

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY
Department of Public Works
**Ratification of the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management Plan Update
(2026–2040)**

DIVISION: Waste Collection

ORDINANCE NO: 714-2025

DESCRIPTION: Authority for the Director of Public Works to ratify the City of Cleveland with the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District and Ohio EPA.

LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE: Seeking local approval for the ratification and implementation of the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management Plan Update (2026–2040), in compliance with Ohio EPA regulations and state law requirements.

Every solid waste management district in Ohio must periodically update their solid waste management plan and submit it to each political subdivision to be ratified. Ratification occurs when city/village councils and township trustees representing 60% of a district's population, including its largest city and the legislative authority of the county, vote to approve the plan. If a district's plan is not ratified, the Ohio EPA will prepare the plan and order it to be implemented.