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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 22-068

RELATING TO SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL;
AMENDING CHAPTERS 7.35 AND 7.41 SCC

Section 1. Snohomish County Code Section 7.35.125, last amended by Amended Ordinance No. 11-002, February 16, 2011, is amended to read:

7.35.125 Disposal of solid waste.

(1) Except as permitted by state law or as provided by virtue of this chapter, it is unlawful for any collecting agent or other person to deliver or deposit any solid waste generated and collected within the unincorporated areas of the county at a facility that is not a solid waste disposal system facility located in Snohomish County.

(2) Except as otherwise specified in this chapter, the collection of solid waste from a generator and the transportation of it in an intermodal container directly to an intermodal facility inside or outside of the Snohomish County solid waste disposal system is prohibited. This subsection does not apply to unacceptable waste types identified in SCC 7.41.050, residuals from industrial combustion processes, and wastes identified in the county's waste acceptance policy as unacceptable for disposal at system facilities owned or operated by the county. Unacceptable wastes and residuals from industrial combustion processes may be directly transported to an intermodal facility in an intermodal container.

(3) The contents of any container marked pursuant to the requirements of SCC 7.35.140 as "solid waste for disposal", "land fill", or "garbage" and the contents of any other container of solid waste consisting of 10% or more, by volume, of non-recyclable materials must be disposed of at a county owned and operated solid waste system facility, except as otherwise permitted by this chapter. The contents of any container consisting of 90% or more, by volume, of recyclable materials may be delivered to any reclamation site, no matter where it is located, including a site that is not a county solid waste disposal system facility. For containers that do not consist of 90% or more, by volume, of recyclable materials, these containers can be further sorted to reduce the volume of non-recyclable waste, prior to being transported off-site, to qualify as a container of recyclable materials.

1 (4) Source-separated recyclable materials collected from residents in scheduled-
2 routed-curbside programs may be delivered to any reclamation site, no matter where it
3 is located, including a site that is not a county solid waste disposal system facility.
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5 (5) Inert waste may be delivered to any site, no matter where located, including a site
6 that is not a county solid waste disposal system facility, provided the site meets the
7 following requirements:
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9 (a) The site is subject to a currently valid Washington State department of natural
10 resources mining and reclamation permit.
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12 (b) The site is subject to a currently valid inert waste landfill permit issued by the
13 jurisdictional board of health or health district.
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15 (c) The site is not permitted to operate as any other category of landfill than an inert
16 waste landfill.
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18 (6) Residual waste generated from a reclamation site where the processing of
19 recyclable materials has occurred may be transported directly to an intermodal facility
20 which is part of the Snohomish county solid waste disposal system only if the
21 reclamation site complies with the following requirements:
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23 (a) The reclamation site is compliant with local, state and federal regulations.
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25 (b) The reclamation site operator submits monthly reports to the county solid waste
26 division indicating the quantities of in-bound materials accepted at the facility, the
27 quantities of recyclable materials reclaimed listed by commodity type and the names
28 and addresses of the persons obtaining such recyclable materials, and quantities and
29 disposal site locations of residual waste sent for disposal, utilizing a report format
30 specified by the county.
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32 (c) The reclamation site operator permits the county solid waste division or its agents to
33 conduct audits of its business records related to in-bound and out-bound materials and
34 to conduct unscheduled inspections of the reclamation site during normal business
35 hours.
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37 (d) Residual waste delivered to the intermodal facility is transported in intermodal
38 containers that contain a minimum of 23 tons of residual waste and that are sealed with
39 a security identification tag provided by the county solid waste division.
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41 (e) The reclamation site operator pays the county solid waste service fee for disposal of
42 residual waste using an intermodal container delivered to the intermodal yard.
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1 (f) The reclamation site operator maintains a credit account with the solid waste division
2 in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.41.030 for payment of the solid waste
3 service fee. Cash will not be accepted at the intermodal facility.
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5 (7) Residual waste generated from a reclamation site where the processing of
6 recyclable waste has occurred must be disposed of at a county owned and operated
7 solid waste disposal system facility if the reclamation site does not comply with the
8 requirements of subsection (6).
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10 (8) Removal of solid waste from the container in which it was transported into
11 Snohomish County, shall be considered the generation of solid waste within Snohomish
12 County for purposes of this chapter.
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14 Section 2. Snohomish County Code Section 7.41.020, last amended by
15 Amended Ordinance No. 11-002, February 16, 2011, is amended to read:
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17 **Solid waste disposal service fee schedule.**
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19 (1) All persons using a county owned and operated solid waste disposal system facility
20 shall pay the service fees set forth in the solid waste service fee schedule. The solid
21 waste service fee schedule and any revisions to the service fee schedule shall be
22 prepared by the director and submitted to the county council for approval by motion.
23 The solid waste service fee schedule will be based on full cost recovery standards.
24 Listed fees are subject to applicable taxes. The director shall, at the time of payment,
25 round the total service fees and taxes owing up to the nearest whole dollar when any
26 fraction of a dollar owing is \$.50 or greater, and round the total service fees and taxes
27 owing down to the nearest whole dollar when any fraction of a dollar owing is less than
28 \$.50.
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30 (2) Service fees for solid waste disposal shall be based upon measured weights
31 whenever possible. In the absence of weight information, service fees shall be based
32 upon the cubic yard or as otherwise defined in the solid waste service fee schedule. All
33 vehicles shall be charged at least a minimum fee regardless of weight or volume, as
34 established in the solid waste service fee schedule.
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36 (3) In the absence of exact measurements of weight or quantity, the estimate of the
37 director shall be final and binding on the user.
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39 (4) Service fees do not apply to specific source separated recyclable materials
40 accepted by county owned and operated solid waste disposal system facilities for
41 recycling, except for those materials for which specific fees have been designated in the
42 established solid waste service fee schedule.
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1 (5) All users of the vector decant facility will establish a credit account with the solid
2 waste management division in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.41.030.
3 Cash will not be accepted at this facility.

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5 (6) There is no service fee for the disposal of household generated hazardous waste
6 from Snohomish county residents residing in unincorporated Snohomish County or in
7 municipal corporations situated within Snohomish County that enter into or maintain
8 interlocal agreements with the county for the purpose of disposing of solid waste
9 generated and collected therein.

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11 (7) Service fees for certified scale weights will be as established in the solid waste
12 service fee schedule.

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14 (8) Operators of reclamation sites that qualify to directly ship residual waste to an
15 intermodal facility under the provisions of SCC 7.35.125 shall pay the service fees set
16 forth in the solid waste service fee schedule.

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18 Section 3. Snohomish County Code Section 7.41.050, last amended by
19 Amended Ordinance No. 11-002, February 16, 2011, is amended to read:

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21 **7.41.050 Restrictions on acceptance of wastes.**

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23 The following restrictions shall apply to acceptance of wastes at county owned and
24 operated solid waste disposal system facilities:

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26 (1) No more than five whole or split tires shall be accepted per load, unless prior
27 arrangements have been made with the director.

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29 (2) Any load of waste deemed to be dangerous or potentially dangerous by the director
30 or the health officer shall not be accepted without prior approval of the health officer and
31 the director.

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33 (3) Septic tank pumpings, screenings, sludges and liquid waste shall not be accepted
34 except in emergency circumstances and with the approval of the health officer and the
35 director.

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37 (4) Loads greater than five cubic yards shall not be accepted at drop box facilities
38 without the prior approval of the director.

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40 (5) Moderate risk and hazardous waste disposal shall be limited to those wastes,
41 facilities, or specific portions of facilities so designated by the director.

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43 (6) Infectious wastes are not acceptable.

1 (7) Pharmaceutical wastes including expired, unused or contaminated drugs and
2 vaccines are not acceptable.

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4 (8) Animal carcasses are not acceptable.

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6 (9) Except as provided in subsection (3) above, sewer and wastewater treatment plant
7 screenings are not acceptable after December 31, 2023.

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9 (10) Electronic waste, including CPUs, laptops, monitors and TVs are not acceptable.

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12 PASSED this 14th day of December, 2022.

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15 SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
16 Snohomish County, Washington

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20 Chairperson

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25 Asst. Clerk of the Council

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32 DATE: December 16, 2022

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36 County Executive

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