Attachment 4: Key Elements of the Amended Blue Box Regulation

Regulation Area	Amendments	Impact to the City
Revoked Part III Allocation Table	The amended regulation requires Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs), either individually or in partnership, to provide the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (RPRA) with a plan by July 1, 2022 on how they will comply with both the original and amended regulations, including how Blue Box materials will be collected and processed.	No impact to the transition timeline for the City.
	The original regulation approved in July 2021 required the PROs to work together to create an allocation table that would outline which PROs would be responsible for which municipalities. The table was to then be submitted to the RPRA by July 1, 2022.	
New Provision Newspapers	The amended regulation allows for newspaper producers to be exempt from the costs of collecting and managing newspapers if certain thresholds are met. Newspapers will still be collected and recycled, but the costs will need to be covered by other paper producers.	Anticipate negligible impact to the City as a producer of small amounts of printed paper.
Amended Provision Obligations For Public Spaces	Amended regulation changed the calculation methodology for recycling receptacles in public spaces (e.g., parks, playgrounds, sidewalks, transit stations/stops) post-transition (commencing January 1, 2026).	No impact to the current operations or costs for City during transition in relationship to public spaces.
	Original methodology used both population information and reported weight of blue box materials to determine the number of receptacles. Amended methodology only uses the population information.	Analysis underway to determine if the amended formula reduces the number of receptacles funded by PROs post-transition.