

RUSSELL COUNTY SOLID WASTE TIPPING FEE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR TIPPING FEES FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE ON A COUNTY-WIDE BASIS, INCLUDING THAT ORIGINATING WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OR TOWNS PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY TITLE 15.1 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA 1950, AS AMENDED.

Section 1-1. GENERAL.

- (a) Policy. The purpose of this article is to ensure the health and welfare of the citizens and financial stability of Russell County, by charging tipping fees for disposal of solid waste generated and hauled to the Transfer Station by industrial and residential citizens of the County who account for a substantial portion of the solid waste generated in the County and the disposal costs associated therewith. It shall be the official policy of the County to encourage the conservation (recycling/reuse) of recoverable resources from solid wastes by the industries and citizens of the County.
- (b) Definition. For purposes of this article, the following definitions shall apply:
 - (1) Administrator: The county administrator or his authorized designee.
 - (2) Building and demolition debris: The waste building material, packaging and rubble resulting from construction, remodeling, repair and demolition operations on pavements, houses, commercial buildings and other structures.
 - (3) Compacted refuse: Refuse or waste which has been reduced in volume by mechanical or hydraulic means and remains in this state of reduced volume until deposited at the landfill.
 - (4) Garbage: All vegetable and animal waste generated by the handling, storage, sale, preparation, cooking and serving of foods.
 - (5) Hazardous waste: Refuse or waste or combinations of refuse or waste, which because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical, or infectious characteristics may cause, or significantly contribute to, an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible, or

incapacitating reversible, illness; or pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or the environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, or disposed of, or otherwise managed.

- (6) Household refuse: Refuse or waste resulting from residential operation.
- (7) Industrial refuse: Refuse or waste resulting from industrial and/or manufacturing operations.
- (8) Institutional/governmental refuse: Refuse or waste resulting from operations or activities of the Commonwealth of Virginia, its political subdivisions or agencies, or the United States Government.
- (9) Person: An individual, trust, firm, joint stock company, corporation (including a government corporation), partnership, association, state, municipality, commission, political subdivision of a state, any interstate body, or the federal government.
- (10) Solid Waste: Any garbage, refuse, sludge and other discarded material, including solid, liquid semisolid or contained gaseous material, resulting from industrial, commercial and mining operations but does not include (i) solid or dissolved material in domestic sewage, (ii) solid or dissolved material in irrigation return flows or in industrial discharges which are sources subject to a permit from the State Water Control Board, or (iii) source, special nuclear, or by-product material as defined by the Federal Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.
- (11) Trash: Any and all rubbish, cans, bottles, container, paper, cardboard or other discarded material of an inorganic nature.
- (12) Uncompacted refuse: Refuse or waste which has not been reduced in volume by mechanical or hydraulic means, or if so, has not been maintained in this reduced volume state during transportation to the landfill.
- (13) Waste generator: The person who actually produces the commercial, household, industrial or institutional/governmental refuse intended for disposal at the landfill.
- (14) Waste collection site: That area designated by the administrator for the collection of refuse intended for disposal at the landfill or transfer station.

(c) Authority to establish landfill/transfer station rules. The administrator in conjunction with the Cumberland Plateau Regional Waste Management Authority (CPRWMA) director shall be authorized to establish reasonable rules and

regulations to determine the origin and type of refuse presented at the landfill, transfer station or waste collection sites for disposal.

- (d) Disposal of refuse from outside the county prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to dispose of refuse originating outside the boundaries of Russell County at the landfill, transfer station or waste collection site unless an agreement exists between Russell County and the jurisdiction in which the refuse originates; provided, however, Russell County may enter into direct agreements with the Commonwealth of Virginia or agencies thereof located outside the boundaries of Russell County for the disposal of refuse generated by the Commonwealth of Virginia or agencies thereof.
- (e) Weighing of truck required. It shall be unlawful for any person to dispose of refuse at the County transfer station before weighing the vehicle containing said refuse, except in certain cases as described below.

Section 1-2. INDUSTRIAL DISPOSAL PERMIT; FEES; PENALTIES

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to dispose of any solid waste, as defined herein that is a residue from any manufacturing, industrial or assembly of parts process at the County landfill, transfer station or waste collection site without having previously obtained an annual letter of permission for the disposal of same. This letter of permission shall not be required for any waste material generated from a residential or commercial source.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to dispose of any hazardous waste, as defined herein, within the County.
- (c) The Administrator shall issue an annual letter of permission based upon the permit issued by the CPRWMA and /or its contracted disposal agent. Which permit shall provide, at a minimum:
 - (1) The type of waste to be disposed of;
 - (2) The estimated quantity of each distinct type of waste to be disposed of and the units of volume or weight of each quantity of waste, and the actual quantity and units of volume or weight actually disposed of;
 - (3) A listing of the physical and chemical composition of each type of waste disposed of, together with a statement executed by the owner or principal corporate officer that such waste is nontoxic and nonhazardous;
 - (4) If it appears to the Administrator that the waste material or any portion or component thereof may have a toxic effect upon a living organism or the environment, the Administrator may require a detailed chemical and

physical analysis of such waste with specific information as to the following characteristics; ignitability, corrosiveness, reactivity, toxicity and effect upon living organisms and water supplies; and such analysis shall be performed and certified by a chemist, physical engineer or other appropriately qualified scientific expert;

- (5) Copies of any forms or reports required to be filed concerning such waste by the State Department of Health; Water Quality Control Board; Air Pollution control Board; Department of Environmental Quality and/or the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and
- (6) A certification that the information submitted is true, accurate and complete, executed by the owner or principal corporate officer.

(d) Any change in the type, quantity or chemical and physical analysis of the waste from that provided in the application shall be immediately reported to the Administrator.

(e) Excluded from the listing and permitting requirements of this section are: garbage and sanitary waste, including but not limited to paper; cardboard; corrugated board; and shipping or packing materials.

(f) Excluded from the provisions of subsection 1-2 (a) above are the initial four thousand (4,000) pounds of industrial waste deposited during each calendar month.

(g) Any violation of this section shall be subject to penalty established in Section 1-8. In addition, an appropriate action or proceeding may be taken in law or in equity to prevent or restrain any violation of this Section.

(h) The letter of permission may be revoked by the Board of Supervisors for any material misrepresentation or misstatement of fact on the application, for any failure to immediately notify the Administrator of a change in the waste, upon the determination that the waste is a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or the environment, or upon a violation of any rule, regulation or order of the State Department of Health, Water Quality Control Board, Air Pollution Control Board, Department of Environment Quality or the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The Administrator may suspend the letter of permission for the foregoing reasons for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, pending a review or revocation proceeding before the Board of Supervisors.

(i) Commercial waste generators who bring their own refuse to the Transfer Station, and all other refuse operators/haulers, shall pay the following fees:

Sixty dollars (\$60.00) per ton, computed on the basis of sixty cents (\$.60) per each twenty (20) pounds or fraction

thereof. Such charge shall be computed to the next highest one cent (\$.01). The minimum charge shall be five dollars (\$5.00) per load. This tipping fee may be adjusted from time to time by the Russell County Board of Supervisors.

(j) Disposal of Tires. Any tire waste, including but not limited to passenger car and truck tires, commercial or utility truck tires, tractor and trailer tires, tandem truck tires, small equipment tires, mining equipment tires and construction equipment tires, generated within the county and brought to the Transfer Station will be subject to the following fees:

Eighty-three dollars and fifty cents (\$83.50) per ton, computed on the basis of eighty-four cents (\$.84) per each twenty (20) pounds or fraction thereof. Such charge shall be computed to the next highest one cent (\$.01). The minimum charge shall be five dollars (\$5.00) per load. This tipping fee may be adjusted from time to time by the Russell County Board of Supervisors.

(k) Separate contracts. The CPRWMA may negotiate separate contracts for industrial refuse generators. Russell County will honor these contracts approved by the CPRWMA.

Section 1-3. BUILDING, DEMOLITION AND LAND CLEARING DEBRIS

(a) Building, demolition and land clearing debris wastes shall be accepted at the landfill or transfer station provided all other provisions of this article have been satisfied. Provided, however, that the waste generator shall not be required to obtain the permit set forth in Section 1-2. The charge for each pound of debris shall be the same as in Section 1-2.

Section 1.4. PROHIBITED WASTE

(a) Refuse or wastes resulting from landfill operations, situated on other than county property and not under the supervision of the County, are declared to be incompatible with the method of landfill disposal in terms of volume, difficulty in handling and the potential for damage to equipment and as such as shall not be accepted for disposal at the landfill.

(b) Material, whether solid, liquid or gaseous, that is classified as either hazardous or toxic in accordance with state and federal rules and regulations are prohibited.

Section 1.5. USER CHARGES BY VOLUME

(a) Should the landfill/transfer station scales be inoperative, the manager shall base the charges applied upon weight data previously generated for the vehicle hauling such waste and the nature of the waste. The weight date shall consist of no fewer

than fifteen (15) previous weighing by the vehicle carrying such waste and shall be modified by visual inspection of the vehicle if such is feasible.

(b) For vehicles for which no history of previous weigh data exists as described in (a) above, the following rates shall apply:

- (1) Uncompacted refuse, five dollars (\$5.00) per cubic yard of truck capacity.
- (2) Compacted refuse, twelve dollars (\$12.00) per cubic yard of truck capacity.
- (3) The minimum fee for refuse charged for on volume basis shall be five dollars (\$5.00) per load.

Section 1.6. COUNTY REFUSE CONTAINERS

Refuse containers shall be provided by the County at various locations to supplement existing private collection services as needed. The usage of said containers shall be governed by the following provisions and any other regulations as the Board of Supervisors or the Administrator may establish.

(a) Permitted and Prohibited Use:

- (1) Permitted uses. County refuse containers or dumpsters are to be used for the deposit and storage of household trash, garbage and recyclable materials only.
- (2) Prohibited materials. It shall be unlawful to deposit any of the following materials into County refuse containers or dumpsters:
 - (a) Hazardous waste;
 - (b) Commercial and industrial refuse;
 - (c) Dead animals;
 - (d) Waste brought in from outside Russell County, unless permitted by a specific intergovernmental agreement.
- (3) Abuse of containers and container sites. It shall be unlawful to tamper with, overturn or otherwise damage refuse containers. Additionally, it shall be unlawful to litter container sites, create any health problems thereon or to place any refuse outside of, on top of or adjacent to any refuse container. If a container is filled, the trash must be placed in another refuse container that is not filled or taken to the County landfill station.
- (4) Scavengers and loafers prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in salvage work or to loiter on any container site owned, leased or used by the County.
- (5) Refuse collectors. No person engaged in the business of collecting, transporting or disposing of garbage or trash, nor any employee, agent, or servant thereof, shall dispose of such refuse in any County containers.

(b) Administration and enforcement. The Administrator shall have the authority to implement and enforce the provisions herein contained and to promulgate any procedures, rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary.

Section 1-7. BILLING PROCEDURE

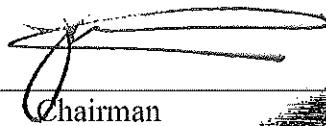
- (a) The Administrator or his designee shall render bills monthly for service charges under this article. The administrator shall promulgate procedures for the handling of billings under this article.
- (b) Payment of bills, delinquent charges, discontinuance of services:
 - (1) Notices. Bills rendered under this article are due and payable at the office of the Russell County Treasurer upon presentment and shall be considered delinquent if not paid within thirty (30) days of the date issued. If any bill not paid within such thirty day period, an additional charge of one (1) per cent per billing period on the unpaid charges shall be added thereto and collected therewith to cover cost of collections. The Administrator or his designee shall refuse to dispose of any refuse brought to the landfill by a delinquent person after giving five (5) days written notice thereof.

Section 1-8. VIOLATION

Any person who shall violate a provision of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) or twelve (12) months imprisonment, or both, for each violation.

Section 1-9. EFFECTIVE DATE

The Effective Date of this ordinance shall be August 5, 2013 and continue thereafter until further action of the Russell County Board of Supervisors.



Chairman 

Attest:



Clerk