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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

ORDINANCE NO. 05 - 135

RELATING TO SOLID WASTE OPERATING
AND DISPOSAL FEES, REVISING FEES AND BOND AMOUNTS, ADDING
CIVIL PENALTIES AND AMENDING CHAPTER 7.41 SCC

BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 7.41.020, last amended by Ordinance No. 03-128 on October 29, 2003, 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. The director shall, at the time of payment, round the total service fees and taxes owing up to the nearest whole dollar when any fraction of a dollar owing is \$.50 or greater, and round the total service fees and taxes owing down to the nearest whole dollar when any fraction of a dollar owing is less than \$.50.

(2) 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. All vehicles shall be charged 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) Fees based on weight for all vehicles - \$89.00 per ton/\$16.41 min. fee

(b) Fees based on cubic yards for all vehicles - \$16.17 per cubic yd./\$16.41 min. fee

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

(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 Christmas trees between December 26 and March 31 shall be \$5.00 per tree. Regular service fees shall apply at all other times.

(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.

(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.

(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 2. Snohomish County Code Section 7.41.030, last amended by Ordinance No. 95-022, § 1, on June 7, 1995, is amended to read:

7.41.030 Special fee provisions – credit billing

(1) All service fees shall be collected in cash by site attendants at the time of use; PROVIDED, That the director may authorize credit billing.

(a) Authorization for credit billing may be granted only upon a written request in advance for such service.

(b) All invoiced fees shall be due and payable to the Snohomish county treasurer within 20 days of the invoice date. Payment shall be mailed to the Snohomish County Department of Finance, Mail Stop 610, Everett, Washington 98201. Interest shall be charged at the maximum rate allowed by state law on past due balances. A service fee of \$10.00 per month may be charged accounts that have past due balances.

(c) The director may suspend use privileges for a credit customer who fails to pay within 20 days of billing.

(d) Except for not-for-profit charitable organizations eligible for those grants described in chapter 7.37 SCC, no authorization for credit billing shall be granted without the posting of an irrevocable payment bond secured in the name of Snohomish county by the person for whom credit billing is requested. The amount of such bond shall be equal to the greater of three times the estimated average monthly usage charge or \$3,500.00. The amount of such bond may be changed by giving 30 days' notice by the director to reflect actual usage.

(2) Service fees for split or chipped tires at facilities without scales shall be based upon the cubic yard and shall be the same as those specified for commercial compacted wastes. At facilities with scales, the service fees based on weight for split or chipped tires shall be the same as those for commercial compacted wastes.

(3) Service fees for whole tires shall be triple the fees specified for commercial compacted wastes.

(4) Service fees for bulky and hard-to-handle wastes, where the facility is large enough to accept them, shall be based upon the cubic yard or fraction thereof, and shall be the same as the fees specified for commercial compacted wastes, provided there shall be a minimum fee of \$40.00 for all bulky and hard-to-handle wastes. At facilities with scales,

the service fees for bulky and hard-to-handle wastes shall be \$200.00 per ton, with a minimum fee of \$40.00.

Section 3. Snohomish County Code Section 7.41.060, adopted by Ordinance No. 90-022 on May 14, 1990, is amended to read:

7.41.060 Violations.

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to enter into any county solid waste disposal site, without authority of the director, during non-operating hours.

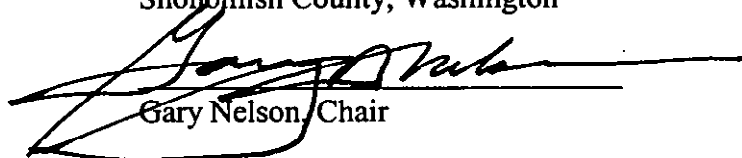
(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to dispose of solid waste within a county solid waste facility without paying the applicable fees as established by this chapter.

(3) Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction, shall be punished as provided in SCC 1.01.100.

(4) In addition to, or as an alternative to, any other penalty provided herein or by law, any person who violates this chapter shall incur a civil penalty as provided in chapter 7.35 SCC.

PASSED this 30th day of November, 2005.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
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Gary Nelson, Chair

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Clerk of the Council

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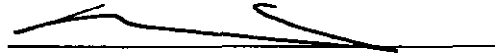
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