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Nancy Newton, City Manager
City of Springfield
225 Fifth St.
Springfield, OR 97477

Re: Approval of Springfield's 2019 Opportunity to Recycle Programs

Dear Ms. Newton:

This letter acknowledges receipt of Springfield's 2019 Opportunity to Recycle Report. The City of Springfield chose the following recycling programs to meet the requirements of Oregon Administrative Rule 340-90-0040 and 0041, and a waste prevention program under OAR 340-90-0042.

Recycling Program Elements: OAR 340-90-0040 and 041

- (a) Provision of at least one durable recycling container
- (c) Provision of an expanded education and promotion program
- (d) Multi-family dwelling collection program
- (e) Provision of a residential curbside yard debris collection program
- (f) Provision of a commercial/institutional recycling program
- (i) Commercial and institutional food waste collection system
- (l) Recovery of construction and demolition debris

Waste Prevention and Reuse Programs: OAR 340-90-0042

- (2) Implementation of a city- or county-wide education and promotion program
- (3) Waste prevention campaign targeting residential generators
- (4) Waste prevention campaign targeting commercial generators
- (6) City or watershed funding or infrastructure support to promote and sustain reuse, repair, leasing or sharing efforts
- (8) Support by a local government for a food rescue program for food that would otherwise be composted or disposed

DEQ approves the 2019 Opportunity to Recycle report for Springfield with the following recommendation.

The city's Waste Prevention and Reuse Program includes Food Rescue Program Support, for which Springfield provides funding to FOOD for Lane County. While not checked on your 2019 report, DEQ believes Springfield also conducted "Technical Assistance" (*a local government website page to inform and promote food rescue opportunities*) to provide a second required component of this program. The city's website includes resources on food rescue and pantries in Springfield, but the information is difficult to find and not associated with waste prevention. DEQ suggests better online promotion of the available food resources in your community and connecting food rescue to your Recycling and Waste Prevention webpage.

Please also ensure links to online resources are current, including those for Lane County transfer stations and electronics recycling.

Contact me if you have questions or would like to discuss Springfield's program or ways to improve recycling and waste prevention efforts in your community. You can reach me by phone at 541-687-7325 or email brown.cathy@deq.state.or.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cathy J. Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

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