



COUNTY COUNCIL
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 96 - *066*

AMENDING SCC 7.41 TO ALTER SOLID WASTE RATES

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has constructed a Vactor Waste Decant Facility at the Cathcart Landfill in order to treat and dispose of both liquid and solid wastes generated from maintenance of storm water facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has proposed to allow vactor wastes collected by public agencies and private firms from within and without Snohomish County be treated and disposed through the Vactor Waste Decant Facility at the Cathcart Landfill; and

WHEREAS, vactor waste has been determined to be a solid waste by the state Department of Ecology and the Snohomish Health District; and

WHEREAS, vactor waste consists of both a liquid and solid portion, each requiring different methods and cost for treatment and disposal; and

WHEREAS, chapter 7.41, Snohomish County Code, does not contain rates for the treatment and disposal of vactor waste.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Snohomish County Code, Section 7.41, last amended by Ord. 93 - 134 on December 15, 1993, 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.

(2) Services 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 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 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) Passenger cars - \$14.58

(b) Fees based on weight - \$89.00 per ton/\$14.58 min. fee

(c) Pickups, station wagons, vans, etc. - \$16.17 per cubic yd./\$16.17 min. fee

(d) Commercial compacted - \$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 subsection (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 - \$13.00

(b) Fees based on weight - \$79.00 per ton/\$13.00 min. fee

(c) Pickups, station wagons, vans, etc. - \$14.25 per cu. yd./\$14.25 min. fee

(9) 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.

(10) 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 chapter 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.

Passed this 11th day of Sept., 1996

Snohomish County, Washington

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