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MEMORANDUM

To: Sheila Rutledge, Chair
Environmental Committee Members

From: Joy Hinz, Environmental & Sustainability Programs Manager

Date: June 23, 2025

Re: Illinois Battery Recycling

The Illinois Battery Stewardship Act ("Act") was signed into law August 9, 2024. The Act requires battery manufacturers to participate in and fund a battery collection and recycling stewardship program. Upon effective date of January 1, 2026, the program includes portable batteries and then expands to include medium-format batteries January 1, 2028. Covered batteries do not include embedded batteries, batteries within medical devices, batteries containing an electrolyte as a free liquid, a lead-acid battery weighting greater than 11 pounds, and batteries subject to other provisions of the Environmental Protection Act. Portable batteries include both "Primary" (those that cannot be recharged) no more than 4.4 pounds and "Rechargeable" up to 11 pounds.

Cal2Recycle has been hired to serve as the Battery stewardship organization and is finalizing its plan to implement the program. The Act has convenience standards and is designed to ensure that that entire State has reasonable access to recycle batteries. As such, the County has facilitated conversations with eWorks, the County's electronics recycler, about collecting at DuPage County locations that are compatible with collection requirements. Staff will provide more information once locations and launch dates are finalized.