

**WABASHA COUNTY
SOLID WASTE
ORDINANCE**

WABASHA COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Adopted by the Wabasha County Board of Commissioners on September 15, 2009.

ARTICLE I: PURPOSE, AUTHORITY, POLICY & ABROGATION

SECTION 1.0 PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

An Ordinance establishing standards and procedures governing Solid Waste Management; establishing Solid Waste Management Charges and programs; requiring licenses and license fees; establishing penalties for lack of compliance; all in order to promote the health, welfare and safety of the public, and to protect the environment. This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to Minn. Stat. Chapters 115, 115A, 116, 145, 145A, 375, 561.01, and 609.74.

SECTION 2.0 POLICY

The policy of Wabasha County is to provide for the management of Solid Waste in a manner that will protect the public health, welfare and safety, prevent the spread of disease, prevent the creation of nuisances, conserve natural resources, and protect the State's water, air and land resources. It is also the policy of the County to conform to the purposes outlined in Minn. Stat. §115A.02 and to establish and implement a County Solid Waste Management Plan pursuant to Minn. Stat. §115A.46.

SECTION 3.0 ABROGATION

This ordinance supersedes and repeals in all respects the Wabasha County Solid Waste Ordinance passed October 27, 1992.

ARTICLE II: DEFINITIONS, RULES & WORD USAGE

SECTION 1.0 DEFINITIONS

Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Article. Unless specifically defined herein, terms used in this Ordinance shall have the same definition as provided in the Waste Management Act, Minn. Stat. § 115A.01 *et seq.* and if not defined there, shall have common usage meaning. For purposes of this Ordinance, the words “must” and “shall” are mandatory and not permissive.

Acceptable Waste: means waste that is acceptable at the designated facility. Acceptable waste shall include garbage, refuse, and municipal solid waste from residential, commercial, industrial and community activities which is generated and collected in aggregate, and which is not otherwise defined herein as unacceptable waste. No amount of hazardous waste or infectious waste that is regulated by law is acceptable at the designated facility.

Agency: means the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).

Agricultural Site: means land zoned and/or operated for agricultural purposes, but excludes the Residential Site on said premises.

Air Contaminant: means the presence in the outdoor atmosphere of any dust, fume, mist, smoke, vapor, gas or other gaseous fluid, or particular substance, differing in composition from or exceeding in concentration, the natural components of the atmosphere.

Air Pollution: means the presence in the outdoor atmosphere of any air contaminant or combination thereof in such quantity, of such nature and duration, and under such conditions as would be injurious to human health or welfare, to animal or plant life, or to property, or to interfere unreasonably with the enjoyment of life or property.

Backyard Compost Site: means a site used to compost food scraps, garden wastes, weeds, lawn cuttings, leaves, and prunings from a single family or household, apartment building, or single commercial office. The site can only be used by someone who owns, occupies or leases the property on which the site is located.

Collection or Collects: means the aggregation of Solid Waste from the place at which it is generated and includes all activities up to the time the Solid Waste is delivered to a Solid Waste Management Facility.

Commercial Site: means any business, commercial, industrial, institutional or governmental establishment. These include home-operated businesses, industries, commercial and institutional enterprises, and such non-residential institutions as churches, nursing homes, nonprofit associations, schools, and the like. If a Site has dwelling units, but also has one or more units not used for dwelling purposes, such as a store or a restaurant, then it is considered a Commercial Site.

Compost or Composting: means the controlled microbial degradation of organic waste to yield a humus-like product.

Compost Facility: means a site used to compost or co-compost Solid Waste, including all structures or Processing equipment used to control drainage, collect and treat Leachate, and storage areas for the incoming waste, the final product, and residuals resulting from the composting process.

Construction and Demolition Debris: means Solid Waste resulting from construction, remodeling, repair, erection and demolition of buildings, roads and other artificial structures, including: concrete, brick, bituminous concrete, untreated wood, masonry, glass, trees, rock, plastic building parts, plumbing fixtures, roofing materials, wallboard, and built-in cabinetry. Construction and Demolition Debris does not include: asbestos waste; auto glass; wood treated with chemical preservatives; furniture; lighting equipment; vermiculite; contaminated soil; firebrick; food waste; machinery; engine parts; liquid paints; paint thinners or solvents; varnishes; street sweepings; tar; carpet/padding if not affixed to a structure; mattresses; adhesives, caulking, sealants and applicators, brushes, containers, tubes, filters contaminated with these materials; sandblasting materials; agricultural chemicals or containers (including empty pesticide, herbicide, and insecticide containers); chemical containers; animal carcasses, parts, or rendering and slaughterhouse wastes; appliances (including white goods and brown goods); ashes or hot wastes that could spontaneously combust or ignite other wastes due to high temperatures; ash from incinerators, resource recovery facilities and power plants; batteries; carbon filters; fluorescent tubes and ballasts; high-intensity discharge lamps; foundry wastes; Hazardous Waste; household Refuse or garbage; infectious waste; liquids (any type), liquid non-hazardous materials; medical waste; mercury containing wastes (thermostats, switches); PCB contaminated wastes; petroleum products and their containers or filters (including oil, grease or fuel); radioactive waste (unless natural materials at normal background levels); septic tank pumpings; sludges (including ink, lime, wood, sewage or paper); live coal tar (including applicators, containers, and tubes); Waste Tires; vehicles; Yard Waste; and packaging materials, including cardboard, paper, shrink-wrap and Styrofoam.

Construction and Demolition Debris Land Disposal Facility: means a site used to Dispose of Construction and Demolition Debris.

Construction Site: means a place where the erection of buildings, roads or other improvements to real property is occurring.

County: means any department or representative of Wabasha County who is authorized by this ordinance or otherwise by the County Board to represent the County of Wabasha in the enforcement or administration of this ordinance.

County Board: means the Wabasha County Board of Commissioners.

Curbside Collection: means a Mixed Municipal Solid Waste, Yard Waste, and/or Recyclable Materials Collection system whereby the Generators set Solid Waste containers at the curb

adjacent to a roadway or, where this is not practical, in locations easily accessible for Collection by a Hauler.

Demolition Landfill: means an area of land used for the disposal of demolition debris.

Department: means the Wabasha County Solid Waste Department.

Designated Facility: is defined as the facility or facilities identified in the La Crosse County Solid Waste Disposal Agreement.

Designated Waste: is defined as acceptable waste generated in the County which is required to be delivered to a Designated Facility.

Designation: is defined as the requirement that all of the designated waste generated within Wabasha County be delivered to a designated solid waste processing or disposal facility. The process of designation is governed by Minnesota Statutes 115A.80 to 115A.89; these statutes provide strict oversight over the

Designation Plan: means the document entitled “Wabasha County Solid Waste Service Ordinance” which was approved, but never enacted, by the Wabasha County Board on September 24, 1999. The Designation Plan, which has never been enacted, provides a means for County organized hauling, with the County organized into districts. The districts would be awarded to the lowest bid hauler in each district for hauling. The Designation Plan was not enacted because the County entered into voluntary waste hauler contracts with individual haulers.

Disposal or Dispose: means the discharge, deposit, injection, Dumping, spilling, leaking, or placing of any waste into or on any land or water so that the waste or any constituent thereof may enter the environment or be emitted into the air, or discharged into any waters, including ground waters.

Dumping: means the illegal placement of any Solid Waste, including Construction and Demolition Debris, Hazardous Waste, Industrial Solid Waste, Mixed Municipal Solid Waste, or Recyclable Materials, anywhere other than in an approved container or at a Solid Waste Management Facility during hours of operation.

Garbage: means discarded material resulting from the handling, processing, storage, preparation, serving and consumption of food.

Generator: means any Person who generates or aggregates Solid Waste.

Hauler: means any Person who Collects or Transports Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials or Yard Waste, but does not include a Self-Hauler.

Hauler Services: means the Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Services provided by a Hauler or Self-Hauler.

Hazardous Waste: means any Refuse, sludge, or other waste material or combinations of Refuse, sludge or other waste materials in solid, semisolid, liquid, or contained gaseous form which because of its quantity, concentration, or chemical, physical, or infectious characteristics may:

- A. Cause or significantly contribute to an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible, or incapacitating reversible illness; or
- B. Pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or the environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, or Disposed of, or otherwise managed. Categories of Hazardous Waste materials include, but are not limited to: explosives, flammables, oxidizers, poisons, irritants, and corrosives. Hazardous Waste does not include source, special nuclear, or by-product material as defined by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Imminent Hazard: means an actual or potential immediate threat to the health, safety, or well being of humans or livestock, or that may cause environmental degradation.

Incineration: means the process by which Solid Wastes are burned for the purpose of volume and weight reduction in permitted and licensed facilities designed for such use, may also include facilities that recover energy via waste combustion.

Industrial Solid Waste: means Solid Waste generated from an industrial or manufacturing process and Solid Waste generated from non-manufacturing activities that is Collected, Processed, or Disposed of as a separate waste stream. Industrial Solid Waste does not include office materials, restaurant and food preparation waste, discarded machinery, Construction and Demolition Debris, Mixed Municipal Solid Waste, or Mixed Municipal Solid Waste combustor ash.

Industrial Solid Waste Land Disposal Facility: means a site used to Dispose of Industrial Solid Waste in or on the land.

Intermediate Disposal: means the preliminary or incomplete disposal of solid waste including, but not limited to, transfer station operations, open burning, incomplete land disposal, incineration, composting, reduction, shredding, compression, recycling, processing, resource recovery, and any other management or handling of waste short of final disposal.

Land Pollution: means the presence in or on the land of any waste or waste byproducts in such quantity, of such nature and duration, and under such condition as would negatively affect any waters of the state, create air contaminants, cause air pollution, or contaminate soils at the site making the site unacceptable for further use.

Leachate: means liquid that has contacted or percolated through Solid Waste and has extracted, dissolved, or suspended materials from it.

Leachate Management System: means the structures constructed and operated to contain, transport, and treat Leachate, including liners, collection pipes, detection systems, holding areas, and treatment Facilities.

License: means authorization by the County Board to conduct business services that may be limited to a specific period of time, specific person, and or a specific site in the County.

Licensee: means the Person who has been issued a license by the County to carry out any of the activities for which a license is required under the provisions of this Ordinance.

Major Appliance: means clothes washers and dryers, dishwashers, hot water heaters, heat pumps, furnaces, garbage disposals, trash compactors, conventional and microwave ovens, ranges and stoves, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, freezers and other appliances designated by State law or this Ordinance.

Medical Waste: means biological waste originating from the diagnosis, care, or treatment of a Person or animal, or waste resulting from biological research, whether or not the waste has been rendered non-infectious.

Mixed Municipal Solid Waste: means Garbage, Refuse, and other Solid Waste from residential, Non-Residential, industrial, and community activities that the Generator of the waste aggregates for Collection, except as provided below.

Mixed Municipal Solid Waste does not include auto hulks, street sweepings, ash, Construction and Demolition Debris, mining waste, sludges, tree and agricultural wastes, Waste Tires, lead acid batteries, motor and vehicle fluids and filters, and other materials collected, processed, and Disposed of as separate waste streams, but does include Source-Separated Compostable Materials.

Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Fee: means a fee established by the County Board and paid by Generators to the County for Solid Waste Management Services.

Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Land Disposal Facility: means a Solid Waste Disposal Facility used for Mixed Municipal Solid Waste.

Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Services: means Collection, Transportation, Processing, or Disposal of Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Generated in the County, including but not limited to regularly scheduled service, on-call service, one-time service, rental and other use of equipment such as Solid Waste containers, compactors, compactor boxes, and the like, and any other service that involves or facilitates Collection, Transportation, Processing, or Disposal of Solid Waste materials as Mixed Municipal Solid Waste. It does not include the sale of equipment used for the Collection, Transportation, Processing, or Disposal of Mixed Municipal Solid Waste. It does not include Collection, Transportation, or management of Recyclable Materials, Yard Waste, food waste, source separated compostable materials, problem materials, or other waste materials when these materials are segregated by the Generator for the purpose of Recycling or composting and are delivered to a Recycling Facility or Compost Facility, or the sale, rental, or other use of equipment necessary to facilitate Collection, transportation, or management of these materials.

Multi-Unit Residential Building: means any building with four or more residential units.

Municipality: means an incorporated city or town within the County.

Notice of Violation: is a formal written notice issued by County Staff to notify a party that he or she is in violation of a County Ordinance. This Notice will inform the party of the alleged violations, the nature and extent of the violations, and the required corrective actions.

Nuisance: means anything which is injurious to health, or indecent or offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property. An action may be brought by any person whose property is injuriously affected or whose personal enjoyment is lessened by the nuisance, and by the judgment the nuisance may be enjoined or abated, and damages may be recovered.

Open Area: means areas outside of a building or structure.

Open Burning: means burning any Solid Waste whereby the resultant combustion products are emitted directly to the open atmosphere.

Operating License: means the license required by this Ordinance.

Operations: means any site, facility, or activity relating to Solid Waste management purposes pursuant to this ordinance.

Operator: means the Person responsible for the operation of a Solid Waste Management Facility.

Owner: means any person or persons having a legal interest in real or personal property or any persons in possession or control of real or personal property including, but not limited to, mortgages, contract for deed vendees, and contract for deed vendors.

Person: means any human being, any municipality or other governmental or political subdivision or other public agency, any public or private corporation, any partnership, firm, association, or other organization, any receiver, trustee, assignee, agent, or other legal representative of any of the foregoing, or any other legal entity, unless exempted by statute or rule.

Problem Material: means a material that, when processed or disposed of with Mixed Municipal Solid Waste, contributes to one of the following results: 1) the release of a hazardous substance, or pollutant or contaminant as defined in Minn. Stat. §115B.02; 2) pollution of water as defined in Minn. Stat. §115.01; 3) air pollution as defined in Minn. Stat. §116.06; or 4) a significant threat to the safe or efficient operation of a Solid Waste Management Facility.

Processing: means the treatment of Solid Waste after Collection and before Disposal. Processing includes but is not limited to reduction, separation, exchange, resource recovery, physical, chemical, or biological modification.

Public Health Nuisance: means the creation of conditions or acts that unreasonably annoy, injure, or endanger the safety, health, comfort, or repose of any number of members of the public.

Putrescible Material: means Solid Waste that is capable of rotting or is in a foul state of decay or decomposition.

Radioactive Waste Management Facility: means a geographic site, including buildings, structures, and equipment in or upon which radioactive waste is retrievably or irretrievably Disposed by burial in soil or permanently stored. An independent spent-fuel storage installation located on the site of a Minnesota nuclear Generation Facility for dry cask storage of spent nuclear fuel Generated solely by that Facility is not a Radioactive Waste Management Facility.

Real Property:

- A. For the purposes of taxation, “Real Property” includes the land itself, rails, ties, and other track materials annexed to the land, and all buildings, structures, and improvements or other fixtures on it, bridges of bridge companies, and all rights and privileges belonging or appertaining to the land, and all mines, iron ore and taconite minerals not otherwise exempt, quarries, fossils, and trees on or under it.
- B. A building or structure shall include the building or structure itself, together with all improvements or fixtures annexed to the building or structure, which are integrated with and of permanent benefit to the building or structure, regardless of the present use of the building, and which cannot be removed without substantial damage to itself or to the building or structure.
- C. Real Property does not include:
 - i) Tools, implements, machinery, and equipment attached to or installed in Real Property for use in the business or production activity conducted thereon, regardless of size, weight or method of attachment, and mine shafts, tunnels, and other underground openings used to extract ores and minerals taxed under chapter 298 together with steel, concrete, and other materials used to support such openings.
 - ii) The exclusion provided in clause (i) shall not apply to machinery and equipment includable as real estate by paragraphs (a) and (b) even though such machinery and equipment is used in the business or production activity conducted on the Real Property if and to the extent such business or production activity consists of furnishing services or products to other buildings or structures which are subject to taxation under this chapter.
 - (iii)The exclusion provided in clause (i) does not apply to the exterior shell of a structure, which constitutes walls, ceilings, roofs, or floors if the shell of the structure has structural, insulation, or temperature control functions or provides protection from the elements. Such an exterior shell is included in the definition of Real Property even if it also has special functions distinct from that of a building.

Recycling Facility: means a facility used to aggregate, process, or market Recyclable Materials. Recycling Facility does not include an individual generator of Recyclable Materials, such as a

homeowner or business and it does not include a manufacturer using Recyclable Materials as feedstock.

Recyclable Materials: means marketable materials that are separated from Solid Waste for the purpose of Recycling, including paper, glass, plastics, metals, automobile oil, and batteries. Refuse-derived fuel or other material that is destroyed by incineration is not a Recyclable Material. Recyclable Materials also refers to marketable materials separated from Industrial Solid Wastes and Construction and Demolition Debris for the purpose of recycling.

Recycling: means the process of Collecting and preparing Recyclable Materials and reusing the materials in their original form or using them in manufacturing processes that do not cause the destruction of Recyclable Materials in a manner that precludes further use.

Recycling Opportunities: An opportunity to recycle must include:

- A. A local Recycling center in the County and sites for collecting Recyclable Materials that are located in areas convenient for Persons to use them;
- B. Curbside pickup, centralized drop-off, or a local Recycling center for at least four broad types of Recyclable Materials in cities with a population of 5,000 or more Persons; or
- C. Monthly pickup of at least four broad types of Recyclable Materials in cities of the first and second class and cities with 5,000 or more population in the metropolitan area.

Refuse: means putrescible and non-putrescible Solid Wastes, including garbage, rubbish, ashes, incinerator ash, incinerator residue, waste combustor ash, street cleanings, and Industrial Solid Wastes, and including municipal treatment wastes which do not contain free moisture.

Release: means any spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting, escaping, leaching, Dumping, or Disposing into the environment which occurred at a point in time or which continues to occur.

Release does not include:

- A. Emissions from the engine exhaust of a motor vehicle, rolling stock, aircraft, watercraft, or pipeline pumping station engine;
- B. Release of source, by-product, or special nuclear material from a nuclear incident, as those terms are defined in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, under United States Code, title 42, section 2014, if the Release is subject to requirements with respect to financial protection established by the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission under United States Code, title 42, section 2210;
- C. Release of source, by-product or special nuclear material from any Processing site designated pursuant to the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978, under United States Code, title 42, section 7912(a)(1) or 7942(a); or
- D. Any Release resulting from the application of fertilizer or agricultural or silvicultural chemicals, or Disposal of emptied pesticide containers or residues from a pesticide as defined in section 18B.01, subdivision 18.

Residential Building: means a single family home, a duplex, a tri-plex, a four-plex, an apartment building, a mobile home, a condominium, a townhouse, a cooperative housing unit, or any other Residential Building as determined by the County.

Residential Property: means property on which a single family home, a duplex, a tri-plex, a four-plex, an apartment building, a mobile home, a condominium, a townhouse, a cooperative housing unit, or any other Residential Building as determined by the County is located.

Residential Rate: means the rate of the Fee imposed on a Person who pays for Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Services for Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Generated from a Residential Property.

Residential Site: means any dwelling unit including: (a) detached single family residences, and (b) buildings or sites containing multiple residences including apartment buildings, condominiums, manufactured home parks, or town-homes, none of which are used solely for commercial purposes.

Resource Recovery: is defined as the reclamation for sale, use, or reuse of materials, substances, energy, or other products contained within or derived from Solid Waste.

Responsible Tenant: means any occupant, owner, manager, operator, or custodian of any residence, farm, apartment, or dwelling unit and any person, firm, or corporation owning and operating owning and operating an industrial or commercial establishment in the County.

Self-Hauler: means a Person who transports their own Solid Waste for Solid Waste Management purposes.

Service Area: means a geographical area within the County, established by resolution of the County Board, to receive Solid Waste Management Services.

Shoreland: means land located within the following distances from public water: 1,000 feet from the ordinary high water level of a lake, pond, or flowage; and 300 feet from a river or stream, or the landward extent of a flood plain designated by ordinance on a river or stream, whichever is greater. The limits of shorelands may be reduced whenever the waters involved are bounded by topographic divides which extend landward from the waters for lesser distances and when approved by the commissioner. See Minn. R. 6120.2500, Subp. 15.

Site: means the spatial location of a proposed or actual Solid Waste Management Activity or Solid Waste Management Facility.

Solid Waste: means Garbage, Refuse, sludge from a water supply treatment plant or air contaminant treatment Facility, and other discarded waste materials and sludges, in solid, semisolid, liquid, or contained gaseous form, resulting from industrial, mining, and agricultural operations and from Non-Residential Property, and from community activities, but does not include Hazardous Waste; animal waste used as fertilizer; earthen fill, boulders, rock; sewage sludge; solid or dissolved material in domestic sewage or other common pollutants in water resources, such as silt, dissolved or suspended solids in industrial waste water effluents or discharges which are point sources subject to permits under Section 402 of the federal Water

Pollution Control Act, as amended; dissolved materials in irrigation return flows; or source, special nuclear, or by-product material as defined by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Solid Waste Administrator: means the individual assigned by the County to oversee and direct Solid Waste Management Activities.

Solid Waste Department or Department: means the Wabasha County Solid Waste Department.

Solid Waste Management Activity: means an activity related to the Generation, storage, Collection, Transportation, Processing or reuse, conversion, or Disposal of Solid Waste.

Solid Waste Management Facility: means a Solid Waste Land Disposal Facility, a Construction and Demolition Debris Land Disposal Facility, an Industrial Solid Waste Land Disposal Facility, a Compost Facility, a Transfer Station, a Solid Waste Processing Facility, a Waste Tire Facility, a Waste Tire Collection Site, a Waste Tire Facility, a Waste Tire Processing Facility, or a Recycling Facility.

Solid Waste Land Disposal Facility: means a Solid Waste Land Disposal Facility permitted by the Agency that is designed or operated for the purpose of disposing of Solid Waste on or in the land, together with any appurtenant facilities.

Solid Waste Management: means activities that are intended to affect or control the Generation of Solid Waste and activities which provide for or control the Collection, Transportation, Processing, treatment, and Disposal of waste.

Solid Waste Management Plan: means the County Solid Waste Management Plan developed, adopted, and approved under Minn. Stat. §115A.46.

Solid Waste Management Services: means all activities provided by the County, by Persons under contract with the County, or by other Persons that support the waste management responsibilities described in Minn. Stat. Chapters 115A, 116, 400 and 473, including, but not limited to, waste reduction and reuse; waste recycling; composting of Yard Waste and food waste; Resource Recovery through Mixed Municipal Solid Waste composting or incineration; land disposal; management of problem materials and household hazardous waste; Collection, Processing, and Disposal of Solid Waste, Closure and post-closure care of a Solid Waste Management Facility, and response, as defined in Minn. Stat. §115B.02, to Releases from a Solid Waste Management Facility.

Solid Waste Ordinance or Ordinance: means the Solid Waste Ordinance adopted by Wabasha County on _____.

Source-Separated Compostable Material: means Mixed Municipal Solid Waste that:

- A. Is separated at the source by Solid Waste generators for the purpose of preparing it for use as Compost;
- B. Collected separately from other Mixed Municipal Solid Wastes;
- C. Is comprised of food wastes, fish and animal waste, plant materials, diapers, sanitary products, and paper that is not recyclable because the Solid Waste Administrator has determined that no other person is willing to accept the paper for recycling; and
- D. Is delivered to a Facility to undergo controlled microbial degradation to yield a humus-like product meeting the Agency's class I or class II, or equivalent, Compost standards and where process residues do not exceed 15 percent by weight of the total material delivered to the Facility.

Source-Separated Recyclable Material: means Recyclable Materials separated by the Generator prior to Collection for Recycling.

Special Wastes: means non-hazardous Solid Wastes that have been prohibited from disposal with Mixed Municipal Solid Waste or have had other specific management requirements prescribed by statute.

State: means the State of Minnesota.

Toxic Waste: means substances, whether liquid, gaseous or solid form, which when collected, stored, transported or disposed of, may be acutely toxic to humans or other animals, or plant life, or be directly damaging to property including, but not limited to, pesticides, acids, caustics, pathological wastes, radioactive materials, flammable or explosive materials, and similar noxious substances.

Transfer Station: means an intermediate Solid Waste Management Facility in which Solid Waste collected from any source is temporarily deposited to await Transportation to another Solid Waste Management Facility.

Transportation or Transports: means the conveying of Solid Waste from one place to another.

Unacceptable Waste: means those Solid Wastes that cannot be accepted for management at a Solid Waste Management Facility pursuant to local, State and federal laws, or as per the practices of the Solid Waste Management Facility.

Waste Tire: means a pneumatic tire or solid tire for motor vehicles that has been discarded or that can no longer be used for its original intended purpose because of wear, damage, or defect.

Waste Tire Collection Site: means a County-licensed and Agency permitted site or a site exempt from such license or permit, used for the Collection and storage of Waste Tires.

Waste Tire Dump: means an unlicensed, unpermitted Site being maintained, operated, used, or allowed to be used for the Collection, storage, keeping, or depositing of unprocessed Waste Tires.

Waste Tire Facility: means a Site where more than fifty (50) Waste Tires or an equivalent amount of tire derived products are Collected, deposited, stored, or Processed. The incidental storage of tire-derived products at the site of final use does not make the site a Waste Tire Facility.

Water Pollution: means the contamination of any waters of the state so as to create a nuisance or render such waters unclean, obnoxious or impure, so as to be actually harmful or detrimental or injurious to public health, safety or welfare, to domestic commercial or industrial use, or to animals, birds, fish or aquatic life.

Waters of the State: means all streams, lakes, ponds, marshes, water courses, waterways, wells, springs, reservoirs, aquifers, irrigation systems, and all other bodies or accumulations of water, surface or underground natural or artificial, public or private, which are contained within, flow throughout or border upon the State or any portion thereof.

Yard Waste: means garden wastes, leaves, lawn cuttings, weeds, and prunings generated at Residential or Non-Residential Properties.

Yard Waste Facility: means a facility used to compost Yard Waste.

SECTION 2.0 RULES, WORD USAGE

Normal Work Days: The days that County Departments are open to the public for business.

Singular and Plural: Words used in the singular include the plural, and the plural includes the singular.

Tenses: Words used in the present tense include the future.

ARTICLE III: GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1.0 DEPARTMENT POWERS AND DUTIES

The Wabasha County Solid Waste Department (Department) shall be responsible for the administration of this Ordinance. The Department's duties shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- 1.01** Implementation of this Ordinance, and review and consideration of all initial license applications submitted to the Department for approval by the County Board for performance of Solid Waste Management Activities within the County. After due consideration, the Department shall recommend in writing, with documentation to the County Board, that a license be granted or denied.
- 1.02** Review and consideration of renewal license applications, except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance.
- 1.03** Inspection of Solid Waste Management Activities as herein provided, investigation of complaints, and identification of violations of this Ordinance.
- 1.04** Recommendation when necessary, to the County Attorney's Office, that legal proceedings be initiated against a certain Person or Solid Waste Management Activity to compel compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance or to terminate the operation of the same.
- 1.05** Organizing and/or conducting studies, investigations and research relating to aspects of Solid Waste Management such as methodology, chemical and physical considerations, and engineering.
- 1.06** Advising, consulting, and cooperating with other governmental agencies in the furtherance of the purposes of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2.0 BOUNDARIES OF SERVICE AREA

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 400.08, subd. 2, the County establishes one Solid Waste Management Service Area, with its boundaries being coterminous with the boundaries of the County.

SECTION 3.0 HIGHEST STANDARDS PREVAIL

Where the conditions imposed by any provision of this Ordinance are either more restrictive or less restrictive than comparable conditions imposed by any other provision of this Ordinance or any other applicable law, ordinance, rule and regulation, the provision that establishes the higher standard for the promotion and protection of the public health, safety and general welfare shall prevail.

SECTION 4.0 JURISDICTION OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §115A.46, subd. 5, a public entity within the County may not enter into a binding agreement nor develop nor undertake a Solid Waste Management Activity that is inconsistent with the County Solid Waste Management Plan without the express consent of the County.

SECTION 5.0 PLANNING & ZONING APPROVAL

Any use of land for Solid Waste Management Activities within the County shall comply with the applicable Zoning requirements of the County Zoning Ordinance, or the requirements of applicable municipal land use ordinances.

SECTION 6.0 WAIVERS OR MODIFICATIONS

Due to the great variability in the types of Solid Waste and their existing and potential management methods, the Solid Waste Administrator may in a written approval waive or modify the strict application of the provisions of this Ordinance by reducing or waiving certain requirements when, in the discretion of the Solid Waste Administrator, such requirements are unnecessary or impractical, provided such a waiver or modification will not endanger the health, safety, and welfare of the public, or the environment. The Department may impose additional requirements through specific license conditions on a Solid Waste Management Activity when deemed necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public, or the environment.

SECTION 7.0 AGENCY APPROVAL

No modification or waiver may be granted if it would result in noncompliance with State and federal laws, unless such modification or waiver has been granted a variance by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

SECTION 8.0 INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, a Licensee shall indemnify the County, its officers, employees, agents, and others acting on their behalf, to hold them harmless, and to defend and protect them, from and against any and all loss, damage, liability, cost and expense (specifically including attorneys' fees and other costs and expenses of defense), of any sort whatsoever, based upon, resulting from, or otherwise arising in connection with any actions, claims or proceedings (of any sort and from any source whatsoever) brought, or any loss, damage or injury of any type whatsoever sustained, by reason of any act or omission of a Licensee, its officers, employees or agents, or any other Person(s) or entity(ies) for whose acts or omissions a Licensee may be legally responsible, in the performance of any of a Licensee's obligations (whether expressed or implied) under this Ordinance.

SECTION 9.0 FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

A performance bond, letter of credit or other financial assurance consistent with County policy shall be required prior to issuances of any Licenses for Sanitary Landfills, Demolition Landfills, or transfer stations.

SECTION 10.0 NO CONSENT

Nothing contained in this Ordinance shall be deemed to be a consent, license, or permit to locate, construct, operate, or maintain any Solid Waste Management Activity, or to carry on any Activity prior to issuance of a license, when a license is required hereunder.

SECTION 11.0 FALSE INFORMATION

Intentional submission of false information shall be deemed a violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 12.0 DATA PRIVACY

The Department shall require that any data received by the Department or any entity acting on behalf of the Department shall be maintained in accordance with the provisions of the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 13.

SECTION 13.0 SEVERABILITY

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the County Board that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional, invalid or unenforceable, such unconstitutionality, invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Ordinance.

SECTION 14.0 COLLECTION AVAILABILITY

The Wabasha County Board finds that this Ordinance and the available Haulers provide for reasonably available, regularly scheduled pickup of solid waste and recyclables in cities and rural farm areas throughout Wabasha County.

SECTION 15.0 COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS

Every business, non-farm household, and farm household shall engage a hauler to collect and transport Mixed Municipal Solid Waste and Recyclables to a licensed disposal facility or show documentation of alternative practice meeting the requirements of the Wabasha County Solid Waste Ordinance.

Residents of Wabasha County outside the municipal city limits may bring recyclable materials to any of the County rural recycling drop-off sheds located throughout the County.

Business and commercial accounts within Wabasha County shall not use the County rural recycling drop-off sheds located throughout the County.

SECTION 16.0 UNAUTHORIZED DUMPING AND SOLID WASTE OPERATION

No person shall cause or permit Garbage, trash, refuse, cans, paper, ashes, junk, junk vehicles, yard waste, demolition waste, hazardous waste, tires, white goods, electronic waste, furniture, or other Solid Waste is to be dumped, thrown, scattered or deposited upon any public or private land or water ways within the County.

Any Solid Waste Management activity must comply with all applicable Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Solid Waste Management Rules, Wabasha County Solid Waste Plan, this Ordinance, and must be approved and licensed by the County Board before operation may commence.

The standards imposed by the Wabasha County Zoning Ordinance, Article III, Section 10, "Dumping and Disposal of Rubbish," are also incorporated herein. Adopted July 17, 2001, Amended August 15, 2006.

SECTION 17.0 IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF RESTRICTED AND BANNED MATERIALS

Wabasha County hereby adopts, by reference, Minnesota Statute §§115A.904 through 115A.9561, regarding banned special wastes. Those wastes are to be taken to special collection centers and to County/City sponsored special collections during the year.

The following items are banned from disposal in sanitary landfills, demolition landfills, incinerators and recycling centers/sheds within Wabasha County:

- i) Used or old tires.
- ii) Batteries: lead acid, heavy metal rechargeable, and button batteries.
- iii) Used oil and oil filters.
- iv) Yard waste.
- v) Large appliances that contain freon and other hazardous chemicals.
- vi) Covered electronic waste.
- vii) Mercury containing devices.
- viii) Hazardous waste.

**ARTICLE IV:WASTE ABATEMENT, STORAGE, COLLECTION, PROCESSING,
DISPOSAL, & PROHIBITIONS**

SECTION 1.0 WASTE ABATEMENT

1.01 Purpose The purpose of this section is to abate the need for land disposal of Solid Waste by requiring the source-separation of Yard Waste to create a beneficial Compost product and for recovery of Recyclable Materials to conserve natural resources and meet the State-mandated Recycling goal.

1.02 Prohibition of Yard Waste and Recyclable Materials from the Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Stream; Management of Yard Waste and Recyclable Materials Yard Waste and Recyclable Materials shall not be placed in Mixed Municipal Solid Waste. When aggregated for Collection, Yard Waste and Recyclable Materials shall be placed in storage containers that are easily distinguishable from Mixed Municipal Solid Waste storage containers. Once source-separated, Yard Waste and Recyclable Materials shall not be recombined with Mixed Municipal Solid Waste.

A. Yard Waste Management Generators must manage Yard Waste by mulching it and spreading it on the ground; composting it on-site; or transporting it to a permitted Yard Waste Facility, either by Self-Hauling or by contract with a Hauler.

- i) **On-Site Yard Waste Composting** On-site Compost Sites are allowed if the site is managed in such a manner to prevent annoying odors, Public Health Nuisances, or unsafe conditions. Compostable organic materials suitable for backyard Compost Sites include: Yard Waste, straw, vegetable and fruit scraps, coffee grounds and filters, and eggshells. The County accepts the methods and guidelines published by the University of Minnesota Extension Service as suitable for on-site composting. On-site composting that does not comply with these methods and guidelines is not permitted.
- ii) **Permitted Yard Waste Facilities** Yard Waste Facilities located in the County,) except on-site Compost Sites, shall comply with the License requirements in this) Ordinance and State statutes and regulations.

B. Recycling The recycling requirements of this Ordinance represent the minimum responsibility of Generators and do not limit the type or quantity of Recyclable Materials accepted by Recycling Facilities and Haulers. Generators are encouraged to recycle additional items to achieve and surpass the Recycling goal.

C. Residential Building Recycling All Generators in Residential Buildings are encouraged to segregate and deliver the following Recyclable Materials to a Recycling Facility, either by Self-Hauling or by contract with a licensed Hauler: Paper products such as newsprint and cardboard, glass containers, corrugated cardboard, aluminum cans, tin cans, and number 1 and 2 plastic containers with necks. Owners and/or managers of Residential Buildings with three or more units who provide for collection of Mixed Municipal Solid Waste must provide central collection locations for Recyclable Materials generated on their premises and must deliver the above listed Recyclable Materials to a Recycling Facility either by Self-Hauling or by contract with a licensed Hauler.

D. **Non-Residential Property Recycling** Owners and/or managers of Non-Residential Property must provide central collection locations for, at a minimum, the following Recyclable Materials generated on their premises: Paper products such as newsprint and cardboard, glass containers, aluminum cans, tin cans, and number 1 and 2 plastic containers with necks. Owners and/or managers of Non-Residential Property shall ensure delivery of these Recyclable Materials to a Recycling Facility, either by Self-Hauling or by contract with a licensed Hauler.

E. **Ownership of Yard Waste and Recyclable Materials** All Yard Waste and Recyclable Materials aggregated and offered for Collection shall remain the property and responsibility of the Generator until collected by a licensed Hauler or self-hauled to a licensed Facility, at which time they shall become the property of the licensed Hauler or licensed Facility, respectively.

F. **Anti-scavenging** The scavenging or removal of recoverable or recyclable materials from any facility or container in Wabasha County without the written consent of the owner or operator shall be prohibited.

SECTION 2.0 STORAGE & COLLECTION

2.01 Purpose This section governs the storage, Collection, and Transportation of Solid Waste generated within the County, including but not limited to Mixed Municipal Solid Waste, Yard Waste and Recyclable Materials. This section also governs Curbside Collection and all Persons collecting and transporting Solid Waste within the County.

2.02 Storage Property owners and managers shall maintain their Open Areas free of Solid Waste accumulations unless the Solid Waste is stored in an acceptable container as specified in this Ordinance, or unless otherwise specified by this Ordinance. Solid Waste shall be stored in a manner to prevent the loss of Solid Waste to the environment and to preclude the development of vector, odor, and Public Health Nuisance problems.

A. **External Storage and Automobiles** Article III, Subd. 7 and 8 of the Wabasha County Zoning Ordinance, “Performance Standards: External Storage and Automobiles” is hereby incorporated by reference, and shall apply to Residential, Commercial and Agricultural Sites.

B. **Construction Sites** Any Solid Waste generated at Construction Sites shall be placed in acceptable containers as specified in this Ordinance. No burning, burying or dumping of Solid Waste generated at Construction Sites shall occur at locations other than licensed Solid Waste Management Facilities. Brush and tree waste may be burned, in compliance with Section 4.00 of this Article. **Generators of Solid Waste at Construction Sites must ensure the separation of Mixed Municipal Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials either on-site or through the use of a service provider offering such separation.**

C. **Solid Waste Storage Containers** While being accumulated and stored for Collection and Transportation to a licensed Solid Waste Management Facility, Solid Waste shall be stored in reusable, covered containers (e.g., cans, dumpsters, compactors, roll-off containers, etc.) that are rust, impact, vermin, and leak resistant. When aggregated for Collection, Yard Waste and Recyclable Materials shall be

placed in storage containers that are easily distinguishable from Mixed Municipal Solid Waste storage containers. Plastic bags designed for containing manageable quantities of Solid Waste shall only be used for temporary storage and may only be placed outdoors for Collection no sooner than the evening prior to the scheduled Collection day.

2.03 Collection

Every Commercial and Residential Site in the County, shall engage a licensed Hauler for the Collection of Mixed Municipal Solid Waste.

- A. **Collection Charges** Haulers shall establish charges for the Collection of Mixed Municipal Solid Waste on a volume or weight basis to provide Generators the financial incentive to reduce their production of Mixed Municipal Solid Waste. Haulers may not impose a greater charge on residents who recycle than on residents who do not recycle. Minn. Stat. §115A.93, Subd. 3(c).
- B. **Curbside Collection** Haulers must provide curbside services for the Collection and Transportation of Mixed Municipal Solid Waste. Curbside service for collection of recyclables must be provided, except in rural areas where such services are not practicable. Generators utilizing the services of a Hauler may place acceptable containers of Mixed Municipal Solid Waste, or Recyclable Materials at the curb or Collection site no sooner than the evening prior to scheduled Collection and Generators must remove the empty containers the same day as Collection.
- C. **Secure all Loads** A Person who collects or transports Solid Waste must do so in a safe and sanitary manner and must secure all loads so as to prevent escape of any waste material. This section also applies to any open top vehicles and small collector trucks for Mixed Municipal Solid Waste.
- D. **Collection Frequency** Solid Waste aggregated for Collection must be collected regularly to preclude the development of odor, vector and Public Health Nuisance problems. Putrescible Materials must be collected, at a minimum, every two weeks.
- E. **Title to Non-Hazardous Mixed Municipal Solid Waste** Title to non-hazardous Mixed Municipal Solid Waste shall remain with the Generator until released to a licensed Hauler who then will haul it to a licensed Facility. In cases where a Generator chooses not to utilize a licensed Solid Waste Management Facility, title to the non-hazardous Mixed Municipal Solid Waste and its associated environmental liability shall remain with the Generator.

SECTION 3.0 PROCESSING & DISPOSAL

3.01 Purpose This section governs the processing and disposal of Solid Waste and regulates Solid Waste accumulations within the County.

3.02 Recyclable Materials Recycling Facilities must comply with the requirements of Minnesota Rules Part 7035.2845, as amended from time to time, and a License for Recycling Facilities is required by this Ordinance. Recycling Facilities must operate in

accordance with the provisions outlined in this Ordinance and Minnesota statutes and regulations.

- 3.03 Mixed Municipal Solid Waste** Generators shall utilize the Collection services of a licensed Hauler, then the licensed Hauler shall deliver Mixed Municipal Solid Waste to a licensed and permitted Solid Waste Management Facility.
- 3.05 Industrial Solid Waste** Generators are responsible for identifying, characterizing and properly managing the Industrial Solid Waste that they produce.
- 3.06 Unacceptable Waste, Problem Materials and Special Waste** State and federal laws or regulations prohibit the Processing and/or Disposal of some types of Solid Waste. Regulations also restrict the Processing of other materials or waste types because they may present an operational hazard to a Solid Waste Management Facility. Generators are responsible for identifying any Unacceptable Waste, Problem Materials, and/or Special Wastes, that they produce and for adhering to Facility-specific requirements for disposal.

SECTION 4.0 PROHIBITIONS

4.01 Solid Waste Burning The open burning of Solid Waste is prohibited by State law, Minn. Stat. §88.171. **Only the burning of natural vegetative materials shall be allowed.** The “Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Burning Guidelines,” dated 1994, are hereby adopted as reference in this Ordinance. See also Art. III, Sec. 14.0 of this Ordinance.

- A. Materials that may be burned shall include vegetative materials such as trees, brush, leaves, dry grass clippings and untreated/unpainted wood that contains no glues or resins.
 - B. By State law, materials that may NOT be burned shall include but are not limited to oils, rubber, plastics, chemically treated materials such as treated lumber, tires railroad ties, shingles, wiring, paint, paint filters, particle board, tar paper, sheetrock, cardboard, paper products electronics, hazardous wastes, household garbage. See Minn. Stats. §17.135, §88.171.
 - C. A DNR burning permit shall be required for any “open burning” of vegetative materials. Open burning means a burn area greater than 3 foot diameter area.
 - D. An open fire shall be attended and kept in control at all times.
- 4.02. On-Site Disposal of Solid Waste** It is a violation of this Ordinance for any Person to Dispose of Solid Waste, excluding Residential Yard Waste, on their property without a license. The existence of an unlicensed Solid Waste Site shall be reported to the Solid Waste Administrator upon discovery.
- 4.03 Unauthorized Dumping** See Article III, Section 16.0.
- 4.04 Unauthorized Container Use** It shall be illegal to use another Person’s Solid Waste storage container, inspect its contents, or remove its contents unless provided prior

authorization by the owner or lawful custodian of the container. Construction and Demolition Debris

- A. All Construction and Demolition Debris shall first be referred to landfills approved and permitted by the Agency for the disposal of demolition debris. The only exception to this requirement is for concrete, brick and building rock. The Generator shall apply to the MPCA for the appropriate permit for the concrete, brick and building rock, and shall follow all MPCA rules regarding the reporting and storage of the permitted debris.
- B. It shall be the policy of Wabasha County to encourage Townships and Cities within the County to require demolition permits for the purpose of demolishing structures. Wabasha County shall request notification from each local authority which issues demolition permits each time a demolition permit is issued. The information requested upon notification of the local authority shall include at least the following: Demolition project manager, location of the demolition project, scheduled demolition date, and the location of the demolition disposal site.
- C. State rules regarding demolition shall apply, including those rules regarding dumping of demolition materials in solid waste management facilities. See proposed rules 7035.0805 et seq.
- D. Licensed Haulers, contractors and companies that rent dumpsters or rolloffs for the collection, transportation, and disposal of demolition debris must:
 - i) Follow all Agency and Wabasha County rules regarding what materials are acceptable or not-acceptable for transportation and disposal in said containers.
 - ii) All above mentioned business entities must file an annual report with the Department. The report shall include: the name and address of who produced the demolition materials, the volume and type of demolition materials produced and hauled, the dates of service, and the name and address of the Licensed facility where demolition materials were disposed.
 - iii) Storage of full dumpsters and/or rolloffs on a company site can not exceed ten (10) calendar days before delivery to disposal facility.
 - iv) All dumpsters and/or rolloffs containing demolition debris must be tarped when in the demolition company yard, or when being transported on an interstate highway, or on any roadway at a speed greater than 30 miles per hour. See Minn. Stat. §169.81.

ARTICLE V: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICE CHARGES

SECTION 1.0 PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

The purpose of this Article is to establish potential future methods of collection of Service Charges to fund certain Solid Waste Management Services intended to protect the public health and welfare and the environment pursuant to State mandates governing Solid Waste Management. This authority is enacted pursuant to Minn. Stat. §400.08.

SECTION 2.0 GENERAL SERVICE CHARGE PROVISIONS

- 2.01 Solid Waste Management Service Charge** A Solid Waste Management Service Charge may be imposed for Solid Waste Management Services provided within the Service Area. If such a charge is imposed, Generators shall pay the Solid Waste Management Service Charge imposed in the manners set forth here in amounts as established by the County Board. Solid Waste Management Service Charge rates shall be just and reasonable. A copy of the current rate schedule shall be kept on file in the Department.
- 2.02 Procedures for Establishing or Amending the Amount of Solid Waste Management Service Charge** This section only gives authority to the Board for future imposition of a Service Charge. In order to impose and establish a Service Charge, the County Board must do the following: The County Board may impose and establish the amount of the Solid Waste Management Service Charge, as well as the method or methods of collection, by ordinance following a public hearing, and shall state the effective date of the Solid Waste Management Service Charge. The procedure shall be the same to adjust an already established Service Charge, and there shall be a minimum thirty (30) day period prior to the effective date of such adjustment.
- 2.03 Methods of Billing and Collection** The County may use one or both of the following methods of billing and collecting the Solid Waste Management Service Charge.
- A. A per parcel Service Charge collected through an assessment payable with the real estate taxes;
 - B. A Service Charge collected by licensed Haulers that is based on the amount of Solid Waste generated. If this type of Service Charge is authorized, it shall be a condition of the Hauler's license to bill and collect the Service Charge from all Persons to whom they provide Hauler Services, according to the rates and provisions established by the County Board. Either of the following options may be chosen by the County Board: Percentage of Sales Price Option, or Weight or Container-Based Option. In either case, the County Board shall establish the rate as described above.

ARTICLE VI: HAULER LICENSING PROVISIONS

SECTION 1.0 LICENSE REQUIRED

No Person may Collect, Transport or Dispose of Solid Waste generated within the County except in full compliance with this Ordinance after having obtained a license to do so by the Department as specified in this Article. This Article does not apply to Self-Haulers or to the Transportation of Solid Waste through the County.

SECTION 2.0 LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Haulers shall comply with the following license requirements.

- 2.01 License Application** The Hauler shall submit a completed application to the County on a form provided by the Department.
- 2.02 License Fees** The Hauler shall pay all license fees to the County with the License application and the license renewal application. The amounts of such license fees and late fees for submittal of a late application shall be established by January of each year by the County Board. No license fee shall be prorated for a portion of a year and no License fee shall be refunded. Non-profit haulers may file a request for waiver of the license fee by the Wabasha County Board.
- 2.03 License Term and Renewal**
- A. Unless otherwise provided by the County Board, the term of a Hauler License granted pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance shall be up to one year but shall expire on December 31 of the year the license is granted, unless sooner renewed, suspended or revoked.
 - B. License renewal applications must be submitted to the Department by November 15 of each year. License renewal applications received after that date shall be subject to a late fee.
- 2.04 License Non-Transferable** Licenses granted by the Department under this Section are not transferable to other Persons.
- 2.05 Vehicles Licensed** All vehicles used for the Collection and transportation of Solid Waste in the County shall be listed on the license application. The applicant shall specify the make, model, year, and capacity, in cubic yards, as well as the tare weight of each vehicle.

SECTION 3.0 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Hauler shall obtain, maintain, and submit with the License application certificates of insurance issued by insurers duly licensed by the State of Minnesota providing the following

coverage, or a self-insurance plan certified by the Department of Commerce providing equivalent coverage:

3.01 Worker's Compensation Insurance

- A. Worker's compensation insurance shall be in compliance with all applicable State Statutes. Such policy shall include Employer's liability coverage in at least such amount(s) as are customarily issued in Minnesota and an All States or Universal Endorsement, if applicable.
- B. In the event a Licensee is a sole proprietor and has elected not to provide workers' compensation insurance, the Licensee shall be required to execute and submit to the Department an affidavit of sole proprietorship in a form acceptable to the Department.

3.02 General Liability

- A. Commercial General Liability Coverage, providing coverage on an "occurrence," rather than on a "claims made" basis, which policy shall include, but shall not be limited to, coverage for bodily injury, property damage, personal injury, contractual liability (applying to this contract), independent Licensees, "XC&U" and products-completed operations liability (if applicable). Such coverage may be provided under an equivalent policy form, so long as such equivalent form affords coverage that is at least as broad. An Insurance Services Office "Comprehensive General Liability" policy that includes a "Broad Form Endorsement," shall be considered to be an acceptable equivalent policy form.
- B. The Licensee shall maintain at all times during the period of the license a total combined general liability policy limit of at least \$500,000 for each occurrence and \$1,000,000 aggregate, applying to liability for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage, which total limit may be satisfied by the limit afforded under its "Commercial General Liability" policy, or equivalent policy, or by such policy in combination with the limits afforded by an "Umbrella" or "Excess Liability" policy (or policies), provided, that the coverage afforded under any such "Umbrella" or "Excess Liability" policy is at least as broad as that afforded by the underlying "Commercial General Liability" policy (or equivalent underlying policy).
- C. Such commercial general liability policy and "Umbrella" or "Excess Liability" policy (or policies) may provide aggregate limits for some or all of the coverage afforded there under, so long as such aggregate limits have not, as of the beginning of the term or at any time during the term, been reduced to less than the total required limits stated above, and further, that the "Umbrella" or "Excess Liability" policy provides coverage from the point that such aggregate limits in the underlying comprehensive general liability policy become reduced or exhausted.

3.03 Automobile Liability Business Automobile liability insurance shall be obtained and shall cover liability for bodily injury and property damage arising out of the ownership, use, maintenance, or operation of all owned, non-owned and hired automobiles and other motor vehicles utilized by the Licensee in connection with performance under this license

agreement. Such policy shall provide total liability limits for combined bodily injury and/or property damage in the amount of at least \$1,000,000 per accident, which total limits may be satisfied by the limits afforded under such policy, or by such policy in combination with the limits afforded by an “Umbrella” or “Excess Liability” policy, provided, that the coverage afforded under any such “Umbrella” or “Excess Liability” policy shall be at least as broad with respect to such business automobile liability insurance as that afforded by the underlying policy. Unless included within the scope of the Licensee’s commercial general liability policy, such business automobile liability policy shall also include coverage for motor vehicle liability assumed under contract.

3.04 Additional Insurance The County may require a Licensee to undertake an annual insurance evaluation, conducted by an independent evaluator selected by the County, which evaluator shall be reasonably acceptable to Licensee. The County may, at any time during the period of the license, require that Licensee secure any additional insurance, or additional feature to existing insurance, as is recommended by such evaluation as reasonably required for the protection of the County’s interests or those of the public.

3.05 Evidence of Insurance A Licensee shall promptly provide the Department with evidence that the insurance coverage required hereunder is in full force and effect at least twenty (20) days prior to the granting of a license by the County Board. At least thirty (30) days prior to termination of any such coverage, Licensee shall provide the Department with evidence that such coverage will be renewed or replaced upon termination with insurance that complies with these provisions. Such evidence of insurance shall be in the form of a “Certificate of Insurance,” or in such other form as the Department may reasonably request, and shall contain sufficient information to allow the Department to determine whether there is compliance with these provisions. At the request of the Department, the Licensee shall, in addition to providing such evidence of insurance, promptly furnish the Department with a complete (and if so requested, insurer-certified) copy of each insurance policy intended to provide coverage required hereunder. All such policies shall be endorsed to require that the insurer provide at least a sixty (60) day notice to the Department prior to the effective date of policy cancellation, non-renewal, or material adverse change in coverage terms. The Licensee’s insurance agent shall certify on the certificate of insurance, that he/she has error and omissions coverage.

3.06 Insurer Policies All policies of insurance required by this Ordinance shall be issued by financially responsible insurers licensed to do business in the State of Minnesota, and all such insurers must be acceptable to the Department. Such acceptance shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. An insurer with a current A.M. Best Company rating of at least A: VII shall be conclusively deemed to be acceptable. In all other instances, the Department shall have twenty (20) business days from the date of receipt of a Licensee’s evidence of insurance to advise the Licensee in writing of any insurer that is not acceptable to the County. If the Department does not respond in writing within such twenty (20) day period, the Licensee’s insurer(s) shall be deemed to be acceptable to the County.

3.07 Loss Information At the request of the Department, the Licensee shall promptly furnish loss information concerning all liability claims brought against a Licensee (or any other Insured under Licensee's required policies) that may affect the amount of liability insurance available for the benefit and protection of the County under this Ordinance. Such loss information shall include such specifics and be in such form as the Department may reasonably require.

SECTION 4.0 EQUIPMENT & OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS

- 4.01 Equipment Requirements** All Solid Waste Collection and Transportation vehicles shall be easily cleanable, leak-proof, and be covered with metal, canvas, or a fishnet type material while in transit.
- 4.02 Maintenance** The Licensee shall maintain all Solid Waste Collection and Transportation vehicles in a safe and sanitary manner, and provide brooms and shovels on each vehicle for the purpose of cleaning up spilled material. All safety equipment including, but not limited to, horns, lights, and reflectors shall be operable.
- 4.03 Storage** The Licensee shall not allow Solid Waste to remain or be stored in any Collection or Transportation vehicle, including roll-offs and other detachable containers, in excess of forty-eight (48) hours, except in the event of an emergency such as inclement weather, equipment breakdown or accident. Any storage of Solid Waste in containers must be done with a water impermeable cover.
- 4.04 Protecting Private Property** The Licensee shall take reasonable care to protect the property of customers being served. The Licensee shall be responsible for any damage or spillage of Solid Waste as a result of the Licensee or the Licensee's employees or agent's actions, and shall indemnify the County for any consequential damages that result.
- 4.05 Smoking, Smoldering or Burning Solid Waste** The Licensee may not collect or transport Solid Waste that is smoking, smoldering, or burning.
- 4.06 Dumping in an Emergency** The Licensee shall be responsible for the cleanup of any Solid Waste that must be dumped due to an emergency. The operator of the vehicle shall immediately notify the Department and the appropriate law enforcement agency and emergency service of such emergency dumping and shall clean up the area within the time limit set by the Department.
- 4.07 Yard Waste Collection** Haulers shall only accept for Collection Yard Waste that meets the following criteria:
- A. Has been placed in paper bags or other containers that will decompose within the time period it takes to produce a finished Compost product out of the material held by the container; or
 - B. Is in a container that is not collected with the Yard Waste.

- 4.08 Prohibited Wastes** Haulers shall not accept for Collection in the County any Mixed Municipal Solid Waste that contains Yard Waste, Christmas trees, lead acid and rechargeable batteries (as prohibited by Minn. Stat. § 115A.9 155), Solid Wastes containing mercury (as prohibited by Minn. Stat. § 115A.932), motor vehicle fluids and filters (as prohibited in Minn. Stat. § 115A.916), or any material that has been banned from Solid Waste or Mixed Municipal Solid Waste by any State statute. Banned items include, but are not limited to, Waste Tires, Major Appliances, Covered Electronic Waste, and Medical Waste.
- 4.09 Mixing of Mixed Municipal Solid Waste and Recyclables Prohibited.** Haulers shall not mix Source Separated Recyclable Materials with Mixed Municipal Solid Waste or handle Source-Separated Recyclable Materials in any way that reduces the reusability or marketability of the Source Separated Recyclable Materials.
- 4.10 Providing Recycling Opportunities** At least once each year licensed Haulers shall provide by U.S. Mail to residential and business customers, specific information concerning Recycling Opportunities, hours and dates of service, and special services that are available to their customers. Licensed Haulers shall also make this information available to the County for inclusion on the County internet site.
- 4.11 Hauler-Imposed Collection Fees**
- A. Hauler-imposed fees for the Collection of Mixed Municipal Solid Waste in the County shall increase with the volume or weight of the waste collected.
 - B. Haulers of Mixed Municipal Solid Waste in the County are prohibited from imposing a greater Collection fee on residents who recycle than on residents, who do not recycle, as per Minn. Stat. §____.
 - C. Haulers shall offer a 38-gallon or less base container fee for Solid Waste generated at a Residential Building or at a Residential Property. Incremental container fee levels shall not increase by more than 30 gallons per increment, with the exception for fees charged for bulky items.
 - D. If Collection of Yard Waste is provided, the Hauler-imposed fee for such Collection must be indicated as a separate line item on a customer's bill.

SECTION 5.0 REPORTING REQUIRED

A Hauler must keep records and report to the Department information relating to the Collection, Processing and Disposal of Solid Waste collected by the Hauler. The information shall be reported to the Department on a monthly basis (no later than 15 days after the end of each month) on a form provided by the Department.

- 5.01 Solid Waste Records** A Hauler shall keep records of the following information for at least 3 years. For purposes of this Ordinance, "origin" means a general geographic description that at a minimum names the local governmental unit within the County, and "Type" means a best estimate of the percentage of each truckload that consists of residential, commercial, industrial, construction and demolition debris or any other general type of Solid Waste.

- A. **Types and Quantities of Solid Waste** A Hauler shall maintain records regarding the volume or weight, type(s) and origin(s) of Solid Waste collected. For each vehicle, the Hauler shall keep a daily record of the origin(s), type(s), and weight of the waste collected that day, and the identity of the Solid Waste Management Facility at which collected waste is deposited. If the waste is measured by volume at the Solid Waste Facility at which it is deposited, the record may indicate the volume rather than the weight of the waste.
- B. **Number of Residential and Non-Residential Accounts** The Hauler shall maintain a record of the number of Residential and Non-Residential accounts serviced in each geographic origin. For reporting purposes, units in Multi-Unit Residential Buildings shall be considered residential accounts, and each individual unit shall be reported as a separate account.
- C. **Total Weight of Solid Waste** The Hauler shall maintain a record of the total weight of all Solid Waste collected from Residential accounts and Non-Residential accounts for each geographic region. The weight of the Solid Waste collected shall be reported and documented by scale or other County approved documentation method.
- D. **Management of Solid Waste** The Hauler shall maintain a record of the location(s) where Solid Waste was delivered, deposited, processed, or marketed and the total amount of waste delivered to each Solid Waste Management Facility or other location.

5.02 **Failure to File Monthly Volume Reports** Monthly Volume reports for MSW and recyclables are vital to the SW Recycling Department. They are used to file annual State SCORE reports, reports to La Crosse County and to keep track of Wabasha County volumes from year to year. These reports also help to keep track of subtle changes in each haulers collection activity for MSW and recyclables. Changes can mean loss of collection territory, non-compliance with the SW Ordinance and possible diversion of waste or recyclables to another processing facility. These reports must be filed monthly by no later than the 15th day of the following month.

When monthly volume reports are not filed by the 15th day of the following month:

- A. The first infraction will be recognized by a letter from the Department that requires a response and filing of the volume report within 10 working days.
- B. After the second infraction, the Department will send a letter notifying the hauler, and assessing a fine of \$100. This fine must be paid within 30 days to the County Solid Waste Department.
- C. Further failure to file required volume reports will garner a fine of \$100 for each offense.
- D. Haulers who are guilty of failure to file the monthly volume report more than 4 (four) times in a given calendar year will also be subject to suspension and revocation of their Hauler's license for that year. This will also be considered during the application for licensure in the following year.

SECTION 6.0 ADDITIONAL RECYCLABLE MATERIALS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the Solid Waste reporting requirements in Section 5.0, the Collection of Recyclable Materials is subject to the following requirements.

6.01 Weight of Individual Recyclable Materials The Hauler shall maintain a record of the weight of Recyclable Materials collected, from residential and non-residential accounts, for each of the following Recyclable Materials: newsprint, corrugated cardboard, mixed paper, magazines, metal cans, glass containers, plastic containers, boxboard, and additional materials as from time to time mandated by the County Board.

The following must be reported on the monthly report provided by the Department: The weight of each type of Recyclable Material collected may be estimated based upon the percentage of each material type recorded in previously documented Collections. The amount of Recyclable Materials collected from each geographic origin may be estimated based on the proportion of accounts in each community. The Hauler must also state where each of the recyclable materials is marketed or shipped to for processing.

SECTION 7.0 WASTE DEPOSIT DISCLOSURE

7.01 Disclosure Required

A. At least annually between January 1 and March 31, a Hauler who collects Construction and Demolition Debris, Industrial Solid Waste, or Mixed Municipal Solid Waste generated in the County for transportation to a Solid Waste Management Facility shall disclose in writing to each Generator from whom such waste is collected the name, location, and type of, and the number of the permit issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, or its counterpart in another State, if applicable, for the Solid Waste Management Facility, excluding Transfer Stations, at which the waste will be deposited. The Hauler shall state the approximate percentage of waste deposited at each of the two primary facilities used for the type of Solid Waste collected from the Generator in the County and any alternative Solid Waste Management Facility regularly used by the Hauler for the type of Solid Waste collected from the Generator in the County.

B. The form and content of the disclosure shall follow Minn. Stat. §115A.9302.

ARTICLE VII: FACILITY REQUIREMENTS AND LICENSES

SECTION 1.0 LICENSES REQUIRED

It is unlawful for any Person to establish, operate, or maintain a Solid Waste Management Facility listed in Section 1.02 without a license from the County. No Person shall cause, permit, or allow land or property under that Person's control to be used for Solid Waste Processing, Disposal or Transfer Station purposes, except at a Site that complies with all County ordinances, regulations, local, State, and federal guidelines, statutes, rules and regulations.

1.01 Disposal of Solid Waste No Person shall make nor allow land or property under their control to be used for Disposal of any Solid Waste unless it is a Solid Waste Management Facility for which a license has been issued by the County Board or renewed by the Department, unless otherwise provided by this Ordinance. No Person shall dispose of any Solid Waste on any land or property, unless the County has issued a Solid Waste Management Facility license for that land or property, or unless otherwise provided by this Ordinance.

1.02 Facility Licenses The following types of Facilities shall obtain a Solid Waste Management Facility License from the County:

A. Transfer Stations

SECTION 2.0 FACILITY LICENSE FEES

2.01 Application Fee An application fee, the amount to be determined by the Department and approved by the County Board, shall be established to process the Facility License application and review all plans and specifications and shall accompany the application.

2.02 Facility License Fees The County Board may establish Solid Waste Land Disposal Facility fees pursuant Minn. Stat. §115A.919 and may utilize fees received pursuant to Minn. Stat. §115A.923. Facility License fees shall be determined by the Department and approved by the County Board. License fees shall be established each year for the subsequent calendar year. The Department shall collect license fees each year. Non-payment of fees shall be grounds for denial of a license application or renewal.

SECTION 3.0 LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

An application for a License or License renewal shall be made to the Department on forms furnished by the Department. The application shall not be considered complete until the Department has received all information, materials, plans, Financial Assurance, certificates of insurance, and fees required under this Ordinance. Unless otherwise provided by the County Board, each License granted pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance shall expire annually unless sooner revoked.

3.01 Financial Assurance The County Board may require Financial Assurance as appropriate for any or all of those Solid Waste Management Facilities listed in Section 1.02, based on their size, operating life, operational practices, and types of waste accepted.

3.02. Planning and Zoning Approval Any use of land for Solid Waste Management Facilities within the County shall comply with the applicable zoning requirements of the County Zoning Ordinance, or the zoning requirements of municipalities, if applicable.

3.03 Application Requirements The application for initial License shall include:

- A. A complete copy of the permit application submitted to the MPCA, including a set of complete plans, specifications, design data, and ultimate land use; and
- B. A land use permit as required by the County Zoning Ordinance or the zoning authority having jurisdiction over the proposed site; and
- C. A written statement of how the proposed facility is consistent with the County Solid Waste Management Plan and current Agency Certificate of Need (CON), if applicable; and
- D. An application fee as established by the County Board; and
- E. The License application shall include two sets of complete plans, specifications, design data, ultimate land use plan if applicable, proposed operating procedures and such other information as may be required by the County, all prepared by a professional engineer registered in Minnesota.

3.04 Licensed Facilities At any time the Licensee submits an application for renewal or modification of their Agency permit, a copy of that application and all supporting documentation must be submitted to the County and the process for License renewal shall be followed.

3.05 License Holder In each application for a Solid Waste Management Facility License, the Owner and Operator shall be named as the proposed Licensees. Co-Licensees are jointly and severally liable for Ordinance violations.

SECTION 4.0 REVIEW OF FACILITY LICENSE APPLICATION

After receiving a complete License application that includes all required information, the County shall have 60 days to either grant or deny the License. If any applicant is denied a License, the applicant shall be notified in writing by the County of the reasons for the denial of the License. A denial shall be without prejudice to the applicant's right to an appearance before the County Board or for filing a further application after revisions are made to meet objections specified as reasons for the denial.

4.01 Operational Conditions The Licensee shall comply with the operational conditions stated in the application as approved by the County. Failure of the Licensee to comply with such operational conditions is a violation of this Ordinance and the Licensee is subject to the penalties provided herein.

4.02 Contingent License/Special Conditions A License may be granted that is contingent upon compliance with special conditions specified in the License. Such conditions, if any, shall be designed to promote the health, welfare and safety of the public pursuant to

this Ordinance. Failure of the Licensee to comply with such special conditions is a violation of this Ordinance and is subject to the penalties provided herein.

- 4.03 Local Governing Body Review** No License application will be considered until written proof that the local governing body, if applicable, has considered the establishment of the Facility and the results of that consideration are provided to the Department.

SECTION 5.0 TERM OF FACILITY LICENSE; RENEWAL; LICENSE NOT TRANSFERABLE

The term and renewal of Solid Waste Management Facility Licenses are governed by this section.

- 5.01 Term of License** Unless otherwise provided by the County Board, the term of a Solid Waste Management Facility License granted pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance shall be for **up to one year** but shall expire on December 31 of the year the License is granted, unless sooner renewed, suspended or revoked.

- 5.02 Renewal of License** Application for renewal of a License shall be made in writing to the Department by September 1 of the expiration year and shall be signed by an individual authorized to act on behalf of and bind the Licensee. Application for a License renewal shall contain a statement of any changes in the information submitted from the last approved License application. Application for a License renewal shall contain reports required by the Ordinance. If applicable, the Licensee shall submit Financial Assurance information including the Financial Assurance mechanism used, the amount of bond or letter of credit, cash on deposit, amount in a depository account or trust account and other information requested on a form provided by the Department. Failure to submit such information is grounds for revocation or for not granting renewal of the License by the County Board. If there are no changes in Financial Assurance, it shall be so stated in the renewal application.

- 5.03 License Not Transferable** Any license obtained under this Ordinance shall be nontransferable. Licenses issued to corporations, partnerships or associations shall be valid only so long as there is no change in the ownership. Corporations, partnerships or associations holding licenses shall submit written notice to the Solid Waste Department of any such changes in ownership on or before thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of any such change. In the case of a corporation, the Licensee shall notify the Department when a Person or entity not listed in the application acquires an interest, and shall give all information about such Person as is required pursuant to the provisions of this Article.

SECTION 6.0 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

A Solid Waste Management Facility Licensee shall provide and maintain at all times during the term of the License such insurance coverage as is set forth in Article VI, §3.0.

SECTION 7.0 FACILITY RECORDS

It shall be the obligation of the Operator of a Solid Waste Facility to maintain accurate operation records. To be considered for renewal the Licensee must maintain the following records and submit reports as required by the Department.

7.01 Facility's Annual Report The Licensee shall submit an annual report to the Department by March 1 of each year, detailing the total annual tonnage and cubic yards of Solid Waste delivered to or received at the facility, and information that identifies the types and quantities of waste Released from the Site or transported to other Solid Waste Management Facilities.

Disposal of Hazardous Waste Prohibited All Hazardous Wastes Generated by the facility operation or delivered to the facility by other Persons must be recorded, and documentation of management in accordance with State and federal regulations and as set out in the facility's operations plan must be reported.

7.02 Emergency Incidents Within two (2) hours of an emergency incident that results in conditions that may be adverse to public or environmental health, the Licensee shall submit oral notification to the Solid Waste Administrator.

- A. This report shall be followed with written notification within 48 hours of the incident.
- B. When corrective actions are required by County, State or federal agencies, a report of the incident and actions taken shall be submitted to the Solid Waste Administrator within 15 days of completion of the action.

SECTION 8.0 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL FACILITIES

The following items shall be established, constructed, or provided for at all Solid Waste Management Facilities, unless specifically exempted by the Department:

8.01 Design and Construction Requirements

- A. Sanitary facilities and shelter shall be available at the Site.
- B. Effective litter control devices such as portable fences shall be utilized.
- C. Electrical service, as necessary for operations and repairs.
- D. Firefighting facilities on site adequate to insure the safety of employees.
- E. Emergency first aid equipment to provide adequate treatment for all accidents.
- F. A potable water supply for Site Personnel.
- G. Shelter for maintenance and storage of Site equipment.
- H. Adequate communication facilities shall be provided for emergency purposes.
- I. The Site shall be fenced or secured to prevent unauthorized entry and a gate shall be provided at the entrance to the Site and kept locked when an attendant is not on duty.
- J. Visual screening of the Site, as approved by the Department, shall be provided by use of natural objects, trees, plants, seeded soil berms, fences, or other suitable means.

K. An area shall be designated to inspect and store Solid Waste to determine whether or not Unacceptable Waste is contained in the Solid Waste deposited at the Site.

L. And other such requirements as the Board may deem appropriate.

8.02 Closure Requirements In addition to Closure procedures required by the Agency, the Licensee shall submit a detailed map to the Department upon Closure of the Licensed Solid Waste Land Disposal Facility. The map shall include the location of fill areas, buildings, roads, wells, hydro-geologic information, elevations, scales, and any other features of the site.

A. Documents submitted must show the nature and location of the waste disposed at the facility.

i) Complete location details of any regulated wastes such as asbestos shall be submitted to the Department and recorded on the property deed.

ii) A complete list of Industrial Solid Waste customers and associated waste characterization data and disposal locations shall be submitted.

B. Documents submitted must show the property lines of the facility and all adjacent property ownership at the time of Closure.

C. A letter from the Licensee shall be sent to all adjacent property owners notifying them of the Closure requirements and the ultimate use of the land on which the Facility is located. This letter must be sent by certified mail within 30 days of the completion of Closure requirements with a copy sent to the Solid Waste Administrator at the same time.

SECTION 9.0 TRANSFER STATIONS

This section applies to all facilities designed, constructed, established, maintained and operated as a Transfer Station, regardless of size or category.

9.01 State Rule Adopted In addition to the general requirements of this Ordinance and the specific requirements of this Section, the design, construction, and operation of Transfer Stations shall be in accordance with Agency regulations (Minn. Rules Chapter 7035), which are hereby adopted by reference as part of this Ordinance.

9.02 License Required It is unlawful for any Person to establish, operate, or maintain a Transfer Station without first being licensed to do so by the Department.

9.03 Licensing Requirements The following information shall be submitted to the Department as part of the application process for a Transfer Station License:

A. **Designation of the Transfer Station Category:** All Transfer Stations shall be categorized as to type and amount of Waste transferred at the facility. The following categories are established:

i) **Mixed Waste:** This facility has an on-site storage capacity of greater than 60 cubic yards per day, and handles a variety of Solid Waste types, to include Mixed Municipal Solid Waste.

ii) **Demolition Debris:** This facility handles Construction and Demolition Debris only

- B. **Application and Fees:** The application shall not be considered complete until the Department receives the signed and dated application form, all applicable fees, and all materials required by this section, to include:
- i) Location, size and ownership of the land upon which the Transfer Station will operate.
 - ii) General description of property use in the immediate vicinity of the Transfer Station.
 - iii) Complete plans and specifications and proposed operating procedures for the Transfer Station.
 - iv) A fee schedule for the use of Transfer Station.
 - v) A statement of the ultimate Solid Waste Management Facility destination(s) of Solid Waste delivered to the Transfer Station.

9.04 Specific Design and Construction Requirements The following specific design and construction requirements shall apply:

- A. **Signage** A sign shall be provided at each entrance of the operation, stating the name of the licensee, the schedule of days and hours upon which the operation is open to the public, the procedures for use of the operation, the Agency permit number, and the penalty for violation of this ordinance.
- B. **Residential Disposal Facilities** For Transfer Stations open to the public, suitable facilities shall be provided for accepting Solid Waste from Self-Haulers.
- C. **Minimal Interference with Other Activities** The Transfer Station shall be so situated, equipped, operated, and maintained as to minimize interference with other activities in the area and not create a Public Nuisance.

9.05 Specific Operating Procedures Any Person who has been granted a license by the Department to operate a Transfer Station shall comply with the following specific operational requirements:

- A. **Waste Removal and Clean-up** Unless stated otherwise as a part of the License, the Licensee shall remove all Solid Waste, clean, and maintain the Transfer Station at the end of each day of use.
- B. **Orderly Maintenance** The premises, entrances and exits shall be maintained in a clean, neat and orderly manner at all times.
- C. **Traffic Control** All incoming and outgoing traffic shall be controlled by the Licensee in such a manner as to provide orderly and safe ingress and egress.
- D. **Unloading** All unloading of Solid Waste from contributing vehicles shall be conducted in such a manner as to eliminate odor and litter outside the Transfer Station.
- E. **Liquids** All liquids shall be captured, contained, and treated without discharging to the environment.

ARTICLE VIII: INSPECTIONS, VIOLATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT

- 1.01 Facility Inspections** Routine inspection of Solid Waste Management Activities, Facilities and/or a Licensee's premises shall be made by the Department in such Frequency as to insure consistent compliance by the Licensee with this Ordinance.
- A. The applicant or Licensee shall allow free access to Authorized Representatives of the Department at any reasonable time for the purpose of making such inspections as may be necessary to determine compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance.
 - B. Failure of the applicant or Licensee to permit such inspection shall be grounds for denial, suspension or revocation of a license. The Licensee shall be provided with written documentation of any deficiencies and the date by which the corrections shall be completed.
 - C. Whenever necessary to enforce any provision of this Ordinance, or whenever the County has reasonable cause to believe that a violation of this Ordinance exists, the County may enter premises or vehicles to inspect the same or to perform any duty incumbent upon the Department, provided that if such premises or vehicles be occupied, the Authorized Representative shall first present proper credentials and request entry; and if such premises or vehicles be unoccupied, the Department shall first make a reasonable effort to locate the Operator or other Persons having charge or control of the premises or vehicle and request entry. If such entry is refused, the Department may suspend or revoke a license and shall have recourse to other remedies provided by law.
 - D. Whenever the Department or its Authorized Representatives shall find in any building, vehicle, or on any premises any material, condition or activity endangering the health, welfare or safety of the public, the Department shall issue such orders as may be necessary for the enforcement of this or other applicable County ordinances governing and safeguarding the health, welfare and safety of the public.
 - E. Repeated violations of this Ordinance or failure to comply with any order of the Department, shall be grounds for summary suspension, suspension or revocation of a license.
 - F. Any order or notice issued or served by the Department shall be complied with by the Owner, Operator or other Person responsible for the condition or violation to which the order or notice pertains. Every order or notice shall set forth a time limit for compliance depending on the nature of and the danger created by the violation. In cases of extreme danger to health, welfare and safety of the public, immediate compliance shall be required.
 - G. If a building, premises or vehicle is owned by one Person and occupied or operated by another, under lease or otherwise, and the order or notice requires immediate compliance for the health, welfare and safety of the public, such order or notice shall be served on the Owner, Operator or occupant and the Owner, Operator or occupant shall ensure compliance with the order or notice.
- 1.02 Re-inspections** Upon written notification from the Licensee that all the violations for which a suspension or summary suspension has been issued have been corrected, the Department shall re-inspect the Solid Waste Management Activity within 5 (five)

business days. If the Department finds upon such re-inspection that the violation has been corrected, the Department shall inform the Licensee of reinstatement of the License.

SECTION 2.0 ACTION AUTHORIZED

For violations of this Ordinance, the County may take the following actions: issuance of a Warning Notice; issuance of a Notice of Violation; issuance of Citation(s); issuance of an Abatement Order; issuance an Embargo Order; issuance of an Administrative Penalty Order if authorized by law; suspension or revocation of a license issued under this Ordinance; execution of a Stipulation Agreement; and/or commencement of other civil proceedings.

2.01 Warning Notice The Department may issue a Warning Notice as defined in this Ordinance to any Person alleged to have committed a violation of this Ordinance. A Warning Notice shall serve to place the Person on notice that compliance with specified Ordinance requirements must occur to avoid additional enforcement actions. A Warning Notice may be in the form of an Inspection report for a Licensed facility. A Warning Notice may be served in person or by mail.

2.02 Notice of Violation (NOV) The Department may issue a Notice of Violation (NOV) as defined in this Ordinance to any Person alleged to have committed a violation of this Ordinance. A NOV shall serve to place the Person alleged to have committed a violation on notice that compliance with specified Ordinance requirements must occur to avoid additional enforcement actions. The NOV shall be served by certified mail or by personal service on the Person(s) alleged to have committed a violation of this Ordinance.

2.03 Citations Any Person who fails to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as provided by law. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. An Authorized Representative of the Department shall have the power to issue Citations for violations of this Ordinance, but shall not be permitted to physically arrest or take into custody any violator except on a warrant duly issued by the Court.

A. **Issuance of the Citation** Citations shall be issued to the Person alleged to have committed the violation either by personal delivery or by certified mail. In the case of a public, private or municipal corporation, the Citation shall be issued to any officer or agent with express or implied authorization to accept such issuance.

B. **Notice of Citation** Citations shall be made out in quadruplicate (4). One copy shall be issued to the Person alleged to have committed the violation; one copy shall be filed with the Department; one copy shall be filed with the County Attorneys Office; and one copy shall be filed with the District Court.

C. **Form of Citation** Citations shall be on such form(s) as approved by the Department and shall contain at least the following:

- i) The name and address of the Person alleged to have committed the violation and, when known, the owner or Person in charge of the premises or equipment involved in the violation.
- ii) The date, time (if known) and place of violation.
- iii) A short description of the violation followed by reference to the Section of this Ordinance violated.
- iv) The name of the Person issuing the Citation.
- v) The date and place at which the Person receiving the Citation shall appear in Court and a notice that if such Person does not respond a warrant may be issued for such Person's arrest.
- vi) Such other information as the Court may specify.

D. Failure to Appear on the Citation If the Person charged with the violation does not appear at the place and on the date specified on the Citation a bench warrant may be issued by the Court.

2.04 Abatement In the event of an emergency abatement by the County as described in Section 2.04(E) below, or if a property owner does not complete Corrective Actions within the timelines given in a NOV, a Stipulation Agreement or a court order, the Department may abate the violations and the Department has the authority to enter the property and perform the Corrective Actions and recover the costs of the same from the property owner through the following procedures:

A. Abatement Notice

- i) An Abatement Notice shall include the following:
 - a) Notice that the property owner has not completed the Corrective Actions within the time period required in the attached NOV(s), Stipulation Agreement or court order;
 - b) Notice that the Department or its agent intends to enter the property and commence abatement of the conditions on the property that violate this Ordinance in thirty days;
 - c) Notice that the property owner must correct the violation(s) before thirty days to avoid any civil liability for the costs of inspection and abatement that the County may incur; and
 - d) A statement that if the property owner desires to appeal, the property owner must file a request for an appeal hearing with the County Board that meets the

requirements of Section 2.04(B) below on the County within ten (10) County working days, exclusive of the day of service.

- ii) **Service** The Abatement Notice must be served on a property owner by certified mail or personal service. Service by certified mail shall be deemed complete upon mailing. If the property owner is unknown or absent and has no known representative upon whom the Abatement Notice can be served, the Department shall post the Abatement Notice at the property. The Department must send a copy of the Abatement Notice to the County Attorney's Office.

B. Right to Appeal the Abatement Notice

- i) **Request for Hearing** The property owner's request for a hearing must be in writing and must state the grounds for appeal and be served by certified mail on the County Board, with a copy to the Department by midnight of the 10th County working day following service of the Abatement Notice. Following receipt of a request for a hearing, the County Board shall set a time and place for the hearing to be held pursuant to Section 3.0 below.
- ii) **Stay of Notice** Pending the appeal hearing and final determination by the County Board the Department shall take no further action on the Abatement Notice.

C. Abatement by the County In the event a property owner does not abate the Ordinance violations or does not appeal the Abatement Notice within the applicable time period, the Department may expend funds necessary to abate the violation(s) in accordance with applicable County policies and procedures.

D. Recovery of Abatement Costs

- i) The Department may pursue recovery of all costs, including enforcement costs, from the property owner for abatement incurred by the County, by any means allowable by law. The cost of any enforcement action may be assessed and charged against the Real Property on which the violations are located.
- ii) The Department shall keep a record of the costs of abatements done under this Ordinance and report all work done for which assessments are to be made, stating and certifying the description of the land, lots or parcels involved and the amount assessable to each to the County Auditor by September 1 of each year.
- iii) On or before October 1 of each year, the County Auditor shall list the total unpaid charges for each abatement made against each separate lot or parcel to which they are attributable under this Ordinance to the County Board.
- iv) The County Board may then spread the charges or any portion thereof against the property involved as a special assessment, for certification to the County Auditor and for collection the following year along with current taxes.

- E. **Emergency Abatement by County** Notwithstanding the requirements of Section 1.0 of this Article, in the event of an imminent threat to the public's health, welfare and safety, the Department shall have the authority to immediately enter property and abate the violations and recover the costs as set out in Section 2.04(D) above. The Department shall attempt to give verbal notice to the property owner immediately, if possible, and writing within 10 work days. The property owner shall have the right to appeal the assessment of costs to the County Board pursuant to Section 3 of this Article.

2.05 Embargo The Department may issue a written Embargo order prohibiting the use, sale, movement, treatment or disposal of a material or item that the Department determines is used without authorization or reasonably suspects is, or will be, managed in violation of this Ordinance. The Department shall place a tag to indicate the Embargo on the suspected material. No Person shall remove the tag or remove, transport, dispose, treat, or use such embargoed material except as authorized by the Department. Such action by the Department shall not be considered to impute ownership or management responsibility upon the County.

2.06 Stipulation Agreement The Department and a Person alleged to have violated provision(s) of this Ordinance may voluntarily enter into a Stipulation Agreement, whereby the parties to the agreement: identify conditions on the property that require Corrective Action; agree on the Corrective Actions that must be performed by the Person; and agree on the timelines in which the Corrective Actions must be completed. If the timelines have not been met as agreed in the Stipulation Agreement, the County may abate the violations in accordance with Section 2.04 above. The parties may seek compliance with the terms of the Stipulation Agreement through a court of competent jurisdiction.

2.07 In addition to the remedies set forth, at the discretion of the County, all costs for removal of unauthorized deposits of Solid Waste or corrective action may be certified to the County Auditor as a special assessment against real property.

2.08 License Suspensions

- A. Any license required under this Ordinance may be suspended by the County Board for violation of any provision of this Ordinance. Upon written notice to the Licensee a license may be suspended by the County Board for a period not longer than sixty (60) days or until the violation is corrected, whichever is shorter.
- B. Such suspension shall not occur earlier than ten County working days after written notice of suspension by the County Board has been served on the Licensee or, if a hearing is requested, until written notice of the determination of the County Board action has been served on the Licensee. Notice to the Licensee shall be served personally or by registered or certified mail at the address designated in the license application. Such written notice of suspension shall contain the effective date of the suspension, the nature of the violation or violations constituting the basis for the

suspension, the facts which support the conclusion that a violation or violations has occurred, and a statement that if the Licensee desires to appeal, he must within ten (10) County working days, exclusive of the day of service, file a request for an appeal hearing with the County Board. The hearing request shall be in writing stating the grounds for appeal and served personally or by certified mail on the County Board, with a copy to the Department by midnight of the 10th County working day following service. Following receipt of a request for a hearing, the County Board shall set a time and place for the hearing to be held pursuant to Section 3.0 below.

- C. **Continued Suspension** If said suspension is upheld and the Licensee has not demonstrated within the sixty (60) day period that the provisions of the Ordinance have been complied with, the County Board may serve notice of continued suspension for up to sixty (60) days or initiate revocation procedures.

2.08 Emergency Suspension

- A. If the Department finds that the health, safety or welfare of the public requires emergency action, the Department may order an emergency suspension of a license. Written notice of such emergency suspension shall be served on the Licensee, or shall be served by certified mail to said Licensee at the address designated in the license application. In addition, the Department may post copies of the notice of emergency suspension of the license at the licensed facility or property being used for the licensed activity. Said posting shall constitute the notice required under this Section.

A copy of the emergency suspension shall also be served on the County Attorney's Office and the County Board. The County Board shall make a determination if the emergency suspension should be ratified at its next board meeting.

- B. The written notice in such cases shall state the effective date of the emergency suspension and the nature of the violation requiring emergency action, the facts which support the conclusion that a violation or violations has occurred and a statement that if the Licensee desires to appeal, the Licensee must, within ten (10) County working days, exclusive of the day of service, file a request for a hearing with the County Board. The hearing request shall be in writing stating the grounds for appeal and served personally or by certified mail on the County Board, with a copy to the Department and the County Attorney's Office, by midnight of the 10th County working day following service. Following receipt of a request for an appeal, the County Board shall set a time and a place for the hearing to be held pursuant to Section 3.18 below.
- C. The emergency suspension shall not be stayed pending an appeal to the County Board or an informal review by the Department Head, but shall be subject to dismissal upon a favorable re-inspection by the Department or favorable appeal to the County Board.

2.09 Suspension Re-Inspections Upon written notification from the Licensee that all violations for which a suspension or emergency suspension was invoked have been corrected, the Department shall re-inspect the facility or activity within a reasonable length of time, but in no case more than three (3) County working days after receipt of the notice from the Licensee. If the Department finds upon such re-inspection that the violations constituting the grounds for the suspension have been corrected, the Department shall immediately dismiss the suspension by written notice to the Licensee, served personally or by certified mail on the Licensee at the address designated in the license application, with a copy to the County Board and the County Attorney's Office.

2.10 License Revocation

- A. Any license granted pursuant to this Ordinance may be revoked by the County Board for violation of any provision of this Ordinance.
- B. Revocation shall not occur earlier than ten (10) County working days from the time that written notice of revocation from the County Board is served on the Licensee or, if an appeal hearing is requested, until written notice of the County Board's action has been served on the Licensee. Notice of revocation to the Licensee shall be served personally or by certified mail at the address designated in the license application. Such written notice of revocation shall contain the effective date of the revocation, the nature of the violation or violations constituting the basis for the revocation, the facts which support the conclusion that a violation or violations has occurred and a statement that if the Licensee desires to appeal, he must within ten (10) County working days, exclusive of the day of service, file a request for a hearing with the County Board. The hearing request shall be in writing stating the grounds for appeal and served personally or by certified mail on the County Board, with a copy to the Department and the County Attorney's Office, by midnight of the 10th County working day following service. Following receipt of a request for a hearing, the County Board shall set a time and a place for the hearing to be held pursuant to Section 3.0 below.

2.11 Status of Financial Assurance Financial Assurance issued for the facility shall remain in full force and effect during all periods of suspension, emergency suspension and revocation of the license and is subject to claim by the County in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

2.12 Commencement of a Civil Court Action In the event of a violation or a threat of violation of this Ordinance, the County Board may also institute other appropriate civil actions or proceedings in any court of competent jurisdiction, including requesting injunctive relief, to prevent, restrain, correct or abate such violations or threatened violations. The County may recover all costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred for enforcement of this Ordinance through a civil action. If a property owner does not complete the Corrective Actions within the timelines in a court order, the Department may correct the violations and the Department has the authority to enter the property and perform the Corrective Actions. The Department may recover the costs of

the same from the property owner through the court process or through the process set out in Section 2.04 (D) above.

SECTION 3.0 HEARINGS

A request for hearing on a denial, suspension, emergency suspension, non-renewal, or revocation of a license, or receipt of a notice of abatement shall be held before the County Board, or a hearing examiner as provided below, and shall be open to the public.

- 3.01 Timeframe for Hearing** Unless an extension of time is requested by the appellant in writing directed to the Chair of the County Board and is granted, the hearing will be held no later than forty-five (45) calendar days after the date of service of request for a hearing, exclusive of the date of such service. In any event, such hearing shall be held no later than ninety (90) calendar days after the date of service of request for a hearing, exclusive of the date of such service.
- 3.02 Notice of Hearing** The County Board shall mail notice of the hearing to the appellant, with a copy to the Department and the County Attorney's Office, at least fifteen (15) working days prior to the hearing. Such notice shall include:
- A. A statement of time, place and nature of the hearing.
 - B. A statement of the legal authority and jurisdiction under which the hearing is to be held.
 - C. A reference to the particular Section of the Ordinance and Agency Rules, if any, involved.
- 3.03 Hearing Examiner** The County Board may by resolution appoint an individual, to be known as the hearing examiner, to conduct the hearing and to make findings of fact, conclusions and recommendations to the County Board. The hearing examiner shall submit the findings of fact, conclusions and recommendations to the County Board in a written report, and the County Board may adopt, modify or reject the report.
- 3.04 Conduct of the Hearing** The appellant and the Department may be represented by counsel. The Department, the appellant, and additional parties, as determined by the County Board or hearing examiner, in that order, shall present evidence. All testimony shall be sworn under oath. All parties shall have full opportunity to respond to and present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and present argument. The County Board or hearing examiner may also examine witnesses.
- 3.05 Burden of Proof** The Department shall have the burden of proving its position by a preponderance of the evidence, unless a different burden is provided by substantive law, and all findings of fact, conclusions, and decisions by the County Board shall be based on evidence presented and matters officially noticed.

3.06 Admission of Evidence All evidence that possesses probative value, including hearsay, may be admitted if it is the type of evidence on which prudent Persons are accustomed to rely in the conduct of their serious affairs. Evidence that is incompetent, irrelevant, immaterial or unduly repetitious may be excluded. The hearing shall be confined to matters raised in the Department's written notice of denial, suspension, emergency suspension, non-renewal or revocation of a license, denial of a variance, or Abatement Notice or in the appellant's written request for a hearing.

3.07 Pre-Hearing Conference At the request of any party, or upon motion of the County Board or hearing examiner, a pre-hearing conference shall be held. The pre-hearing conference shall be conducted by the hearing examiner, if the County Board has chosen to use one, or by a designated representative of the County Board. The pre-hearing conference shall be held no later than five (5) County working days before the hearing. The purpose of the pre-hearing conference is to:

- A. Clarify the issues to be determined at the hearing.
- B. Provide an opportunity for discovery of all relevant documentary, photographic or other demonstrative evidence in the possession of each party. The hearing examiner or County Board's representative may require each party to supply a reasonable number of copies of relevant evidence capable of reproduction.
- C. Provide an opportunity for discovery of the full name and address of all witnesses who will be called at the hearing and a brief description of the facts and opinions to which each is expected to testify. If the names and addresses are not known, the party shall describe them thoroughly by job duties and involvement with the facts at issue.
- D. If a pre-hearing conference is held, evidence not divulged as provided above shall be excluded at the hearing unless the party advancing the evidence took all reasonable steps to divulge it to the adverse party prior to the hearing and:
 - i) The evidence was not known to the party at the time of the pre-hearing conference; or
 - ii) The evidence is in rebuttal to matters raised for the first time at or subsequent to the pre-hearing conference.

3.08 Failure to Appear If the appellant fails to appear at the hearing, he/she shall forfeit any right to a public hearing before the County Board or hearing examiner and their failure to appear shall be deemed a waiver of the right to appeal the decision made by the Department and the decision made by the Department will stand.

3.09 Appeal of County Board Decision Any appellant aggrieved by the decision of the County Board may appeal that decision to any Court with appropriate jurisdiction.

