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ORDINANCE NO. 90-199

AMENDING SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 7.42  
RELATING TO SOLID WASTE RECYCLING

BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 7.42.010 last amended by Ordinance No. 90-067 on May 14, 1990, is amended to read:

7.42.010 Purpose. The purpose of this subsection is to define levels of single-family and multi-family residential recycling services which shall be provided to all households in areas serviced by ~~((WUTC certified waste haulers))~~ solid waste collection companies operating in unincorporated portions of Snohomish County.

Section 2. Snohomish County Code Section 7.42.020, adopted by Ordinance 89-114 on September 27, 1989 is amended to read:

7.42.020 Definitions. For the purposes of this chapter, unless the context indicates otherwise:

(1) "Single family residences" means those residential dwellings containing four or less dwelling units.

(2) "Multi-family residences" means those residential dwellings containing five or more dwelling units, including mobile home parks.

~~{2}(3)"Urban/suburban service zone" means those areas of the county ((designated as 200, or more, population per square mile or 76 households per square mile, as defined by the 1989 population estimates by section as determined by the Snohomish County Planning Division. The Planning Division will revise its determination as population changes but not more than annually.))~~ that have been officially so designated by motion of the County Council through approval of The Urban/suburban Service Zone map. The criteria used to determine the boundary of the urban/suburban service zone shall be population density and distribution, and serviceability factors, with particular attention being paid to the following:

(a) whether the area is contained within a U.S. Census Bureau designated urbanized area for the most recent census;

(b) whether the area is within an incorporated city having a population greater than 4,000 persons as registered by the Snohomish County Planning Department;

(c) whether the area is adjacent to areas meeting criterion (a) or (b) above and have a population density of at least 200 persons per square mile;

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(d) whether, if the area is not adjacent to (a) or (b) above, the area has a population greater than 4,000 persons within a contiguous area and a population density of at least 200 persons per square mile.

The urban/suburban service zone may be modified annually by motion of the County Council based upon input by the Director of the County Solid Waste Management Division.

(3)(4) "Yard waste" means ((grass clippings, shrubbery and tree or trimmings therefrom no larger than 6" in diameter or longer than five foot sections, and other organic solid waste resulting from horticulture gardening, landscaping, or other similar uses.)) plant material including, but not limited to, grass clippings, leaves, branches, brush, flowers, roots, and weeds commonly created in the course of maintaining yards and gardens, and through horticulture, gardening, landscaping, or other similar activities as well as other biodegradable waste approved for yard waste pickup by the Director of the Solid Waste Management Division. It excludes rocks, sod, soil, food waste, plastics and synthetic fibers, dimensional lumber, any woody materials over 4" in diameter or three feet in length, as well as other materials prohibited by the Director of The Solid Waste Management Division pursuant to the authority of SCC 7.42.030(2).

(5) "Collection company" and "Solid waste collection company" means a solid waste collection company which services unincorporated areas of Snohomish County, is regulated by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, and operates under a G permit.

Section 3. A new section 7.42.030 is added to Snohomish County Code Chapter 7.43 to read:

7.42.030 Authority Delegated to The Director of The Solid Waste Management Division.

(1) The Director of the Solid Waste Management Division shall, on an annual basis, review changes in population and population density as reported by the Snohomish County Planning Department. Based on this review and consultation with collection companies the Director may recommend to the County Council modifications to the urban/suburban service zone.

(2) The Director may permit or prohibit certain materials from being collected as yard waste. In determining the status of such waste the Director shall consider health issues, the waste's compostability, the quantity of materials in the waste stream, and standards for waste processing facilities and equipment.

(3) The Director shall set criteria which must be met by those multi-family residences desiring recycling and yard waste collection. In setting these criteria the Director shall consider aesthetic concerns, siting requirements, and cooperation of owners and managers in providing recycling information to residents and in encouraging their participation.

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Section 4, Snohomish County Code section 7.42.030, last amended by Ordinance 90-004 on February 14, 1990 is amended to read:

7.42.040 Services to be provided. Each ~~((waste collector))~~ solid waste collection company ~~((that services unincorporated areas of Snohomish County))~~ shall be responsible for providing the following recycling services for their ~~((operations areas))~~ service area within the designated urban/suburban service zone~~((s))~~:~~(( as defined in the recycling element of the draft Snohomish county comprehensive solid waste management plan:))~~

(1) Collection of the following materials from ~~((the curb))~~ single family residences and those multi-family residences which have met the criteria set by the Director of The Solid Waste Management Division and when properly set out as specified by the ~~((hauler))~~ solid waste collection company. ~~((on the designated collection day for collection by the designated waste collector:))~~

- (a) Old newspaper;
- (b) Mixed waste paper;
- (c) Aluminum food and beverage cans;
- (d) Tin-plated steel food and beverage cans;
- (e) Glass food and beverage containers.

Other recyclable materials, such as plastics or waste oil, may be collected ~~((on a continuing basis,))~~ at the option of the ~~((hauler(s))~~ solid waste collection company. Fees determined to be reasonable by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission may be charged for this service. ~~((servicing unincorporated areas of the county when reasonable costs for including specified additional materials are allocated to residents receiving the added service.))~~

(2) Recycling ((C))collection service for these materials shall be provided ~~((within nine months of the date of adoption of this ordinance.))~~ by August 1st, 1990 for single family residences and by August 1st, 1991 for multi-family residences. The solid waste collection companies shall make all reasonable efforts to initiate multi-family collection prior to August 1st, 1991.

(3) Recycling ((C))collection for single family homes shall be weekly from each residence, preferably on the same day as ~~((trash))~~ garbage collection, unless the ~~((collector))~~ collection company can demonstrate to the county that an alternative collection schedule can result in the same or higher levels of participation and recovery. Recycling collection for multi-family residences shall be at least once every two weeks, unless the collection company can demonstrate to the county that an alternative collection schedule can result in the same or higher levels of participation and recovery.

(4) Processing and marketing of all recyclable and yard waste materials collected shall be provided such that no more than ten percent by weight of the collected material may be landfilled.

(5) A recycling container to hold the materials designated for collection shall be provided to each single family residential dwelling upon request. ~~((A container is not required for yard debris disposal but may be provided at the option of the hauler.))~~

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(6) Recycling containers to hold the materials designated for collection shall be provided to each multi-family residence building or complex upon request and upon the owner or manager meeting the criteria set by the Director of the Solid Waste Management Division.

(7) Solid waste collection companies are not required to provide a container for yard waste collection but may do so at their option. Yard waste shall be collected either bundled or containerized. Residents shall have the option of providing their own reusable container so long as such containers meet specifications set by the solid waste collection company.

~~((6))~~(8) Collection of yard waste from single family and multi-family dwellings shall be provided ((within seventeen months of the date of adoption of this chapter.)) by March 1, 1991 to single family residences and by August 1, 1991 to multi-family residences. Collection companies shall collect yard waste when properly set out as specified by the collection company. The collection service shall be provided at least twice monthly ((from the months of March through November)) year round unless the company can demonstrate to the county that an alternative collection schedule can result in the same or higher levels of participation and recovery.

~~((7))~~(9) Promotional strategies shall be employed by collection companies to reasonably and regularly inform and notify each eligible single family and multi-family residence, and multi-family owners and managers, of the availability of the recyclables and yard waste collection service and of appropriate actions and schedules for preparing material for ((set-out)) collection.

Section 5. Snohomish County Code section 7.42.050, adopted by Ordinance 89-114 on September 27, 1989 is repealed.

Section 6. Snohomish County Code section 7.42.040, adopted by Ordinance 89-114 on September 27, 1989, is amended to read:

7.42.((040))050 Recipients of the services.

(1) ~~((The))~~ recycling and yard waste services shall be provided to all single-family and multi-family residences that request such services, are ((including multi-family residences for yard waste collection,)) within the urban-suburban service zone in Snohomish county, and that receive and are billed for residential or commercial ((trash)) garbage collection services.

~~((2 In addition, the services shall be offered to all other residents of single family dwellings through direct notification and an invitation to subscribe for the service. Those residents that subscribe for the service shall receive it at no charge. Within six months of program start up the collection shall report to the county the number of households receiving recycling collection service that are not billed for trash collection service. The county shall pay to the collector a monthly recycling collection fee for those households that is equivalent to the rate approved by the WUTC for the same service.))~~

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(2) Service for other residents.

(a) Collection companies shall offer recycling and yard waste collection services to those residents of single family and multi-family dwellings, as well as those owners and managers of multi-family dwellings within the urban-suburban services zone who do not subscribe to any other trash collection service.

(b) Those residents, owners, or managers of multi-family residences who subscribe to recycling and yard waste collection service may be charged a fee for the service determined to be reasonable by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.

Section 7. Snohomish County Code section 7.42.060, last amended by Ordinance 90-004 on February 14, 1990, is amended to read:

7.42.060 Report to Council on Effectiveness of Program. ((Within eighteen months after the effective date of this chapter)) By June 1st, 1991, the executive will prepare a report for council review on the effectiveness of the ((curbside)) single family recycling programs; by June 1st, 1992, the executive will prepare a report for council review on the effectiveness of the multi-family collection programs and yard waste collection programs and, if necessary, make recommendations designed to meet the goals of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Element of the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan. ((for mandatory participation including recommendations for participation by cities and towns serviced by class "G" haulers as provided for in ESHB 1671.))

Section 8. Snohomish County Code section 7.42.070, adopted by Ordinance 89-114 on September 27, 1989, is amended to read:

7.42.070 Use of existing recycling collectors, processors and markets. ((Trash collectors)) Solid Waste collection companies are encouraged to contract with existing recycling operators for curbside collection services in those areas where such service is currently being provided. In arranging for processing and marketing of materials collected, ((collectors)) collection companies are encouraged to coordinate with existing processors and markets and with other collection programs in order to obtain consistent and high value for materials delivered.

Section 9. A new section 7.42.080 is added to Snohomish County Code Chapter 7.42 to read:

7.42.080 Reporting. The solid waste collection companies shall provide regular and accurate reports of data on all collection services as determined necessary by the Director of the Solid Waste Management Division for evaluating the effectiveness of the recycling programs and the progress towards the goals stated in the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan.

Section 10. Snohomish County Code section 7.42.080, last amended by Ordinance 90-067 on May 14, 1990, is amended to read:

7.42. ((080))090 Effective date. The major new services required in this chapter (~~ordinance~~) are to be effective by and after:

(1) Curbside collection of recyclables from single family residences (7.42.040) - August 1, 1990.


(2) Curbside collection of yard waste from single family residences ((7.42.060)) (7.42.040)- March 1, 1991.

(3) Collection of recyclables from multi-family residences (7.42.040) - August 1, 1991.

(4) Collection of yard waste from multi-family residences (7.42.040) - August 1, 1991.

Passed this 28th day of November, 1990.

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Snohomish County, Washington

  
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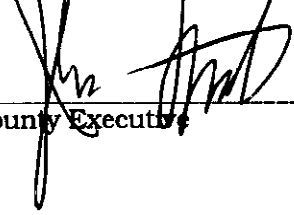
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