

COUNTY COUNCIL  
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
ORDINANCE NO. 95-*269*



CO00023161

AMENDING CHAPTER 7.41 OF THE  
SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE  
RELATING TO DISPOSAL FEES FOR  
SNOHOMISH COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SITES

WHEREAS, Solid Waste Management activities are supported almost entirely by tipping fees charged at County solid waste facilities, and

WHEREAS, a statewide 1% tax on solid waste expired on June 30, 1995, and

WHEREAS, the County has in the past set rates so as to make the total price including tax for cash customers result in a round number so as to minimize the amount of change required, speeding transactions and increasing staff efficiency, and

WHEREAS, elimination of the 1% tax without modifying the County tipping fee for minimum charges would result in uneven total amounts for passenger cars and commercial compacted loads (those using drop boxes), and

WHEREAS, minor wording changes are needed to clarify interpretation of sections of the existing code to avoid misunderstandings:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code, Section 7.41.020, last amended by Ordinance 93-134 on December 15, 1993, is hereby amended as follows:

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) 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 ~~((~~\$14.58~~ cents regardless, except for disposal of clean wood at those county facilities which have designated containers for clean wood collection))~~ a flat rate 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 ~~((by the director))~~ 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(2) and (3)))~~ 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) ~~((Except for disposal of clean wood at those county facilities which have designated containers for clean wood collection and Christmas trees between December 26 and March 31, s))~~ 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. Fees based on weight - \$89.00 per ton/\$14.58 min. fee
- c. Pickups, station wagons, vans, etc. - ~~(((\$16.25 per cubic yd./\$16.25 min. fee))~~ \$16.17 per cubic yd./\$16.17 min. fee
- d. Commercial compacted - ~~(((\$27.01 per cubic yard))~~ \$27.03 per cubic yd.
- e. Hard-to-handle - \$200.00 per ton

(7) Service fees for separated yard debris shall be the same as those listed in section (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 - ~~(((\$12.91))~~ \$13.00
- b. Fees based on weight - \$79.00 per ton/~~(((\$12.91))~~ \$13.00 min. fee
- c. Pickups, station wagons, vans, etc. - ~~(((\$14.34))~~ \$14.25 per cu. yd./~~(((\$14.34))~~ \$14.25 min. fee

(9) Service fees for disposal of Christmas trees between December 26 and March 31 shall be ~~(((\$4.78))~~ \$5.00 per tree. Regular service fees shall apply at all other times.

Section 2. Snohomish County Code, Section 7.41.010 (2) last amended by Ordinance 93-134 on December 15, 1993, is hereby amended as follows:

" 'Clean wood' means ((~~wood waste as defined in this section~~) dimensional lumber and wood pieces typically resulting from the demolition or construction of buildings, and wood pieces generated as a by-product or waste from the manufacture of wood products which ((does)) do not contain laminates or glues, and which ((has)) have not been painted or treated with stain preservatives."

Section 3. The effective date of this ordinance shall be September 1, 1995.

PASSED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 1995.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

Karen Miller  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Barbara Sikorsti  
Clerk of the Council, Asst.

- APPROVED
- VETOED
- EMERGENCY

Date: August 25, 1995

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County Executive

ATTEST: Laura Nelson

Approved as to Form:

[Signature] 7-25-95  
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney