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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

ORDINANCE NO. 08 - 125

RELATING TO SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FEES, AMENDING
CHAPTERS 7.35 AND 7.41 SCC

Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 7.35.040, last amended by Ordinance No. 92-055, on May 27, 1992 is amended to read:

7.35.040 Operation of solid waste disposal sites by county.

The Snohomish county public works department shall be the operating authority for all solid waste disposal sites owned or operated by Snohomish county. The director of the public works department shall prepare operating rules for such solid waste disposal sites, which rules shall govern days and hours of operation, ~~((disposal fees charged and))~~ the solid waste service fee schedule, and acceptable solid waste products. The county reserves the right to provide in said operating rules that certain solid wastes, such as special wastes, wood waste, or wastes based on source, type, or volume, shall not be accepted, or only conditionally accepted, at sites owned or operated by the county. The public works department may designate different disposal sites for different types of wastes, for different types of vehicles, for customers authorized or not authorized by the director for credit billing, and/or for customers who do or do not hold valid utilities and transportation commission certificate permits. In making such designations the department, upon adoption of appropriate standards, may exempt charitable organizations, state subdivisions, or other classes of users which would suffer undue hardship without an exemption. The operating rules for such sites shall be consistent with this chapter and with regulations promulgated by the board of health. Operating rules prepared by the director shall comply with all interlocal agreements entered into by the county. Where practicable, the operating rules shall be prepared in consultation with the solid waste advisory committee and with those cities or towns containing solid waste transfer facilities affected by the operating rules. Rules establishing ~~((disposal fees))~~ the solid waste service fee schedule will be effective ~~((only upon adoption by the))~~ when approved by motion of the county council.

Section 2. Snohomish County Code Section 7.41.010, last amended by Ordinance No. 03-115, on September 3, 2003, is amended to read:

7.41.010 Definitions.

As used in this chapter unless context requires another meaning:

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2 (1) "Bulky waste" means large items of refuse, such as appliances, furniture, and other
3 oversize wastes which would typically not fit into reusable or disposable containers.
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5 (2) "Clean wood" means dimensional lumber and wood pieces typically resulting from
6 the demolition or construction of buildings, and wood pieces gathered as a by-product or waste
7 from the manufacture of wood products which do not contain laminates or glues, and which have
8 not been painted or treated with stain preservatives.
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10 (3) "Contract hauler" means any person engaged in the business of solid waste handling
11 under the authority of the Washington utilities transportation commission or under contract with
12 any corporate municipality of the state of Washington.
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14 (4) "Commercial" means any solid waste brought to a Snohomish county solid waste
15 disposal site for disposal by company, corporation, business, firm, association, sole
16 proprietorship, partnership, municipality, political subdivision, or government entity.
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18 (5) "Compacted waste" means any solid waste whose volume has been reduced through
19 mechanical means by compression from the original state.
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21 (6) "Dangerous waste" means any solid waste designated as dangerous waste by the
22 department of ecology under chapter 173-303 WAC.
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24 (7) "Demolition debris" means solid waste, largely inert waste, resulting from the
25 demolition or razing of buildings, roads and other man-made structures. Demolition waste
26 consists of, but is not limited to, concrete, brick, bituminous concrete, wood and masonry,
27 composition roofing and roofing paper, steel, and minor amounts of other metals like copper.
28 Plaster (i.e., sheetrock or plasterboard) or any other material, other than wood, that is likely to
29 produce gases or a leachate during the decomposition process and asbestos wastes are not
30 considered to be demolition waste for the purpose of this regulation.
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32 (8) "Director" means the director of the Snohomish county department of public works
33 or his/her designated representative.
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35 (9) "Disposal site" means the location where any final treatment, utilization, processing,
36 or deposition of solid waste occurs.
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38 (10) (~~"Garbage" means unwanted animal and vegetable wastes and animal and~~
39 ~~vegetable wastes resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food,~~
40 ~~swill and carcasses of dead animals, and of such a character and proportion as to be capable of~~
41 ~~attracting or providing food for vectors, except sewage and sewage sludge.)) "Green waste"
42 means yard waste which includes, but is not limited to, leaves, grass clippings, branches, brush,
43 flowers, roots, sod and other organic debris commonly thrown away in the course of maintaining
44 yards and gardens, and other biodegradable material approved by the director. It excludes~~

1 plastics and synthetic fibers, lumber, any wood or tree limbs over 6 inches in diameter or 10 feet
2 long, and petroleum contaminated soil.

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

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

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

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

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

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26 (16) "Infectious Waste" means untreated solid waste that may create a significant risk of
27 disease. This includes, but is not limited to, human blood and blood products, cultures and stocks
28 containing wastes infectious to humans, human waste source biopsy material, tissues and
29 anatomical parts from surgery, obstetrical procedures and autopsy, and "sharps waste" such as
30 needles, scalpel blades, and lancets.

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32 ~~((16))~~ (17) "Liquid" means ~~((a substance that flows readily and assumes the form of its~~
33 ~~container but retains its independent volume.))~~ any waste material that is determined to contain
34 "free liquids" as defined by method 9095 (paint filter liquids test) as described in "Test Methods
35 for Evaluating Solid Wastes, Physical/Chemical Methods", United States Environmental
36 Protection Agency Publication SW-846.

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38 ~~((17))~~(18) "Moderate Risk Waste" means:

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

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

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1 ~~((18))~~(19) "Person" means any individual, firm, association, partnership, political
2 subdivision, government agency, municipality, industry, public or private corporation or any
3 other entity.
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5 ~~((19))~~(20) "Salvaging" is a recovery process in which there is hand and/or mechanical
6 segregation of solid waste to recover materials for sale and/or reuse and is done in a controlled
7 and organized manner.
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9 ~~((20))~~(21) "Scavenging" means the removal of materials at a disposal site, or interim
10 solid waste handling site, without the approval of the owner or operator and the jurisdictional
11 health department.
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13 ~~((21))~~(22) "Senior citizen" means any permanent resident of Snohomish county who is
14 60 years of age or older.
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16 ~~((22))~~(23) "Small quantity generator" means a business which generates less than 220
17 ponds of hazardous waste or 2.2 pounds of extremely hazardous waste per month and does not
18 accumulate more than 2,200 pounds of hazardous waste.
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20 ~~((23))~~(24) "Solid waste" means all putrescible and nonputrescible solid and semisolid
21 wastes, including but not limited to garbage, rubbish, ashes, industrial wastes, swill, demolition
22 and construction wastes, abandoned vehicles or parts thereof, and discarded commodities. This
23 includes all ~~((liquid,))~~ solid and semisolid, materials which are not the primary products of
24 public, private, industrial, commercial, mining and agricultural operations. Solid waste includes
25 but is not limited to sludge from wastewater treatment plants and septage, from septic tanks,
26 wood waste, dangerous waste, and problem wastes.
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28 ~~((24) "Uncompacted waste" means any solid waste in a loose condition, not
29 compressed by mechanical means.))~~
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31 (25) "Source separated recyclable" means solid waste which has been segregated into
32 different types of usable solid waste from a source such as a household or business which can
33 then be processed into marketable materials for sale and/or reuse.
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35 (26) "Vactor wastes/street wastes" include liquid and solid wastes collected during
36 maintenance of stormwater catch basins, detention/retention ponds, and roadside ditches and
37 similar stormwater treatments and conveyance structures and solid wastes collected during street
38 and parking lot sweeping.
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40 ~~((25))~~(27) "Wood waste" means solid waste consisting of wood pieces or particles
41 generated as a by-product or waste from the manufacturing of wood products, handling and
42 storage of raw materials and trees and stumps. This includes but is not limited to sawdust, chips,
43 shavings, bark, pulp, hog fuel, and log sort yard waste, but does not include wood pieces or
44 particles containing chemical preservatives such as creosote, pentachlorophenol, or copper-
45 chrome-arsenate.

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2 ~~(((26) "Yard waste" means plant material (leaves, grass clippings, branches, brush,~~
3 ~~flowers, roots, etc.); organic debris commonly thrown away in the course of maintaining yards~~
4 ~~and gardens, including sod; and other biodegradable material approved by the director. It~~
5 ~~excludes food waste, plastics and synthetic fibers, lumber, any wood or tree limbs over six inches~~
6 ~~in diameter or 10 feet long, and soil contaminated with hazardous waste.))~~
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8 Section 3. Snohomish County Code Section 7.41.020, last amended by
9 Ordinance No. 05-135 on November 30, 2005, is amended to read:

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11 **7.41.020 Solid waste ~~((disposal))~~ service fee schedule**
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13 (1) All persons using county-operated solid waste disposal sites shall pay the service fees
14 set forth in ~~((this chapter))~~ the solid waste service fee schedule. The solid waste service fee
15 schedule will be based on full cost recovery standards. Listed fees are subject to applicable
16 taxes. The director shall, at the time of payment, round the total service fees and taxes owing up
17 to the nearest whole dollar when any fraction of a dollar owing is \$.50 or greater, and round the
18 total service fees and taxes owing down to the nearest whole dollar when any fraction of a dollar
19 owing is less than \$.50.
20

21 (2) Service fees for solid waste disposal shall be based upon measured weights whenever
22 possible. In the absence of weight information, service fees for solid waste disposal shall be
23 based upon the cubic yard or as otherwise defined in the solid waste service fee schedule. All
24 vehicles shall be charged at least a minimum transaction fee regardless of weight or volume, as
25 established in the solid waste service fee schedule.
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27 (3) In the absence of exact measurements of weight or quantity, the estimate as adopted
28 by rules established by the director shall be final and binding on the user.
29

30 ~~(4) ((Service fees for materials determined by the director to be bulky or hard to handle~~
31 ~~wastes or other wastes not on the accepted list but which have already been deposited, shall be~~
32 ~~based upon the schedule in SCC 7.41.020(6)).~~
33

34 ~~(5))~~ Service fees do not apply to specific source separated recyclable materials accepted
35 by county-operated solid waste disposal sites for recycling, except for those materials for which
36 specific fees have been designated ~~((in SCC 7.41.020))~~ in the established solid waste service fee
37 schedule.
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39 ~~(((6) Service fees for urban and rural transfer stations and drop boxes for the disposal of~~
40 ~~mixed solid waste shall be as follows:~~
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- 42 ~~(a) Fees based on weight for all vehicles — \$89.00 per ton/\$16.41 min. fee~~
43 ~~(b) Fees based on cubic yards for all vehicles — \$16.17 per cubic yd./a6.41 min.~~
44 ~~fee~~
45 ~~(c) Commercial compacted — \$27.03 per cubic yd.~~

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1 (d) ~~Hard to handle—\$200.00 per ton~~

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3 ~~(7) Service fees for separated yard debris shall be the same as those listed in subsection~~
4 ~~(6).~~

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

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9 ~~(9) Service fees for disposal of vactor wastes at the Vactor Waste Decant Facility at the~~
10 ~~Catheart Landfill shall be as follows:~~

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

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

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

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

22
23 ~~(10) Service fees for the disposal of hazardous waste at the Fixed Moderate Risk Waste~~
24 ~~Facility by small quantity generators shall be based on the actual disposal cost to the County of~~
25 ~~the materials offered for disposal plus a \$1.50 per gallon or \$.20 per pound surcharge for~~
26 ~~handling and processing. Uncontaminated motor oil and antifreeze will be accepted for recycling~~
27 ~~for a fee of \$25 and \$60 respectively per 55-gallon drum. Non-halogenated flammable liquids~~
28 ~~and oil base paint, bulked in 55-gallon drums, will be accepted for disposal for a fee of \$114 and~~
29 ~~\$173 respectively. There is no service fee for the disposal of household-generated hazardous~~
30 ~~waste at this facility.~~

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

35
36 (5) All users of the vactor decant facility will establish a credit account with the solid
37 waste management division in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.41.030. Cash will not
38 be accepted at this facility.

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40 (6) There is no service fee for the disposal of household generated hazardous waste from
41 Snohomish county residents.

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43 (7) Service fees for certified scale weights will be as established in the solid waste
44 service fee schedule.

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1 Section 4. Snohomish County Code Section 7.41.030, last amended by
2 Ordinance No. 05-135 on November 30, 2005, is amended to read:

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4 **7.41.030 Special fee provisions - Credit billing.**

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

8 ~~(((a)))~~(2) Authorization for credit billing may be granted only upon a written request in
9 advance for such service.

10 ~~(((b)))~~(3) All invoiced fees shall be due and payable to the Snohomish county treasurer
11 within 20 days of the invoice date. Payment shall be mailed to the Snohomish County
12 Department of Finance, Mail Stop 610, Everett, Washington 98201. Interest shall be charged at
13 the maximum rate allowed by state law on past due balances. ~~((A service fee of \$10.00 per
14 month may be charged accounts that have past due balances.))~~

15 ~~(((e)))~~(4) The director may suspend use privileges for a credit customer who fails to pay
16 within 20 days of billing.

17 ~~(((d)))~~(5) Except for not-for-profit charitable organizations ~~((eligible for those grants
18 described in chapter 7.37 SCC)), governmental agencies, and contract haulers,~~ no authorization
19 for credit billing shall be granted without the posting of a ~~((irrevocable payment bond))~~ surety
20 bond or cash deposit secured in the name of Snohomish county by the person for whom credit
21 billing is requested. The amount of such surety bond or cash deposit shall be equal to the greater
22 of three times the estimated average monthly usage charge or \$3,500.00. The amount of such
23 surety bond or cash deposit may be changed by ~~((giving))~~ the director upon 30 days' written
24 notice ~~((by the director))~~ to reflect actual usage. The director may request not-for-profit
25 charitable organizations to provide the following documentation:

26 (a) Proof that the Internal Revenue Service recognizes the organization as one
27 which is nonprofit and charitable;

28 (b) Current articles of incorporation filed with the Washington secretary of state.
29

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

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

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38 ~~(4) Service fees for bulky and hard to handle wastes, where the facility is large enough
39 to accept them, shall be based upon the cubic yard or fraction thereof, and shall be the same as
40 the fees specified for commercial compacted wastes, provided there shall be a minimum fee of
41 \$40.00 for all bulky and hard to handle wastes. At facilities with scales, the service fees for
42 bulky and hard to handle wastes shall be \$200.00 per ton, with a minimum fee of \$40.00.)~~
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1 Section 5. Snohomish County Code Section 7.41.040, last amended by
2 Ordinance No. 03-115 on September 3, 2003, is amended to read:

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4 **7.41.040 Special fee provisions - Senior citizens.**

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

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12 (2) An application shall be accompanied by proof of age, residency, ~~((and))~~ household
13 income, and disability if applicable. Documentation acceptable to establish proof of age ~~((and~~
14 ~~residency))~~ includes ~~((, but is not limited to,))~~ a valid Washington state drivers license, a valid
15 Washington state identification card, a birth certificate, or a passport. Documentation acceptable
16 to establish residency includes a Snohomish county real property tax statement, ~~((a voter~~
17 ~~registration card or,))~~ a property tax receipt, or a current utility bill with service address.
18 Documentation acceptable for income verification includes federal tax returns, an annual Social
19 Security income statement, or other documentation approved by the director or his/her designee.
20 Documents acceptable for proof of disability include; certification of an applicant's condition in
21 writing on official letterhead by the agency or doctor who declared the disability, ~~((a copy of~~
22 ~~applicant's Permanent Disability Parking Permit and))~~, applicant's disability parking permit
23 identification card issued by the Washington State Department of Licensing, or other
24 documentation approved by the director or his/her designee.

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

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31 (4) The card shall authorize 20 uses in any calendar year or remainder thereof and shall
32 allow senior citizens holding a valid card to use any solid waste disposal site in accordance with
33 operating rules developed by the director. The card shall be restricted to a per use volume of up
34 to four covered containers not exceeding ~~((30))~~ 32 gallons each or the equivalent thereof at a per
35 use cost of \$2.00.

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

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42 Section 6. Snohomish County Code Section 7.41.050, last amended by
43 Ordinance No. 05-009 on March 30, 2005, is amended to read:

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45 **7.41.050 Types of wastes that are unacceptable.**

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2 (1) No more than five whole or split tires shall be accepted per load ((-)), unless prior
3 arrangements have been made with the director.

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5 (2) Any load of waste deemed to be dangerous or potentially dangerous by the director
6 or the health officer shall not be accepted at any disposal site without prior approval of the health
7 officer and the director.

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9 (3) Septic tank pumpings, sludges and liquid waste shall not be accepted at any solid
10 waste disposal site except in emergency circumstances and with the prior approval of the health
11 officer and the director.

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13 (4) Loads greater than five cubic yards shall not be accepted at drop box facilities
14 without the prior approval of the director.

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16 (5) Hazardous waste disposal at county solid waste facilities shall be limited to those
17 wastes, facilities, or specific portions of facilities so designated by the director.

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19 (6) Infectious wastes are not acceptable at any solid waste disposal sites.


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21 (7) Pharmaceutical wastes including expired, unused or contaminated drugs and vaccines
22 are not acceptable at any solid waste disposal sites.

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24 (8) Animal carcasses are not acceptable at any solid waste disposal sites.

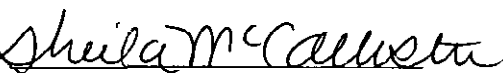
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26 Section 7. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2009.

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29 PASSED this 10th day of NOV, 2008.

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31 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
32 Snohomish County, Washington

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35 Chairperson

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37 ATTEST:

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40 Clerk of the Council, *asst.*

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8 DATE: 11/21/08
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12 ~~for County Executive~~

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14 ATTEST:
15 Cora E. Palmer
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18 MARK SOINE
19 Deputy Executive
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21 Approved as to form only:
[Signature]
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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