.com <mailto:dalexander@radlerwhite.com> > Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 5:30 PM To: BCCMail <bcc@clackamas.us <mailto:bcc@clackamas.us> >; Winterhalter, Rick <rickw@clackamas.us <mailto:rickw@clackamas.us> >; Polk, Eben <EPolk@clackamas.us <mailto:EPolk@clackamas.us> >; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov <mailto:Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov> Cc: help@ridwell.com <mailto:help@ridwell.com> Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland metropolitan area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

Thank you. Dina Alexander

dinaalexander@me.com <mailto:dinaalexander@me.com>

503.481.7105

From: Ellen Krusi <ellenkrusi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 12:42 PM
To: BCCMail
Subject: Keep Ridwell in Clack Co

My name is Ellen Krusi. I am a resident of Clackamas County (Oak grove), and I'm writing because I have been using the Ridwell service to recycle household items that aren't picked up by Waste Management. Now I hear that the service may have to end because of conflict between the County and Ridwell over the definition of "solid waste collection". Meanwhile some other metro counties are adjusting their codes and working with Ridwell to allow service to continue.

Before Ridwell, I had to take all my plastic film (like takeout bags) to Fred Meyer; I had to take all our batteries and light bulbs to Batteries+ or Lowes; clothing and textiles to Goodwill or Gia Bins; I had to drive out to Tigard to recycle styrofoam and #6 plastic at Agylix; and there wasn't even an option for recycling #1 PET plastic clamshell containers. Not to mention the rotating categories they pick up once throughout the year such as corks, bottlecaps, christmas lights, and other hard-to-recycle items. They also support various non-profits, collecting items such as sports equipment or winter clothing. It is extremely inefficient taking time driving all over town to recycle and donate all the items that Ridwell simply picks up on my doorstep.

Ridwell is filling a niche that is not offered by franchised waste-collection companies and does not pose a threat to their business model. We still pay Waste Management to take our garbage, mixed-recycling, yard debris and glass and that won't change. If anything, services like Ridwell may actually help reduce the amount of contamination in mixed-recycling bins by people "wish-cycling" (people putting items like clamshells in their blue bins because they think those items should be recycled). Large waste-collection companies will never be able to recycle these items because they are too difficult to collect en-masse.

I am confident that with open-mindedness and creative problem-solving a solution can be reached that would allow Ridwell to continue operations while the County provides oversight to ensure the items collected are being handled and distributed appropriately. Let's demonstrate that Clackamas County cares about reducing landfill waste and be a leader in embracing innovations in home recycling.

Thank you,

Ellen Krusi From: Faith Burlingame <faithburlingame@gmail.com> Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 12:33 PM To: Special - Waste Info Cc: BCCMail Subject: Ridwell service

Hello. I am a resident of unincorporated Clackamas county. I have been enjoying my Ridwell service for the past few months to responsibly recycle items not collected by our local garbage service. I especially like that these items won't needlessly end up in a landfill and create more waste. I was upset to find out that our county is fighting such a useful service and Ridwell may have to stop serving us. I urge you to follow the lead of Portland and vote for an exemption to the code to allow this service to continue. I would like to hear of this resolution quickly as many of your constituents will be losing money if Ridwell is forced to quit serving our area.

Thank you for your urgency in tending to this matter.

Faith Burlingame

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Faith Burlingame (She/Her)
From: Faith Burlingame <faithburlingame@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 12:33 PM
To: Special - Waste Info
Cc: BCCMail
Subject: Ridwell service

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Faith Burlingame

Faith Burlingame (She/Her)
From: Gail Sanford <madreiya@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 9:44 AM
To: BCCMail
Subject: Ridwell

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I'm a constituent in unincorporated Clackamas County. I heard that you have banned Ridwell. I would appreciate knowing your reasons. I understand that there has been controversy in Portland and push back from the garbage collectors.

Somehow, we need to be recycling as much as possible, soI appreciate Fred Meyer accepting plastic film bags.

Thank you,

Gail Sanford 15223 SE El Camino Way Portland. OR. 97267

From: Geana Van Dessel <geanamae@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 9:47 AM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Dave Nagy. My wife and I own a home in Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

We do not understand why you would take this service away, which ensures plastic film and thousands of other pounds of material end up in our trash when it could be recycled. Thank you.

Dave Nagy and Geana Nagy

From: Helen McMullin <hrob3434@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 12:28 PM
To: BCCMail
Subject: Recycling options and Ridwell

Hello,

I subscribe to a service called Ridwell that takes things like plastic film, clear clamshell plastics, linens, batteries, light bulbs and many others that cannot be recycled in the comingled recycling the county offers.

I was informed today that Clackamas county officials have demanded that Ridwell cease serving members in the unincorporated parts of the county or risk facing fines and legal action.

I'm very sad to hear that this is the case. There are many reasons why a person might subscribe to a service like this, but I personally find that there's plenty of common items that are becoming more and more difficult to dispose of correctly and in an environmentally conscious way. I think ending this service will cause more plastics to end up in landfills and more plastics that can't be recycled by the county to end up contaminating what they can process.

Private companies stepping in to fill the holes left by current refuse service seems like a great solution. Please reconsider the recent decision that made this service unavailable. Or, at the very least, please provide me with some information as to why officials demand Ridwell no longer serve this area so I can have a better understanding.

Thank you, Helen McMullin From: Jan Rogerson <janrgr@gmail.com> Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 7:03 PM To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov Cc: Jennifer Tucker Subject: Support Ridwell - an essential and worthy business Warning: External email. Be cautious opening attachments and links.

As a resident of Clackamas County (Oak Grove), I'm writing to urge you to make it possible for Ridwell to continue to operate in our County. Ridwell is a great company and it offers a much needed service that no other entity provides. I'm able to keep large bags of plastic film, clam shells and styrofoam out of my garbage pick-up and out of the landfill. What a service to our community and the planet.

Now is not the time to reverse course on waste reduction and responsible recycling. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. We need Ridwell in our community! Thank you, Janice Rogerson 16814 SE Knoll RIdge Terrace Oak Grove, OR 97267 Email: janrgr@gmail.com <mailto:janrgr@gmail.com> Janet C. Plummer <plummerj@me.com> From: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 3:31 PM Sent: BCCMail To: Subject: Ridwell recycling program Warning: External email. Be cautious opening attachments and links.

I live in unincorporated Clackamas County and have been very pleased to be able to have Ridwell pick up and recycle many items from my doorstep.

I understand that the Commission has decided to not allow Ridwell to continue this service, which I have been willing to pay extra for each month.

Can you please explain to me why this decision has been made? It is a terrific service and a well run business.

Thank you

Janet Plummer 2391 SW Buckman Rd West Linn OR

From: Jeff Heiman <jeffaheiman@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 11:20 AM
To: BCCMail
Subject: Ridwell

Can anyone please explain why Ridwell Recycling is telling us they are not being allowed to operate in unincorporated Clackamas, including my service address in Oak Grove?

Seems counterproductive and anti-environmental.

You

Please advise. Or better yet, correct this apparently misguided action.

Thanks , Jeff Heiman - satisfied Ridwell customer 206-428-8959 --

Fascism is cured by reading. Racism is cured by traveling.

~ Miguel de Unamuno

From: Joanna Schaefer <swatchbucklers@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 7:46 AM
To: BCCMail
Subject: Ridwell Services

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Good Morning,

My spouse, Megan Jones, and I were very upset to learn of the "pause" of the Ridwell services in our area of unincorporated Clackamas County. We have found a lot of value in the service. I, myself, am a recovering hoarder, and Ridwell is one of the ways that I rely on to keep my property clean and tidy. This is not only a benefit for me and my family, it is a benefit for my neighbors and community.

Please consider re-reviewing the laws, ordinances, and/or policies that would keep us from using the Ridwell recycling service. It serves an important function to

our community and to our planet. Thank you, Rev. Joanna Schaefer 2536 SE Maple St, Milwaukie, OR 97267 From: Kara <kara.aus@gmail.com> Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 12:26 PM To: BCCMail; Sen.RobWagner@oregonlegislature.gov Subject: Ridwell in unincorporated Clackamas County Please! Warning: External email. Be cautious opening attachments and links.

Hello Clackamas County Commissioners and Representative Wagner,

It has come to my attention that Ridwell, a local company that picks up hard to recycle items from consumers' homes and recycles them, will no longer be allowed to service my home, because I am in an unincorporated area of West Linn.

Given the climate crisis we find ourselves in, I would like to encourage you to reconsider this limitation. I am well aware that limiting waste to begin with is critical to combating an ever increasingly dire situation, but I also think that properly and actively recycling is also key for awareness and mitigation. As your constituent, I would like to ask you to reconsider and I guarantee there are many other happy users who feel the same way.

I appreciate your time.

Best, Kara

From: Kari Liebert <kariliebert@yahoo.com> Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 11:29 AM To: BCCMail Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Kari Liebert. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing

because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. I use this for my personal items, as well as friends items. Most of the material that is collected is passed on to other recycling organizations like Agilx or items are donated. The impact made has been huge. Please consider allowing Ridwell to continue because the current recycling options in Clackamas County are not enough. Thank you. Kari Liebert 5800 SE King RD Milwaukie, OR 97222 Kari Natwick <karinatwick@yahoo.com> From: Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 11:24 AM To: BCCMail Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County! Warning: External email. Be cautious opening attachments and links.

My name is Kari Natwick and I am a resident of Clackamas County.

I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community!

Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Kari Natwick From: Katherine Millan <katherine@livingroomre.com> Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 11:52 AM To: BCCMail Subject: Ridwell in unincorporated Clackamas County

Hello Sirs and Ma'ams,

I am a 97222 resident in unincorporated Clackamas County and a Ridwell subscriber. I have just been informed that my service will be paused due to the county's orders. I subscribed because I was having trouble getting rid of the plastic film that is NOT picked up in my recycling services with Waste Management. Having contributed to creating the first B Corp real estate office on the West Coast, this service is badly needed as the film we be repurposed into a new product. I find the actions to stop their work anti-capitalist, anti-American and anti-climate change. I have heard the garbage companies are crying about this company but THEY do not pick up these items! I believe they are upset that I will have LESS garbage for them to pick up. I already have the smallest garbage bin offered and if I cut more waste out, I will likely go to every other week service for garbage in the not so far future. Please protect my right to support an American business that is doing GOOD. Please find a way that they are allowed to operate side by side with garbage companies OR make the garbage companies pick these items up. We should not be making it hard for people to do the right thing!

Thank you

Katherine Millan Broker Licensed in Oregon 503-453-0747 421 SE 10th Ave, PDX 97214

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<https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/RA6MC82NJPUoyYzhR0jLp?domain=app.livingroomre.co m> DOWNLOAD OUR HOME SEARCH APP!

From: Kathy Welk <kathywelk@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 12:26 PM
To: Winterhalter, Rick

Subject: Ridwell

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Thank you for taking the time to talk with me today. I would like to be kept in the loop on the progress made regarding Ridwell.

I would like to reiterate that the best way to get the most waste recycled is to make it as easy and convenient as possible. The drop-off program, that the state seems to be so attached to, does not accomplish that. You talk about equity as if the people willing to pay \$14 a month to keep toxic waste out of landfills are a bunch of elitists. That somehow demanding people to spend a lot of time, effort, and gas driving around town to drop off recyclables is easier for the average person. Obviously, that's not right.

I am asking that you, the Solid Waste Commission Board, and the state approach this issue with an open mind to do what is best for the people of Clackamas County and the planet. That you don't approach this with the attitude that what you have in place is working. It is not.

I look forward to the updates on this.

Happy Holidays, Kathy Welk Oak Grove

From: Kay Deines <kay.deines@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 6:43 PM
To: BCCMail
Subject: Ridwell Recycling

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Hello,

Please explain to me why you are trying to force Ridwell Recycling out of business in unincorporated Clackamas County.

As a resident of that area, I have been pleased to have a way to recycle materials that are not accepted in the general mixed Recycling bin collected by Waste Management.

The targeting of Ridwell seems to me to be singularly misdirected. Especially since there is no way to actually monitor the materials placed in the mixed recycling roll carts. I am appalled at the things I see in those bins that are not recyclable. Additionally, it is common knowledge that since METRO switched from the individual tub method to the mixed material roll carts, many recyclables are simply routed to landfills. Many people will not comply with the guidelines or are too dense to read them. Or they simply use the Recycling roll carts as just more garbage disposal space.

Please explain to me exactly why you are preventing Recycling by the citizens of unincorporated Clackamas County.

Kay Deines
18060 SE Blanton St
97267
From: Kitty Diggins <kittydiggins@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 8:55 AM
To: BCCMail
Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov
Subject: Ridwell in Clackamas County

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Hello , I am a long time resident of Clackamas County and I am writing because we need Ridwell in our community !

I have been rallying to get Ridwell service in Clackamas County , along with other people in my community . I was absolutely thrilled when their services became available , but I have just been notified that they are not being allowed to provide this very essential service to our community and I am heartbroken !

We desperately need this service because keeping plastic and other types of waste out of landfills and ultimately , the eco system is crucial and cannot wait . I am asking that you quickly take action to keep this very important service in the community !

Thank you , Kristin Harvey

Milwaukie /Oak Grove

From: Klepper, Emily

Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 10:41 AM To: BCCMail Subject: FW: Recycling Services

Can we add this to the list of folks needing a response re Ridwell?

Thanks,

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Emily Klepper

Senior Policy Advisor

971-219-4461

<mailto:emilykle@clackamas.us> emilykle@clackamas.us

From: Smith, Tootie <TootieSmith@clackamas.us>
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 6:00 AM
To: Klepper, Emily <EmilyKle@clackamas.us>
Subject: Fwd: Recycling Services

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kathy Walter <kathywalter@me.com <mailto:kathywalter@me.com> >
Date: December 16, 2021 at 12:46:13 AM EST
To: "Smith, Tootie" <TootieSmith@clackamas.us <mailto:TootieSmith@clackamas.us> >
Subject: Recycling Services

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Dear Chair Smith,

I recently signed up to use Ridwell's recycling services. It seems like a great

service for supplementing the current pick up services. This evening I saw a post on Nextdoor that says Clackamas County has banned Ridwell. Is this true? Can you please explain to me why?

Thank you,

Kathy Walter 15409 SE Hidden Falls Drive Clackamas OR 97015

From: Kristen Lewis <klew67@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 11:26 PM
To: BCCMail
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Kristen Lewis. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you. From: Kristin Walker <ms.kristinwalker@gmail.com> Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 1:53 PM

To: BCCMail

Subject: Keep Ridwell in Unincorporated Clackamas County!

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I am a happy Ridwell customer in unincorporated Clackamas County. Today I received an email from Ridwell stating that you are demanding they stop providing services to my address and the addresses of my friends and neighbors.

First, as a resident of unincorporated Clackamas County, can you please explain to me why you, my representatives, are taking a hard line with Ridwell? This is a company whose goal is to reduce waste flowing into our landfills and is finding creative ways to recycle or repurpose difficult items, a service that Clackamas County does not provide or have facilities for. Second, if this is a difference in interpretation of local law, I ask that you as a board reconsider the interpretation to allow for Ridwell and other services like it to continue functioning in unincorporated Clackamas County. Otherwise, you need to develop local services that can take the place of Ridwell. Your local constituency wants this service, as indicated by the many current Ridwell customers in the area.

Forcing Ridwell to stop services in unincorporated Clackamas County is the wrong move, and I strongly urge you to reconsider.

Your constituent,

Kristin Walker

4343 SE Robin Road Milwaukie, OR 97267 From: Lauren Nelson <lauren.a.h@hotmail.com> Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 3:18 PM To: BCCMail Subject: Ridwell

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To whom it may concern, If you want to ban Ridwell, you might want to start having big recycle corps to start doing a better job of giving us options to recycle. This is an absolute obsurd decision and you have MANY MANY MANY upset neighbors. Way to go hand in hand with big corp!! Truly a disgusting decision. I'll be sure to go out of my way to get my Ridwell items to them regardless if you ban them in unincorporated Clackamas County. Absolute absurd.

Make the right choice, Lauren Nelson
Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
Get Outlook for Android
<https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/96JuCxkx30s717ns83-Tq?domain=aka.ms>
From: Lori Wellborn <lwell1128@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 5:16 PM
To: BCCMail
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is lori Wellborn.

I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Since we are currently throwing away in landfills what we think we are recycling, it is more important than ever to have responsible recycling. I can think of NO reason why we would not have access to ridwell. Thank you. From: Mandy Rypkema <kellerrae@yahoo.com> Wednesday, December 15, 2021 7:59 PM Sent: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov; To: help@ridwell.com

Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is <u>Mandy</u>. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Mandy Rypkema

From: Melissa Framiglio <mframiglio@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 11:56 AM
To: BCCMail
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Melissa Framiglio. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

Do you really value garbage companies bottom lines more than the environment? You do not represent the interests of your constituents if that is indeed the case but rather those of the pocket books of the big trash haulers.

Thank you. Melissa Framiglio and Chad Dahlstrom From: mike corrente <mikecorrente9@gmail.com> Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 12:34 PM To: +Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov; +EPolk@clackamas.us; +help@ridwell.com; +rickw@clackamas.us; BCCMail Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Michael. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

Why would you deny a service such as this from providing this level of recycling when what we have barely does anything? The more, the better, and besides we are willing pay for it. Why can't we contribute to reducing our waste? It makes no sense for you to take this away from those that want to do better. This county needs help with public transit services, safer streets, and better infrastructure. Tackle those issues before worrying about trash that you won't deal with or step up and do something so that we don't have to seek better services!

Sincerely Michael Corrente

From: Myra Hongola <myraaliess@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 8:49 AM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov

Subject: Bring Back Ridwell in Clackamas!

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Hello,

My name is Myra Hongola. I am a resident of Clackamas County in Milwaukie, OR. I'm writing because we need Ridwell in our community! Ridwell provides my home with an opportunity to recycle items that Clackamas County does not easily provide. They provide critical waste reduction to thousands of households around Multnomah County right at their doorstep and it should be available to Clackamas County, too. Ridwell can help Clackamas residents put less into landfill and do our part to save the planet. Especially during the current climate crisis our world is facing, I am disappointed with Clackamas Counties recent regulation and law changes that are forcing Ridwell's services out of Clackamas. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service. For those of us who were already members, I'm asking you to allow us to continue to utilize this incredible service.

Thank you.

Kind regards, Myra Hongola

From: Polly Youngren <pollyyoungren@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 6:34 PM
To: BCCMail
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is ____polly youngren___. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you. From: Robert Heros <robheros@outlook.com> Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 3:31 PM To: BCCMail Subject: Ridwell
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I was surprised and extremely disappointed to hear of the shortsighted decision by the BCC to force Ridwell out of unincorporated Clackamas County. Ridwell provides a much-needed service that many of are more than happy to pay for. If the current garbage and recycling options were adequate, there wouldn't be a need for Ridwell. But they aren't, and there is. The amount of recyclable material that a single family produces is staggering, and yet only a fraction of this is actually recyclable with our current options. Ridwell fills a need.

I don't know what red tape political bureaucratic garbage (no pun intended) is behind this decision, but it sure as hell doesn't sit well with this voter.

I guess I shouldn't be so surprised - after all, the BCC has already demonstrated itself to be an abject embarrassment to our county (See also: Vaccines, Public Health, Science, Common Sense, etc.) so this is sort of par for the course.

I urge you to rethink this decision and restore some faith in the BCC. It is sorely needed - as is Ridwell.

Sincerely,

Robert D Heros MD From: Sarah Murali <sarah.murali14@gmail.com> Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 2:48 PM To: BCCMail Subject: Ridwell Banned from Clackamas County? Attachments: FB_IMG_1639608199507.jpg

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Hello,

I'm a resident of unincorporated Clackamas County. Some of my neighbors are customers of the company Ridwell, a service that helps you recycle or reuse items that are generally hard to recycle (eg old clothes, batteries, etc). I had never heard of this service before today, but when I did, I immediately wanted to sign up! Who doesn't want to reduce the amount of garbage going into landfills? Unfortunately, my neighbors have been receiving letters like the one I have attached here. Ridwell claims that Clackamas County has ordered them to stop providing their service to unincorporated parts of the county.

I would like to ask you to please publicly explain the decision to stop this company from doing business in unincorporated Clackamas County. It is frustrating not to have access to their services, and I would like to understand the reasoning behind this action.

Thank you in advance,

Sarah Murali Clackamas County Resident From: Sister Bragdon <sisterbragdon@gmail.com> Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 2:46 PM To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov; help@ridwell.com Subject: Ridwell Makes A Difference

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My name is Ellen Bragdon. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Tamara DiVergilio <tdivergilio@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 9:24 AM
To: BCCMail
Subject: Ridwell Services

Clackamas County Officials,

I received notification that Ridwell has been prohibited from operating in unincorporated Clackamas County, I am very much opposed to this position, as they provide a valuable service that people have the OPTION of subscribing to. Why are

they not being allowed to operate? They are taking items that otherwise end up in our landfills for the next hundreds of years and instead allow them to be safely recycled or reused. What could possibly be the justification for this, since clearly the contracted garbage haulers are not recycling any of these products. At what point do the professed sustainability claims of the county get backed up by making actual strides to improve sustainable living in this county?

Tamara DiVergilio Clackamas County resident From: theresa taylor <hestia1115@yahoo.com> Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 11:37 AM To: BCCMail Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is ___Theresa Taylor____. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

This is an APPALLING ruling that flies in the face of protecting the environment at this time of dire climate change! I can't help but think you commissioners are being funded by Waste Management to oppose Ridwell. Do the right thing and rescind your decision. Punishing unincorporated Clackamas County is not the ethical and responsible way to govern.

From: Whitney Heros <whitneyeb@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 12:20 PM
To: BCCMail
Subject: Ridwell service

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To whom it may concern:

I was very disappointed to receive a notification that Ridwell service to unincorporated Clackamas County will cease. Discontinuing this service is a huge

mistake on your part and makes it much more difficult to recycle when you should be doing everything in your power to make it EASIER to recycle. Ridwell is a huge asset for keeping plastic out of our landfills and waterways. In addition, Ridwell does a huge amount for our community by providing an opportunity to recycle a variety of other items that are passed onto the underprivileged or repurposed rather than ending in the landfill.

The county should be ashamed of itself for putting garbage profits first instead of doing good for our environment and the community.

Shame on you.

-Whitney Heros, DVM West Linn Resident From: Brenda V <brendavest@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 9:47 AM
To: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community!

Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet.

I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

Honestly, I'm personally offended that my county would try to inhibit this sort of program instead of embracing it. What you are telling our community is you want trash to build up, and that you want it to be more difficult to repurpose items that are not easily reused in our areas. The fact of the matter is if your citizens (me and many of my neighbors) subscribe to this type of program, and that means we want it. Please don't say no to this when the alternative is putting more trash in our dumps. Profits from dumps shouldn't even be in the commentary, non-reusable waste for profit is not the answer!

Please allow Ridwell to continue! Embrace and even support more options like this for our future.

Thanks, Brenda Vest 1382 Marylhurst Dr. From: Cathy Bell <oh2garden@yahoo.com> Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 9:11 AM To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov; help@ridwell.com Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is ____Cathy Bell, 5188 Madrona Street____. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is

providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

I have relished Ridwell's services as it serves our community in keeping recyclable items that Waste Management does not pick up out of our landfills. I am very concerned that you are allowing Waste Management to bully you into disabling Ridwell from helping our environment and educating people into what can be recycled.

Please reconsider your stance on this issue. It is imperative that we all WORK TOGETHER in tackling our waste stream problems.

Thank you.

From: Daniel Domenigoni <domenigoni@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 11:22 AM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
Ridwell
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Dan Domenigoni.

What is up with the decision to prevent Ridwell from operating in unincorporated Clackamas County? They prevent many kinds of hard to recycle things from going into the landfill. I strongly urge you to get behind and of the most effective recycling programs in the state!

I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Stay safe,

Dan Domenigoni
domenigoni@icloud.com <mailto:domenigoni@icloud.com>

From: Darlene Longtin <darlenetwin1@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 7:43 AM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; christine.lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!
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Hello Clackamas County offical, people who are suppose to be working for members of their community but are human and making a BIG mistake. My name is Darlene Longtn. I am a resident of Clackamas County for most of my life, in the unincorporated part for 27 of it. I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community!

You the, CC officials have banned Ridwell from unincorporated Clackamas County! This is a true disservice to our community. Ridwell fills in the gaps of recycling that the mainstream garbage and recycling companies do not take. They don't take the regular recycling, they take the stuff that would otherwise be thrown away, end up in landfills, and in our oceans. I was amazed by how much material I was having to throw away, that was recyclable but not taken by my regular garbage company. I love the service ridwell provides. It's 2021, if we want to save this planet, for our future children, change needs to start now. Ridwell is a start to this change. Since you clearly cant make our now garbage company do the service Ridwell does please make the right decision to keep Ridwell working in our community.

Darlene Longtin

Unincorporated Clackamas County Resident

From: Heather N. Boone <h.nicole.boone@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 10:18 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Heather Boone, and I work and live in Clackamas County. I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it

should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Heather Boone (740) 604-1239

From: Heather Schiffke <heatherschiffke@mac.com>
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 10:13 AM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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Dear Clackamas County Officials,

My name is Heather Schiffke. I am a resident of unincorporated Clackamas County and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community!

Ridwell is providing a vital waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. The reasons to disallow their service seem to be primarily motivated by special interests who are trying to protect their turf, with no intention of actually providing similar services.

Ridwell bridges a gap that our other recycling services are unable to fill. This allows us to recycle materials that otherwise would go to a landfill - including plastic film, plastic clamshells and other items. Before using Ridwell, we would have to drive all over to recycle used clothing, batteries and other items that we can't recycle curbside. Ridwell's service makes recycling these items easier - and it is better for the planet because it saves us from having to drive around town to recycle them.

It is critically important that we do everything we can to protect our environment. Allowing Ridwell to continue operations is one easy step. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

Thank you, Heather Schiffke 503-706-6870

From: Kilee Silva <kilee.silva@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2021 9:36 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com

Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Kilee Snow. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

Thank you and please advise on how we can continue this critical service.

Kilee Snow

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sara Corrente <saram814@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 7:57 AM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Sara Corrente. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

I also find rather interesting that some of the commissioners feel the government should not step in on other matters, but willing to step in with this?

Sent from my iPhone

From: Delila Olsson <delila@westhills-montessori.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 18, 2021 1:23 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community!

Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet.

I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

Delila Olsson 19032 SW Longfellow Ave. Lake Oswego, OR 97035

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From: Jodi Bailey <jodibailey.pdx@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 19, 2021 8:25 AM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Jodi Bailey. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

Having Ridwell pick up items has not changed my garbage service in any way. I still have regular garbage and recycling service. If the garbage collection services are

worried about losing business, they should focus on laws that would require all homeowners to have garbage collection. So many of my neighbors don't and it is unsanitary and unsightly. Lots of untapped revenue there!

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kat Marean <remirezk@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 5:26 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: Ridwell - don't ban this service

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am a Clackamas County resident, and was just about to start service with Ridwell to pay, with my own money, for the betterment of the planet to take the stuff that isn't recycled locally, on top of what I already pay to live here. It is unfair as a consumer to have no choice but to purchase food, receive packages, etc, that are enclosed in plastic materials that would just go straight to a landfill. This service has been in Seattle for 2 years and it just got here. Denying the opportunity for less trash in our landfills sounds like a step backwards for our future...our kids, grandkids, deserve our help to set a better standard for what previous generations started with all this plastic.

Thank you, Kat Marean From: Laureen Felton <laureenfelton@sbcglobal.net> Sent: Saturday, December 18, 2021 7:38 PM To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov; help@ridwell.com Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

My name is Laureen Felton. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing

because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet.I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

I also want to know why you are prohibiting Ridwell from operating in my area. Everything they take either can't be recycled "curbside" at the end of my driveway with Republic Services, or I have to go through a lot more "inconvenience" to transport it somewhere else to recycle. There is no overlap between their service and Republic Services. So – why are you stopping ME, many of my neighbors, and Ridwell from doing good?

The recycling service I currently receive from Republic Services is inadequate. I called to get a yard waste container when I moved here 5 years ago from the San Francisco Bay Area, and was told that I couldn't have one because Clackamas County (each one of you?) didn't negotiate for that. So we're all forced to keep burning and polluting the atmosphere, when many of us would prefer not to burn. I wouldn't have to burn at all if I had a yard waste container like my city neighbors. You can even offer multiple bins to those who need it. And make them affordable.

I want to see a change and have you all support more and better recycling for unincorporated Clackamas County resident. I want the same services as Clackamas County city dwellers - composting bins, a yard waste bins, etc. And - I want Ridwell back!

Thank you. Laureen Felton, West Linn laureenfelton@sbcglobal.net <mailto:laureenfelton@sbcglobal.net> From: Mira Whitehead <mirandawhitehead@hotmail.com> Sent: Saturday, December 18, 2021 10:00 AM To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; christine.lewis@oregonmetro.gov; help@ridwell.com Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

My name is Miranda Whitehead. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now

and in the future. There is nothing going to Ridwell that would otherwise go to recycling.... The things they take are things I am *not allowed* to put in my recycling bin. Their service is critical to reducing the amount of waste that goes into the local dump. Please, work together at the county level to allow Ridwell to operate here!! Thank you, Miranda Whitehead, unincorporated Clackamas County Resident (97222) Get Outlook for Android <https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/WzRVC9rNKRC1W9BHo2IGr?domain=aka.ms> Neil Nelson <neil@mckayhomes.com> From: Friday, December 17, 2021 12:21 PM Sent: To: BCCMail Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben Cc: Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Neil Nelson. I am sad to hear we are not able to use Ridwell. The service Ridwell provides makes recycling extremely easy less time consuming than the current process of taking items to multiple different locations. Being an steward of our environment is extremely important to me and my family and I really hope we can find ways to do even better in the future. I am sure you have a good reason behind banning them from the community, but I would like to know what that reason is.

Thank you for your time.

Neil Nelson

Licensed Broker in Oregon and Washington

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My name is Patricia Lauer. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

If the garbage haulers oppose the existence of Ridwell, they should be required to offers the same recycling services that Ridwell does.

Please do this the right way, and help us try to save the planet.

Thank you Patricia Lauer Milwaukie, Oregon

From: SUZANNE BURDETTE <gilandsuz@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2021 10:34 AM
To: Polk, Eben
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

My name is Suzanne Burdette. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you. From: A CRAVEN <flamycraven@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 1:30 PM
To: BCCMail
Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is <u>Amy</u>. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you. This service does not replace our waste management services, it reduces the amount of recycleable products put into the dump. They also work with women's shelter and other community services to donate usable materials to people in need. Amanda Halbirt <a.halbirt@gmail.com> From: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 2:47 PM Sent: To: BCCMail Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Amanda Halbirt.

I WAS a very happy Ridwell https://www.ridwell.com/

<https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/RwuEC730GNcAAnPPH8xv7V?domain=ridwell.com/> customer and was recently informed that due to Clackamas County officials I no longer can subscribe to their services. Yes, I was a paying customer.

Please know, that they provide a valuable recycling program that our waste disposal company does not. (Plastic bags, batteries, plastic wrap, shipping wrap, styrofoam, clamshell plastic). Their programs keep waste out of our oceans and landfills. Why would Clackamas County not support this and back this company 100%?! https://www.ridwell.com/

<https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/RwuEC730GNcAAnPPH8xv7V?domain=ridwell.com/>

This makes no sense, we are paying subscribers who want to help our planet. The

planet YOU live on, the planet you take advantage of. Instead of trying to stop them, you should be looking for a way to partner with Ridwell. https://www.ridwell.com/ <https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/RwuEC730GNcAAnPPH8xv7V?domain=ridwell.com/> I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you. Amanda Halbirt 13007 SW 63rd Ave Portlant, 97219 503-840-5600 <https://mailfoogae.appspot.com/t?sender=aYS5oYWxiaXJ0QGdtYWlsLmNvbQ%3D%3D&type=zer ocontent&guid=47f9855f-ad37-4e90-b34c-a3c627279164> ? From: Amye McConnell <amyem0309@gmail.com> Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2022 3:23 PM To: BCCMail Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben Subiect: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Amye McConnell. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

From: Ann Dagostino <adagostino7@gmail.com>

- Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 2021 3:53 PM
- To: Winterhalter, Rick; BCCMail; christine.lewis@oregonmetro.gov; Polk, Eben Subject: I need your help... recycling!

I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I am writing because we need Ridwell here

in our community!

Roswell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area. It should absolutely be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet.

I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

I appreciate your support so much, and look forward to overcoming these obstacles and resuming full service imminently.

Thank you for caring where our stuff ends up.

Ann Dagostino

From: Anna Jacobson <daljacobson@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 26, 2021 9:28 AM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Darren Jacobson. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Anna Jacobson <daljacobson@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 26, 2021 9:28 AM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Anna Jacobson. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it

should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Ashley Toutain <ashleystoutain@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 5:14 PM
To: BCCMail
Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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Dear Clackamas County Officials,

I was recently informed that I am unable to subscribe for Ridwell's waste reduction service due to my home being located in unincorporated Clackamas County. I am a new homeowner in Oak Grove and was very excited to find out about the recycling and reuse services that Ridwell provides, not knowing that the location of my home would preclude me from subscribing. I am writing in the hopes that you will reconsider your restriction upon Ridwell in our community. Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help residents also in unincorporated Clackamas County put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you for your time and consideration, Ashley Toutain 14515 SE Cedar Ave Milwaukie, OR 97267 From: BCCMail Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 2:06 PM Special - Waste Info To: Subject: FW: Stoppage of Ridwell recyclables pickups

Hello, this person has been responded to for the BCC and they have been informed that they'll be added to the sustainability email list for Ridwell updates.

Christina Fadenrecht, Policy Advisor pronouns: she/her/hers Clackamas County Administration 2051 Kaen Road, Oregon City, OR 97045 office: 503-742-5938 www.clackamas.us

From: Patrice Ekstrom <pdekstrom@gmail.com> Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 1:06 PM To: BCCMail <bcc@clackamas.us> Subject: Stoppage of Ridwell recyclables pickups

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Dear Clackamas County Commissioners:

I recently moved to the Oak Grove area of Milwaukie near the Willamette River; the area where I live is unincorporated. I was so excited to move into this area because I could finally join the company Ridwell to recycle items that my trash company (Waste Management) did not. My Ridwell service began just fine, but then a few months in, Ridwell was told by your board that it can no longer operate in unincorporated areas of Milwaukie, so they (Ridwell) had to stop my service. I am deeply disappointed that the board has chosen not to allow Ridwell to operate in my neighborhood, as they pick up massive amounts of recyclable items that would otherwise be filling our landfills. Many of us in this neighborhood use Ridwell's services and we would really appreciate a reversal on your stance that doesn't allow this valuable company to operate here. If you are reconsidering your decision or there are updates to this situation, I would appreciate hearing from the board regarding any changes. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Patrice Ekstrom 14005 SE Overlook Lane Milwaukie OR 97267 pdekstrom@gmail.com From: BCCMail Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 5:33 PM To: Special - Waste Info Subject: FW: Please keep Ridwell!

This person has been responded to on behalf of the BCC and notified that they will be added to the sustainability update list for Ridwell.

From: Emily Guerrero <emily@cleanlivingconsulting.com

<mailto:emily@cleanlivingconsulting.com> >
Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 4:59 PM
To: Winterhalter, Rick <rickw@clackamas.us <mailto:rickw@clackamas.us> >; Polk,
Eben <EPolk@clackamas.us <mailto:EPolk@clackamas.us> >;
Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov <mailto:Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov>
Subject: Please keep Ridwell!

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To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community!

Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet.

I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

We appreciate your support so much, and look forward to overcoming these obstacles and resuming full service imminently.

Thank you for caring where our stuff ends up!

Emily Guerrero

Small World Language Academy, Co-Founder & Lead Spanish Educator

Clean Living Consulting, Owner

Color Street, Director

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From: Bethany Holmes <bethanyholmes@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2022 9:36 AM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: Ridwell in Unincorporated Clackamas County

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Hello all,

My name is Bethany Holmes, I am a resident of Clackamas County and so happy to be living here, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

I understand there are ins & outs of the current laws in place. If Waste Management took plastic clamshells & plastic film as part of their service, then this pause in Ridwell makes complete sense. However, they do not and these are the main things that go in our garbage that are filling up the landfills. It is significant if you take a week and save all the plastic film (bags, wrap, seals, etc.) and all the clamshells, you will see how much of it is being recycled and how much of it is being thrown away.

Please consider - anything we can do to help our environment and keep the earth healthy for us & our kids.

Thank you, Bethany Holmes

From: Breonn Thiret <breonnc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 6, 2022 5:55 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Breonn Thiret. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Bridget I Downey <bridgetidowney@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 10:37 AM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

My name is _Bridget Downey_____. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

Update January 24, 2022

I am furious today that I am putting plastic films and clam shells and batteries and light bulbs into our trash now - because Clackamas County Government can't figure out a way to require Waste Management to recycle them, or to allow Ridwell to continue the service I have paid for and that I want. Every time I throw away any of those items I think of my inflexible and incompetent County Government.

We elect you to do better.
From: Brittani Velasquez <bmousouleas@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 22, 2021 10:12 AM
To: BCCMail
Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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Good Morning,

My name is Brittani Velasquez. I am a tax paying resident in Oak Grove, and I'm writing because I was notified my services with Ridwell are in jeopardy. We need Ridwell here in our community!

Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland metro area. Because of Ridwell, my family has been able to divert items that would normally end up in the landfill. As a parent, I appreciate the service they are offering. We ALL live on this planet together and I am just trying to do what's right. I believe our elected officials should also care about and prioritize companies like Ridwell that are pioneering change with innovative solutions to our growing trash problem. Ridwell should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the future of humanity on the planet.

I am urging you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Without Ridwell, I would have to travel all over the metro area to recycle my batteries, lightbulbs, unusable clothing/shoes, and styrofoam. As a busy parent, this isn't ideal. Their service is invaluable to our household and I hope you will reconsider your decision to force them out of Clackamas County.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to your reply.

Brittani Velasquez 971-344-3843 From: Chelsea Podkowa <chelsea.podkowa@gmail.com> Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 4:05 PM To: BCCMail Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben Subject: We need Ridwell in Unincorporated Clackamas County! Warning: External email. Be cautious opening attachments and links.

My name is Chelsea Podkowa. I am a resident of Unincorporated Clackamas County (97267), and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community!

Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents - including Unincorporated Clackamas County - put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet.

I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that ALL residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

Thank you, Chelsea Podkowa From: Chris Merz <chris@foxrealestategroups.com> Sent: Monday, February 21, 2022 9:11 PM To: BCCMail Cc: Polk, Eben; Winterhalter, Rick Subject: Bring Ridwell back to Clackamas County

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Hello Clackamas County Officials, We would love to be able to utilize Ridwell at our property in unincorporated Clackamas County. When we could be recycling certain items through Ridwell we instead throw these into the trash which we feel terrible about. Please allow Ridwell back into our county so we can do our part to help.

Chris Merz Keller Williams Portland Premier 971-221-2631

Sent from my iPhone

From: Dana Woodard <danawoodard@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 6:27 PM

To: BCCMail Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Danielle Woodard. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

From: Davenport, Stacy Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 10:48 PM To: Winterhalter, Rick Subject: FW: Contact Us Form

Please respond. Only sent this to you.

Stacy Davenport
(Pronouns: she/her/hers)
Clackamas County Public & Government Affairs
2051 Kaen Road, Oregon City, OR 97045
971-276-1343 (work cell)

From: ts-webteam@clackamas.us <ts-webteam@clackamas.us>
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 12:13 PM
To: Contact Us - Other <ContactUs-Other@clackamas.us>; PGA - Admin
<PGAAdmin@clackamas.us>; Web Development Team <webteam@clackamas.us>
Subject: Contact Us Form

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Question/Comment from Web User

I have a question or comment about: Ridwell shutdown

Phone: (503) 639-3866

Email: tsuzef@msn.com <mailto:tsuzef@msn.com>

Message: I live in unincorporated Lake Oswego. My Ridwell recycling service ends today because Clackamas County won't allow them to serve me. I don't understand why. Ridwell is recycling items that I could not recycle with Allied Waste: used clothing, plastic film, styrofoam, clear plastic clamshells, plastic mailing envelopes, eyeglasses, light bulbs, batteries, nonfunctional electronics. Local businesses are not losing money because of Ridwell. Ridwell is providing jobs. And why just unincorporated areas? Does incorporated Lake Oswego get to use Ridwell? I don't understand any of this, and I am very cross. Please explain, or--even better--change your policy.

Page Link: https://www.clackamas.us/contactus

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Spam Email <https://mhub.clackamas.us/canit/b.php?c=s&i=036F8dGMa&m=34778638d5a1&rlm=base&t=20 220110> Phishing Email <https://mhub.clackamas.us/canit/b.php?c=p&i=036F8dGMa&m=34778638d5a1&rlm=base&t=20 220110> Dedie Cameron <dedie@solveoregon.org> From: Sent: Saturday, January 15, 2022 1:17 PM To: BCCMail Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben Cc: Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County! Warning: External email. Be cautious opening attachments and links.

My name is Dedie Cameron. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

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<https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/3VuOCqxn3wi81w6RuZO5Zp?domain=aka.ms>
From: Dena Vangelisti <dmgalla@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 11:18 AM
To: BCCMail
Cc: Polk, Eben; Winterhalter, Rick
Subject: Bring Ridwell back to Clackamas County

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Hello,

I am writing to implore that Ridwell be allowed to offer recycling services to Lake Oswego. It is deplorable to hear that the county has tangled Ridwell's efforts in servicing this area. The county's inability to recycle so many household items is a contributor to our global climate change crisis. If Clackamas County can't/won't expand their recycling services then please allow Ridwell to do so. Everyone should be doing everything they can to reduce landfill waste now.

Sincerely, Dena Vangelisti Lake Oswego, OR From: Doug Bourquein <bourqueind@gmail.com> Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 2:35 PM To: BCCMail Cc: Polk, Eben; Winterhalter, Rick Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Doug Bourquein. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Doug Bourquein

From: Elisa White <elisawht1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 9:59 AM
To: Polk, Eben; BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Elisa White. I am a resident

of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction services to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the

landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

Thank you. From: Heather Gingrich <gingrichh91@gmail.com> Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 7:20 AM
To: BCCMail
Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Heather Gingrich . I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Heidi Moffett <heididmoffett@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 1:38 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov
Subject: Ridwell - thanks for reading!

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My name is Heidi. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

^ That was the template I got from a friend and I agree with it all. She said you guys responded that she can just drive to recycle facilities. However, I do not have a car.

Recycle facilities often have very limited hours of being open to drop offs as well, which are often not compatible with work schedules. And are they in easy-to-find locations? Is it clear what they'll take versus not take, and do you have to go to different places for different things? How much do they charge? How much gas is spent and road congestion contributed to just to recycle your personal stash of batteries and plastic? Every time I hear of someone, such as my mom, trying to recycle things that are not picked up, it always sounds like a huge hassle. Add to that not having a car. I haven't even tried! Ridwell was a good answer to all that. I was looking forward to trying it. I can't imagine why it was banned. Thank you for your time and for reconsidering your stance! It is much appreciated. A proud Clackamas County resident, ~Heidi Moffett Helina Evans <helinanevans@gmail.com> From: Monday, December 27, 2021 2:53 PM Sent: To: BCCMail Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben Cc: Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County! Warning: External email. Be cautious opening attachments and links. My name is Helina Evans. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you. Helina Evans From: Janet Hunt <outlook CC7B851DD108C2DC@outlook.com> Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2022 8:29 AM To: BCCMail Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben Cc: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County! Subject: Warning: External email. Be cautious opening attachments and links.

Hello,

I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! It is an important step in protecting our environment. The items that are recycled in this program are not easily recycled elsewhere.

Please allow this service to continue.

Thank you.

Janet

From: Jean Clinton <Nanajeanc@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 12:32 PM
To: BCCMail
Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov
Subject: Keep Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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?I am a resident of Clackamas County who has used and appreciated the recycling service that Ridwell has offered. As a senior citizen, the ease and safety of putting out for pickup recyclables that Waste Management will not accept has been just great in these pandemic times.

I do not understand why waste haulers oppose this service in our county. All I can figure is that they want to force us into larger bins to boost their profit. This service SHOULD be available to county residents so that less is put into the landfill. Just as it is my choice whether to use trash pickup or haul trash to the dump myself, I want the choice to use Ridwell!

My last pick from Ridwell is Jan. 15. Please take action quickly to keep this service in place for county residents.

Jean Clinton

From: Jen Fultz <flyjen@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 2021 1:56 PM
To: BCCMail
Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community!

Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet.

I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

We appreciate your support so much, and look forward to overcoming these obstacles and resuming full service imminently.

Thank you for caring where your stuff ends up!

Jen Fultz

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"My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style."

-Maya Angelou

From: Jenifer Daugherty <jeniferadaugherty@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 3, 2022 7:46 AM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Jenifer Daugherty. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

I would also very much like an explanation for why you - and other Oregon counties - are allowing the garbage industry to dictate recycling options that they do not provide. The answer is not to put more trash in our landfills. We should all be working together to reduce waste.

Thank you. Jennifer Allen <jlukerallen@gmail.com> From: Friday, December 31, 2021 5:16 PM Sent: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov; To: help@ridwell.com Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County! Warning: External email. Be cautious opening attachments and links. My name is Jennifer Allen. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you. Jennifer Allen & family Sent from my iPad

From: JENNIFER TUOMI <jtuomi1@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 5:52 PM
To: BCCMail
Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.lewis@oregonmetro.gov; JENNIFER
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Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

Ridwell specifically picks up items my trash hauler refuses. In addition, Ridwell has contracted with specific recyclers to accept these difficult to recycle items - none end up in landfills or landfill transfer stations. Ridwell compliments the

services these trash haulers offer. It seems the trash haulers just want to monopolize a service they have yet to figure out how to offer. The current trash haulers have had years to figure out what to do with difficult to recycle items and have not made any headway. Now that Ridwell has it figured out and is providing the much needed service- the trash hauler are screaming "unfair" which is ridiculous. Sure my trash bin has been decreased and that means less dollars in the trash haulers pocket. If they spent the time to figure out how to recycle these items before Ridwell did, they would have these in their recycle bin - but they didn't!

By not allowing Ridwell - or any other service like theirs - to operating unnecessary recyclable items will end up in our landfulls.

Thank you for your consideration -

Jenny Tuomi jtuomi1@comcast.net <mailto:jtuomi1@comcast.net> (503) 781-9620 15675 SE Crestwood Dr Milwaukie OR 97267

From: Jenny Wells <sweetlomyart@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2022 12:20 PM
To: BCCMail
Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Jennifer. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Jenny Sent from my phone Please excuse any typos. From: JoAnne Forsyth <joannelin@movingpixel.com> Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 2:46 PM To: Winterhalter, Rick Subject: Ridwell Recycling services

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Hi. I am writing because I live in Clackamas county and would love to be able to recycle more of the items that are getting thrown in the landfill. I was so

thrilled to find out that the Ridwell folks were taking additional items, but have since found out there is some problem on the county level. What in the world is the problem? Why is this recycling service allowed inside the city limits but not outside of it? When is the next meeting when this will be discussed so that I can attend and learn what is going on?

Thanks,

JoAnne Forsyth 22150 SW Athey Rd. West Linn, OR 97068 503-481-3378

From: Johanka Stavenik <stavenik@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 8, 2022 4:18 PM
To: BCCMail
Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is johanka iacolucci. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Johanka Iacolucci She/her 503.805.6626 Sent from my iPhone From: Kathryn King <kathryn@kjkproperties.com> Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 2021 9:53 AM To: BCCMail Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; christine.lewis@oregonmetro.gov; Gavin Carpenter (gavinlc71@gmail.com) Subject: Ridwell!
Hello,

My husband and I are residentsof Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! We are fervent recyclers and have utilized the service greatly.

Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet.

I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

From: Ken & Altine Roberts <ken.and.altine1997@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, January 21, 2022 2:39 PM
To: BCCMail
Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben
Subject: Lack of complete recycling program in Clackamas County

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My family is a very recycling conscious family. We do our best to sort out our recycling to ensure that the maximum amount of materials that we use, are able to be recycled. We actually make some buying choices, purely on the packaging and whether or not it can be recycled. Over the years, we have collected several bags of materials that our local garbage/recycling company says they cannot take.

I heard about a company named Ridwell, who is able to take items that our county recycling can't, and have them recycled for a nominal monthly cost. I was very excited to finally be able to clear out my garage and shop of the items that we have been holding, waiting to find somewhere that can recycle them. After contacting Ridwell, I was very disappointed to hear that they are not allowed to do business in our county because it goes against what appears to be the monopoly system of waste removal and recycling that our county has put in place for all of its citizens. I find it hard to believe that in a capitalist society, the county would actually be fighting to stop a business from operating and recycling materials that the operator of the county's recycling program says they can't accept. This is putting more plastics and dangerous materials into the earth for no other reason than poor contract management. I work for the federal government and it is this kind of failure at a common sense approach for the betterment of society and our planet, that gives government a bad name.

I would encourage you to work quickly to allow companies that seem to be able to do, what the company you have chosen for us cannot, and get this back on the right track of common sense, leading us towards a cleaner future.

Best Regards,

Kenneth Roberts

Oregon City, OR

From: Krista Robbins <krista.creates@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 31, 2021 10:02 AM
To: BCCMail
Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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Thank you, Krista Robbins From: Laura Geck <lipizzanhorse@yahoo.com> Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 4:06 PM To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov; help@ridwell.com Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County! Warning: External email. Be cautious opening attachments and links. My name is Laura Geck. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because

My name is Krista. I am a resident of Clackamas County and irritated that I just found out I can't get Ridwell service at my home. The environment is our number one most pressing issue and it's ridiculous that I can't utilize this service to help reduce my household's footprint. Please try to sort out the conflicts so we can have this service that our neighbors living 360 degrees around us all enjoy.

we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Lauren Joyer <laurenjoyer@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2022 5:53 PM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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If you don't like what Ridwell is doing then you all need to ensure this service is provided in some other way. Their service has completely changed how my family views our resources, waste and recycling. It seems unimaginable to go back to throwing these items in the trash when Ridwell is offering a viable recycling option. To deny them is an embarrassment to Clackamas County.

Lauren Shaney (503)752-1902
From: Lauren Nelson <lauren.a.h@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 5:50 PM
To: BCCMail
Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

My name is Lauren Nelson. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you. If you can't provide an alternative option for waste THAT NOBODY ELSE TAKES IN THIS AREA we will make sure to take voting action during the next election. This is a prime example of greed and capitalism at it's finest.

As I tell my children, be kind and make good choices, Lauren

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
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<https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/YgRPCXDlJmiXD6x0f6n_H-?domain=aka.ms>
From: Lindsay Paxton <paxton.lindsay@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 9:16 PM
To: BCCMail
Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben
Subject: Ridwell - Supplement NOT Replacement

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Hello Clackamas County Commissioners.

We just learned that Ridwell is being asked to pause its service to our area and I am writing to you to express our concern. We have used Ridwell as an attempt to increase our recycling efforts and environmental focus (especially after the historical weather events that we have experienced this past year).

We understand that the county looks at the Ridwell service as a competitor to our current recycling provider, but the service simply enhances our recycling efforts. EVERYTHING that can go into our recycling bin still GOES.

We recycle mostly plastic film and clamshells with Ridwell. We also use the service for some clothing items, lightbulbs and batteries. It is our understanding that these items CANNOT be recycled with our current recycling provider. If our current provider would accept these items, I would be able to better understand the concern or potential conflict-of-interest. I am writing to you this evening, because I think there must be a misunderstanding.

Can you please help me to understand why there is hesitation regarding this service in greater Clackamas County? We are committed to sustainability, and we hope that our city commissioners support us with this initiative.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Paxton (503) 504-4729 From: Lita Colligan <lita.colligan@gmail.com> Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 3:59 PM To: BCCMail Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Martha Schrader Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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Dear County Commissioners,

My name is Lita Colligan. I am a resident of Oak Grove in unincorporated Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. It's hard for me to understand why the county would want to prevent residents from doing more recycling of items that now go directly into the landfill and are not eligible to go in our blue recycling cans.

I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Please send me a reply to explain why the county has this policy. I'm very confused.

Thank you and best wishes for a prosperous and safe 2022 and more recycling in our future!! Lita

Sent from my iPhone

From: Lucas Dix <jellyfishbrigade@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 27, 2021 10:47 AM
To: BCCMail
Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

My name is Lucas Dix. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

It is absolutely ridiculous to me that with all the science available about the human impact on the planet, that you would forcibly discontinue a service that seeks to lessen that impact. Ridwell allows my wife and I to effectively dispose of our styrofoam, plastic film, clothing, batteries, light bulbs, and other random assorted featured items like jewelry, bottle caps, phones, etc. If you don't allow Ridwell to continue their services in our area, then you have a whole population of people who start throwing those items in the landfill instead. We simply cannot afford to keep making these kinds of decisions when it comes to the human impact on our planet.

I've read that the reaso

<https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/fR9VCOYDwVIBYwxfEsPEn?domain=wweek.com/> n for this hault is because trash haulers and the city services feel that Ridwell doesn't have to comply with the same rules that they do. I can understand that frustration, but my retort is that the city or those trash haulers should then provide those same services. We've been living in our house since 2016, and we've never had any opportunities to have those aforementioned items picked up from our house to be recycled. If y'all aren't going to provide the helpful service, then don't block me from being able to purchase that service from somebody who will. If you can't make this happen, then my wife and I will be looking to vote for people who actively give a shit about the ever changing climate of our planet and our place within this world. Portland officials took a stance, and it'd be nice if y'all would do the same.

Thank you. From: Ludington, Stacy Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 5:43 PM To: Winterhalter, Rick; Beseda, Tenille Subject: 2 ridwell emails + calls Attachments: FW: Stoppage of Ridwell recyclables pickups; FW: Please keep Ridwell!

Plus a Cathleen who called: 971-678-9550 hopmom@gmail.com <mailto:hopmom@gmail.com>

And a Susan Ford in LO who called: 503-639-3866 tsuzef@msn.com <mailto:tsuzef@msn.com>

If you'd like me to put these somewhere, please remind me. That was all done right before I went on vacation, and I don't remember L

Stacy Ludington | Sustainability Analyst

she/her/hers why pronouns matter? <https://lgbt.ucsf.edu/pronounsmatter>

Clackamas County Sustainability & Solid Waste

www.clackamas.us/recycling <http://www.clackamas.us/recycling>

(503) 742-4463

Mon - Thurs, 7am - 6pm

From: Margaret Beth Neal <nealmb3@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, February 6, 2022 12:58 PM To: BCCMail; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov; Winterhalter, Rick Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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Hello,

I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community!

Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet.

I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

Thank you for your consideration and action to make this happen!

Margaret Beth Neal

From: maryka yamada <yamadam1@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 11:00 AM
To: BCCMail
Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Maryka. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Maryka Yamada

Sent from my iPhone From: Nicole Hainley <nhainley@gmail.com> Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 1:40 PM To: BCCMail Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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Good afternoon,

Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I'm really disappointed to learn I can't avail myself of this service and would like to know what legitimate concerns the county could possibly have and have to rectify this. Thank you.

Nicole Hainley From: Paul L. <pdxpaulo@yahoo.com> Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 3:12 PM To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Fischer, Sonya; Schrader, Martha; Savas, Paul; Smith, Tootie; Shull, Mark; help@ridwell.com; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County! Please act.

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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Paul Leineweber. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! I signed up for Ridwell and was told I don't get the opportunity to recycle things appropriately because Clackamas won't let Ridwell operate within 'unincorporated' parts of the county.

In https://www.wweek.com/news/2021/12/01/whos-afraid-of-a-ridwell-box/
<https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/7yFGCV0jEgHxL0q5tG0qdb?domain=wweek.com/>

Kristan Mitchell, executive director of the Oregon Refuse & Recycling Association is quoted as saying "They [Ridwell] do not have well-established markets yet. [They] should have more regulation, not less—if they are not properly regulated, they could end up as pollutants in someone else's community or waters, most often in marginalized communities."

Ridwell customers like me share the same environmental concerns that Kristan Mitchell expresses above, and if Ridwell needs more oversight, so be it. But please find a creative solution that allows the thousands of Ridwell recycling customers like me to continue to use their service to reduce environmental waste. It makes much more environmental sense to me to have a Ridwell fleet run routes to recover and reuse items that otherwise might go into the landfill, than it does for hundreds or thousands of customers to drive around the county seeking to recycle and reuse items. The items that Ridwell collects are not currently recyclable curbside through the franchised haulers. Until such time as the franchised haulers can perform what Ridwell does, please allow Ridwell to continue to operate their valued services which don't appear to me to harm or inhibit the operations or profits of the franchised haulers.

Thank you,

Paul Leineweber

From: Paula Roberts <mypaul47@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 17, 2022 4:39 PM
To: BCCMail
Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

I am writing this email to express my dismay about the rules that do not let me use the services of Ridwell to enhance my personal recycling.

I am confident you would agree that our county and country needs to recycle as much of our waste as possible. Yet, it seems Ridwell, who is willing to take items which my current carrier considers junk, is denied the opportunity to recycle as much of it as they are able. That is why I am so annoyed that you are denying me the opportunity to improve my personal recycling through Ridwell.

My name is Paula Roberts, I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

Thank you.

Paula Roberts
From: PF <pjgirl71@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 6, 2022 6:31 PM
To: BCCMail
Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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Our name's are __Patti & Miles Fredricks____. We are resident's of Clackamas County, and we're writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. We are asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you. From: Rachel Ann <rachelann.kd@gmail.com> Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 8:44 PM To: BCCMail Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; christine.lewis@oregonmetro.gov

Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

My family resides in Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community!

Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet.

I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

I am appalled that Ridwell's earth-positive services would be blocked because the trash haulers feel that their monopoly is threatened. Do what is right for our people, our community, and our environment.

Sincerely,
The Dohertys of Lake Oswego
From: Robert & Adrienne Dickinson <dickinsonfam@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 30, 2022 7:47 AM
To: BCCMail
Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is _Robert Dickinson. I am a resident of Clackamas County and writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sara Whitehurst <whitehurstsara@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, December 31, 2021 3:22 PM
To: BCCMail
Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Sara Forrest . I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you. Sara Sent from my iPhone Sean Woodard <sean.l.woodard@gmail.com> From: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 9:18 AM Sent: To: BCCMail Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben We need Ridwell in Clackamas County! Subject: Warning: External email. Be cautious opening attachments and links. My name is Sean Woodard. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you. Sean Woodard 503-209-9022 From: Susan Linn <linncook@live.com> Tuesday, January 11, 2022 9:29 AM Sent: To: BCCMail Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov Cc: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County! Subject: Warning: External email. Be cautious opening attachments and links.

I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community!

Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet.

I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

Susan Linn

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for Windows

From: Susan Nierengarten <nierens@me.com>
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 12:29 PM
To: BCCMail
Cc: Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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My name is Susan Nierengarten. I am a resident of Clackamas County, and I'm writing because we need Ridwell here in our community! Ridwell is providing an important waste reduction service to thousands of households around the Portland area, and it should be available to help Clackamas County residents put less into the landfill and do our part to save the planet. I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future. Thank you.

From: Suzi Lillie <subee2u@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 7:51 PM
To: BCCMail
Cc: Polk, Eben; Winterhalter, Rick
Subject: Bring Ridwell back to Clackamas County

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Sent from my iPhone

From: Zephyr Brown <zephyrebecca@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2021 10:10 AM
To: BCCMail; Winterhalter, Rick; Polk, Eben; Christine.Lewis@oregonmetro.gov;
help@ridwell.com
Subject: We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

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Hello,

I am a resident of Clackamas County and a Ridwell customer. I was greatly saddened to hear that Ridwell was told to cease providing the much needed recycling service they provide in unincorporated Clackamas Co.

When I learned about their service I was very excited for them to come here. I had years of "non recycleable" materials waiting to be recycled. In the couple of months that I have had their service, Ridwell has saved a roomful of styrofoam, dozens of flourescent tubes, light bulbs and lateral pounds batteries from going into the land fill. And I still pay for my Clackamas Co Hoodview Garbage Disposal Service as well! In addition to taking things that aren't standard recycling offers from our garbage service Ridwell has also paired with local women shelters, charity organizations, and recyclers to provide help, materials and partnership. I truly don't understand why this useful service would be taken away especially when it doesn't threaten jobs and in fact creates more jobs for the community.

We need Ridwell in Clackamas County!

I am asking you to quickly take action to ensure that all residents of Clackamas County are able to access this service now and in the future.

Thank you. Zephyr Brown Clackamas Co. resident