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COUNTY COUNCIL
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE NO. 90-022



OPERATING RULES AND DISPOSAL FEES
FOR SNOHOMISH COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SITES

WHEREAS, the public should know the operating rules of the Solid Waste Management Division of the Department of Public Works and,

WHEREAS, the fees charged for the operation of the Solid Waste Management Division need to be changed to reflect the operating costs of the division,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code, Chapter 7.41 last amended by Ordinance 81-058 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. The following chapter is hereby enacted as part of the Snohomish County Code:

Chapter 7.41

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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) CONTRACT HAULER means any person engaged in the business of solid waste handling under the authority of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission or under contract with any corporate municipality of the State of Washington.

(3) **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.

(4) **COMPACTED WASTE** means any solid waste whose volume has been reduced through mechanical means by compression from the original state.

(5) **DANGEROUS WASTE** means any solid waste designated as dangerous waste by the Department of Ecology under chapter 173-303 WAC.

(6) **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 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.

(7) **DIRECTOR** means the Director of the Snohomish County Department of Public Works or his/her designated representative.

(8) **DISPOSAL SITE** means the location where any final treatment, utilization, processing, or deposition of solid waste occurs.

(9) **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.

(10) **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.

(11) **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.

(12) **HEALTH OFFICER** means the Health Officer or his/her representative of the Snohomish Health District.

(13) **LIQUID** means a substance that flows readily and assumes the form of its container but retains its independent volume.

(14) **PERSON** means any individual, firm, association, partnership, political subdivision, government agency, municipality, industry, public or private corporation or any other entity.

(15) SENIOR CITIZEN means any permanent resident of Snohomish County who is 60 years of age or older.

(16) 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.

(17) UNCOMPACTED WASTE means any solid waste in a loose condition, not compressed by mechanical means.

(18) 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.

(19) 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.

(20) 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.

(21) 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 ten feet long, and soil contaminated with hazardous waste.

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.

(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; except that all passenger cars shall be charged \$10.04 for those who satisfactorily demonstrate that they participate in recycling programs, or \$11.71 for those who do not so demonstrate that they participate in recycling programs.

(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) For customers who do not satisfactorily demonstrate that they are participating in recycling programs, and waste from areas which do not have recycling programs which meet County goals, service fees for urban and rural transfer stations and drop boxes shall be as follows:

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| a. Passenger cars | \$11.71 |
| b. Fees based on weight | \$72.65 per ton/11.95 min. fee |
| c. Pickups, station wagons, vans, etc. | \$13.00 per cu. yd./\$12.91 min. fee |
| d. Commercial compacted | \$22.00 per cubic yard/\$21.75 min. fee |

(5) For customers who do satisfactorily demonstrate that they are participating in recycling programs, and waste from areas which have recycling programs which meet County goals, service fees for urban and rural transfer stations and drop boxes shall be as follows:

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| a. Passenger cars | \$10.04 |
| b. Fees based on weight | \$62.65 per ton/10.28 min. fee |
| c. Pickups, station wagons, vans, etc. | \$11.50 per cu. yd./\$11.23 min. fee |
| d. Commercial compacted | \$19.00 per cubic yard/\$18.88 min. fee |

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 twenty (20) days of the invoice date. Payment shall be mailed to the Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Management Division, 1st Floor Administrative Annex, Everett, WA 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 will be charged accounts that have past due balances.

(c) A minimum monthly fee of \$20.00 shall be charged to all credit customers, with the exception of all governmental agencies.

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

(e) 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 three times the estimated average monthly usage charge. The amount of such bond may be changed by giving thirty 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.

7.41.040 Special Fee Provisions - Senior Citizens.

(1) Any senior citizen may make application for a senior citizen solid waste disposal fee card on forms established by the Director.

(2) Any such 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 or that I and my spouse (if any) suffer from a significant physical infirmity.

(Applicant)

Documents acceptable to establish proof of age and residency include, but are not limited to, a valid Washington State drivers license, a Snohomish County real property tax statement, a voter registration card, or a property tax receipt.

(3) Each application shall state whether the applicant only or the applicant and his/her spouse may utilize the card.

(4) Upon approval of the application, the senior citizen shall receive a senior citizen solid waste disposal fee card. The card shall authorize twenty uses in any calendar year or remainder thereof and shall allow senior citizens holding a valid card to utilize any solid waste disposal site at \$2.00 per use, effective January 1, 1991.

(5) The card shall be non-transferable and its use shall be restricted to those named on the card for individual use. The card shall also be restricted to a per use volume of four covered containers not exceeding 30 gallons each or the equivalent thereof.

(6) Each card shall be valid for a calendar year and may be renewed annually.

(7) At any time, the Director or his/her designee may require proof of identity for any individual using a card.

(8) 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.

7.41.050 Types of Wastes That Are Acceptable and Unacceptable.

(1) Demolition debris shall not be accepted at any of Snohomish County's landfill sites delivered in vehicles licensed over 8,000 lbs. Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW). Dirt, rocks, or other dense material shall not be accepted at any transfer station.

(2) Whole and split tires in loads of 5 or more shall be accepted only at the Landfill and the Transfer Stations.

(3) Stumpage and land clearing debris shall not be accepted at any disposal site delivered in vehicles licensed over 8,000 lbs. GVW.

(4) Any load of waste deemed to be dangerous or potentially dangerous by the Director or the Health Officer shall not be disposed of at any disposal site without prior approval of the Health Officer and the Director.

(5) Septic tank pumpings, sludges, and liquid wastes shall not be accepted at any disposal site except in emergency circumstances and with the approval of the health jurisdiction and the Director.

(6) Wood waste shall not be accepted at any disposal site except in emergency circumstances and with the approval of the health jurisdiction and the Director.

(7) Commercial, contract haulers and/or compacted waste loads greater than 5 tons or 5 cubic yards shall not be accepted at drop box facilities without the prior approval of the Director.

(8) Hazardous wastes shall not be disposed of in Snohomish County without prior approval of the Health Officer, the Department of Ecology, and the Snohomish County Council.

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 section SCC 1.01.100.

7.41.070 Unlawful to Scavenge.

(1) Scavenging by any persons at any Snohomish County solid waste disposal site is forbidden. Any violation of this provision shall be considered a violation of RCW 36.58.020 and any persons found guilty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(2) Salvaging at any Snohomish County solid waste disposal site shall be allowed only when the person conducting such operation has, by formal contractual agreement, received permission from the Director.

7.41.080 Severability.


If any provision of this chapter or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of these rules or the application of the provisions to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

7.41.090 Effective Date.

This chapter shall take effect and be in force and effect from and after August 1, 1990.

PASSED THIS 14th day of May, 1990.

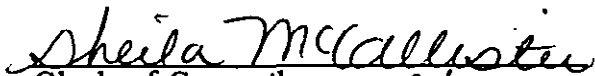
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