



City of Park Hills

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Park Hills Residents and Community:

We are aware of social media posts and discussions related to upcoming operations for the Materials Processing Facility (MRF) operated by Reworld Waste, LLC (Reworld) at the old glass factory in our Park Hills community. These posts have been focused on Reworld's environmental compliance at multiple locations across the United States. We appreciate communication of the concerns as it ensures we continue to provide transparency and clarity.

Understanding potential community impacts is a standard part of our review of industrial operations in Park Hills. The City is considering positive impacts from this facility, such as new jobs, and weighing those with potential challenges, such as potential impact to our wastewater system. Specifically, Reworld has committed to providing 21 jobs with an annual average salary of \$80,000 for our community and a total capital investment of six million dollars. Please note that the size of the Reworld operation is approximately 25% of the total usable space of the building.

Below is a summary of the concerns including our response based on information provided by Reworld:

- 1) Concern about hazardous and/or biomedical wastes: This facility will not process hazardous and/or biomedical wastes. The materials handled at this facility will be strictly non-hazardous.
- 2) Concern about "incineration": There seems to be a misunderstanding that this facility will function as an "incinerator." We want to assure you that this is not the case. This facility will only act as a processing and transfer operation with NO "incineration" processes; Reworld has stated that no operations at the facility result in any type of air pollution control requirements.
- 3) Concern about water contamination: We understand the importance of clean water and want to assure you that Reworld will implement all necessary measures to ensure no water contamination occurs.

In order to address potential wastewater challenges, the City has hired KimHEC LLC, a firm based out of St. Louis, MO which specializes in regulating non-domestic discharges. We have contracted with KimHEC to update our legal authority to ensure we can appropriately require that wastewater discharges from the Reworld facility are controlled in a way that does not negatively impact our collection system or wastewater treatment plant. The wastewater discharges from Reworld are considered categorical, meaning that the US Environmental Protection Agency has specific requirements associated with wastewater-generating activities from this facility.

By partnering with KimHEC, the City is going beyond the minimum federal regulatory requirements to bring a new industry into a community. For example, we are contacting the City staff at other communities with similar Reworld operations to gain experiential knowledge of working with these facilities. Additionally, as part of the wastewater permitting process, the City of Park Hills will require that Reworld provide information related to air, hazardous waste, and stormwater permits issued by the Missouri Department of

Natural Resources (MDNR). Coordinating with MDNR in this capacity will ensure appropriate controls are in place if necessary. Through a City-issued permit, hazardous waste will be prohibited from being received or otherwise treated or discharged from the Reworld Park Hills location. Our updated legal authority will prohibit the discharge of what would otherwise be considered hazardous waste into the sewer system.

The City of Park Hills takes the protection and health of the community and our environment seriously. Reworld has committed to operating its facility in a responsible, safe, and environmentally conscious manner. We are doing everything possible to ensure that the addition of Reworld into our community is a positive change. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact the City Administrator at cityadmin@parkhillsmo.net or 573-431-3577.