



SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 03-115

RELATING TO SOLID WASTE; REVISING FEES AND MAKING
TECHNICAL REVISIONS; AMENDING CHAPTER 7.41 SCC

BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code section 7.41.010, last amended by Ordinance No. 98-129 on November 23, 1998, is amended to read:

7.41.010 Definitions.

As used in this chapter unless context requires another meaning:

- (1) "Bulky waste" means large items of refuse, such as appliances, furniture, and other oversize wastes which would typically not fit into reusable or disposable containers.
- (2) "Clean wood" means dimensional lumber and wood pieces typically resulting from the demolition or construction of buildings, and wood pieces gathered as a by-product or waste from the manufacture of wood products which do not contain laminates or glues, and which have not been painted or treated with stain preservatives.
- (3) "Contract hauler" means any person engaged in the business of solid waste handling under the authority of the Washington utilities transportation commission or under contract with any corporate municipality of the state of Washington.
- (4) "Commercial" means any solid waste brought to a Snohomish county solid waste disposal site for disposal by company, corporation, business, firm, association, sole proprietorship, partnership, municipality, political subdivision, or government entity.
- (5) "Compacted waste" means any solid waste whose volume has been reduced through mechanical means by compression from the original state.
- (6) "Dangerous waste" means any solid waste designated as dangerous waste by the department of ecology under chapter 173-303 WAC.
- (7) "Demolition debris" means solid waste, largely inert waste, resulting from the demolition or razing of buildings, roads and other man-made structures. Demolition waste consists of, but is not limited to, concrete, brick, bituminous concrete, wood and masonry, composition roofing and roofing paper, steel, and minor amounts of other metals like copper. Plaster (i.e., sheetrock or plaster board) or any other material, other

metals like copper. Plaster (i.e., sheetrock or plaster board) or any other material, other than wood, that is likely to produce gases or a leachate during the decomposition process and asbestos wastes are not considered to be demolition waste for the purposes of this regulation.

(8) "Director" means the director of the Snohomish county department of public works or his/her designated representative.

(9) "Disposal site" means the location where any final treatment, utilization, processing, or deposition of solid waste occurs.

(10) "Garbage" means unwanted animal and vegetable wastes and animal and vegetable wastes resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food, swill and carcasses of dead animals, and of such a character and proportion as to be capable of attracting or providing food for vectors, except sewage and sewage sludge.

(11) "Hard-to-handle waste" means any waste material which is difficult to transfer, transport, or dispose of at county disposal sites without special processing including, but not limited to tires, fly ash, sheetrock, shingles, plywood squares, concrete, boulders, and stumps.

(12) "Hazardous waste" means any waste material defined as hazardous pursuant to Federal Public Law 94-580 (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act) or as later amended and regulations thereunder, including explosives, medical wastes, radioactive wastes, pesticides, chemicals, burning materials, and other materials.

(13) "Health officer" means the health officer or his/her representative of the Snohomish health district.

(14) "Household" means all persons who occupy a housing unit (e.g., house or apartment), whether they are related to each other or not.

(15) "Income" means total gross income of people living in a household. This includes all income received from wages, interest from savings and bonds, annuities, dividends, social security, supplemental social security, retirements benefits, social security disability income, veterans benefits, Labor and Industry benefits, federal and state welfare benefits, IRA withdrawals, capital gains, income from rental property or boarders, and all other sources of income.

~~((14))~~ (16) "Liquid" means a substance that flows readily and assumes the form of its container but retains its independent volume.

~~((15))~~ (17) "Moderate Risk Waste" means:

(a) hazardous waste that is generated in smaller quantities than those regulated by the department of Ecology under the Dangerous Waste Regulations (Chapter 173-303 WAC) less than 2.2 pounds (1 kg.) of extremely hazardous waste per month, and below 220 pounds (100 kg.) of dangerous waste per month, and/or;

(b) any household-generated hazardous waste, such as paints, solvents, thinners, pesticides, corrosives, cleaners, auto maintenance products and cosmetics.

~~((16))~~ (18) "Person" means any individual, firm, association, partnership, political subdivision, government agency, municipality, industry, public or private corporation or any other entity.

(19) "Salvaging" is a recovery process in which there is hand and/or mechanical segregation of solid waste to recover materials for sale and/or reuse and is done in a controlled and organized manner.

(20) "Scavenging" means the removal of materials at a disposal site, or interim solid waste handling site, without the approval of the owner or operator and the jurisdictional health department.

~~((17))~~ (21) "Senior citizen" means any permanent resident of Snohomish county who is 60 years of age or older.

~~((18))~~ (22) "Small quantity generator" means a business which generates less than 220 pounds of hazardous waste or 2.2 pounds of extremely hazardous waste per month and does not accumulate more than 2,200 pounds of hazardous waste.

~~((19))~~ (23) "Solid waste" means all putrescible and nonputrescible solid and semisolid wastes, including but not limited to garbage, rubbish, ashes, industrial wastes, swill, demolition and construction wastes, abandoned vehicles or parts thereof, and discarded commodities. This includes all liquid, solid and semisolid materials which are not the primary products of public, private, industrial, commercial, mining and agricultural operations. Solid waste includes but is not limited to sludge from wastewater treatment plants and septage, from septic tanks, wood waste, dangerous waste, and problem wastes.

~~((20))~~ (24) "Uncompacted waste" means any solid waste in a loose condition, not compressed by mechanical means.

~~((21))~~ (25) "Wood waste" means solid waste consisting of wood pieces or particles generated as a by-product or waste from the manufacturing of wood products, handling and storage of raw materials and trees and stumps. This includes but is not limited to sawdust, chips, shavings, bark, pulp, hog fuel, and log sort yard waste, but does not include wood pieces or particles containing chemical preservatives such as creosote, pentachlorophenol, or copper-chrome-arsenate.

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~~((24))~~ (26) "Yard waste" means plant material (leaves, grass clippings, branches, brush, flowers, roots, etc.); organic debris commonly thrown away in the course of maintaining yards and gardens, including sod; and other biodegradable material approved by the director. It excludes food waste, plastics and synthetic fibers, lumber, any wood or tree limbs over six inches in diameter or 10 feet long, and soil contaminated with hazardous waste.

Section 2. Snohomish County Code section 7.41.020, last amended by Ordinance No. 02-044 on October 30, 2002, is amended to read:

7.41.020 Solid waste disposal fee schedule.

(1) All persons using county-operated solid waste disposal sites shall pay the service fees set forth in this chapter. Listed fees are subject to applicable taxes.

(2) ~~((Services))~~ Service fees for solid waste disposal shall be based upon measured weights whenever possible. In the absence of weight information, service fees shall be based upon the cubic yard. ~~((-except that all passenger cars))~~ All vehicles shall be charged ((a flat rate)) at least a minimum fee regardless of weight or volume.

(3) In the absence of exact measurements of weight or quantity, the estimate of the director shall be final and binding on the user.

(4) Service fees for materials determined by the director to be bulky or hard-to-handle wastes or other wastes not on the accepted list but which have already been deposited, shall be based upon the schedules in SCC 7.41.020(6).

(5) Service fees do not apply to specific source separated recyclable materials accepted by county-operated solid waste disposal sites for recycling, except for those materials for which specific fees have been designated in SCC 7.41.020.

(6) Service fees for urban and rural transfer stations and drop boxes for the disposal of mixed solid waste shall be as follows:

~~((- (a) Passenger cars \$14.58))~~

~~((b))~~ (a) Fees based on weight for all vehicles - \$89.00 per ton/~~(\$14.58)~~
\$16.41 min. fee

~~((c))~~ (b) ~~((Pickups, station wagons, vans, etc.))~~ Fees based on cubic yards for
all vehicles - ~~(\$16.17)~~\$16.41 per cubic yd./~~(\$16.17)~~\$16.41 min. fee

~~((d))~~ (c) Commercial compacted - \$27.03 per cubic yd.

~~((e))~~ (d) Hard-to-handle - \$200.00 per ton

(7) Service fees for separated yard debris shall be the same as those listed in subsection (6).

~~((8))~~ Service fees for disposal of clean wood, except Christmas trees between December 26 and March 31, at those county facilities which have designated containers for clean wood collection shall be as follows:

~~(a)~~ Passenger cars - \$13.00

~~(b)~~ Fees based on weight - \$79.00 per ton/\$13.00 min. fee

~~(c)~~ Pickups, station wagons, vans, etc. - \$14.25 per cu. yd./\$14.25 min. fee))

~~((9))~~ (8) Service fees for disposal of Christmas trees between December 26 and March 31 shall be \$5.00 per tree. Regular service fees shall apply at all other times.

~~((10))~~ (9) Service fees for disposal of vector wastes at the Vector Waste Decant Facility at the Cathcart Landfill shall be as follows:

(a) A flat fee of \$31.11 per trip shall be the minimum fee.

(b) In addition to the flat fee, a fee of \$56.50 per ton of solid material.

(c) All users of the Vector Decant Facility will establish a credit account with the Solid waste Management Division in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.41.030. No cash will be accepted at this facility.

(d) After six months of operation and at six month intervals thereafter, and after review of revenue and expenditure data, the County Executive may, after notifying the County Council, increase or decrease either the flat fee or the per ton fee for vector waste in order to ensure sufficient revenue is generated to operate the vector waste decant facility at the lowest possible cost to the user.

~~((11))~~ (10) Service fees for the disposal of hazardous waste at the Fixed Moderate Risk Waste Facility by small quantity generators shall be based on the actual

disposal cost to the County of the materials offered for disposal plus a \$1.50 per gallon or \$.20 per pound surcharge for handling and processing. Uncontaminated motor oil and antifreeze will be accepted for recycling for a fee of \$25 and \$60 respectively per 55 gallon drum. Non-halogenated flammable liquids and oil base paint, bulked in 55 gallon drums, will be accepted for disposal for a fee of \$114 and \$173 respectively. There is no service fee for the disposal of household generated hazardous waste at this facility.

~~((42))~~ (11) Service fees for recycling of computer monitors and televisions containing cathode ray tubes (CRT's) and for other electronic consumer products will be set so as to recover the recycling costs to the County.

Section 3. Snohomish County Code section 7.41.040, last amended by Ordinance No. 95-022 on June 7, 1995, is amended to read:

7.41.040 Special fee provisions - Senior citizens.

(1) Any senior citizen (60 or older) who is a resident of Snohomish county and whose previous year's gross annual household income does not exceed 150%, or 200% for households with disabled seniors, of the federally established poverty guidelines published annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, may make application for a senior citizen solid waste disposal fee card on forms established by the director.

(2) ~~((Any such))~~ An application shall be accompanied by proof of age, ~~((and))~~ residency, and a certification in the following form:

I, _____, certify under penalty of perjury that I and my spouse (if any) had a gross combined annual income of less than \$12,700.00 per year during the preceding calendar year.

(Applicant)

~~Documents~~ household income, and disability if applicable. Documentation acceptable to establish proof of age and residency ~~((include))~~ includes, but ~~((are))~~ is not limited to, a valid Washington state driver's license, a Snohomish county real property tax statement, a voter registration card, or a property tax receipt. Documentation acceptable for income verification includes federal tax returns, an annual Social Security income statement, or other documentation approved by the director or his/her designee. Documents acceptable for proof of disability include certification of an applicant's condition in writing on official letterhead by the agency or doctor who declared the disability, a copy of applicant's Permanent Disability Parking Permit and applicant's identification card issued by the Washington State Department of Licensing, or other documentation approved by the director or his/her designee.

(3) Upon approval of the application, the senior citizen shall receive a senior citizen solid waste disposal fee card. The card shall be non-transferable and its use shall be restricted to those named on the card for individual use. Each card shall be valid for a calendar year and applications may be reviewed annually to determine continued program eligibility.

(4) The card shall authorize 20 uses in any calendar year or remainder thereof and shall allow senior citizens holding a valid card to use any solid waste disposal site in accordance with operating rules developed by the director. The card shall be restricted to a per use volume of up to four covered containers not exceeding 30 gallons each or the equivalent thereof at a per use cost of \$2.00.

(5) At any time, the director or his/her designee may require proof of identity for any individual using a card. Any use of a card by an unauthorized individual or for waste other than that generated by the holder shall be sufficient cause for revocation and any card so used may be immediately seized by the director.

PASSED this 3rd day of September 2003.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
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