



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Committee of the Whole
ECAF: 2022-1202
Proposal: Ord. 22-068

Analyst: Deb Evison Bell

Date: November 22, 2022

Consideration:

The proposed ordinance relates to the Solid Waste program requirements related to the disposal of solid waste, clarifying use of the household hazardous waste program, and updates the list of restrictions related to acceptable waste at the solid waste facilities and amends Chapter 7.35.125, Chapter 7.41.020, and Chapter 7.41.050 of the Snohomish County Code.

Background:

Snohomish County Title 7, Health and Sanitation Chapter 7.35 Solid Waste Disposal was established to set a comprehensive county-wide program for solid waste handling and solid waste recovery and/or reclamation to prevent land, air and water pollution and conserve the natural, economic, and energy resources of the county. To do so requires effective control of the disposal of all non-exempt solid waste generated and collected within the unincorporated areas of Snohomish County at sites consistent with the comprehensive plan.

The proposed code sections were last modified in February 2011, and there is an accompanying proposed Motion 22-494 to adopt a new fee schedule. The department is in the process of various levels of public outreach and noticing, including a Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meeting on December 13, 2022.

Current Proposal:

Scope: The Department of Public Works Solid Waste proposes to amend the current code for Disposal of Solid Waste Chapter 7.35.125 (6) (d) to add a minimum residual weight for intermodal containers. Currently residual waste containers delivered to the intermodal facility have no weight minimum, which leads to underutilization of transported containers.

The Department of Public Works Solid Waste proposes to amend the current code for Solid waste disposal service fee schedule Chapter 7.41.020 (6) to add language regarding residents residing in unincorporated Snohomish County or in municipal corporations situated within Snohomish County that have entered or maintain interlocal agreements with the County for the purpose of disposing of solid waste. Currently code allows for any county resident to use the service, with no designation.

The Department of Public Works Solid Waste proposes to amend the current code for Restrictions on acceptance of wastes Chapter 7.41.050 (3) to add screenings to the language regarding restrictions to waste not accepted except in emergency circumstances and with approval of the health officer and the director, and to add (9) Sewer and wastewater treatment plant screenings are not acceptable. Currently code does not address screenings material.

The Department of Public Works Solid Waste proposes to amend current code of Restrictions on acceptance of wastes Chapter 7.41.050 (10) to include electronic waste, including CPSs, laptops, monitors and TVs as no longer being acceptable.

Duration: Upon adoption until future amendments.

Fiscal Implications: The proposed vector fees increase would pay for increased operational costs and needed capital improvements. The loss of revenue from screenings is less than the increased vector fees, thus an increase in solid waste revenues is projected.

2022 Budget: NA

Future Budget Impacts: NA

Handling: EXPEDITE (The start date of January 1, 2023, is proposed)

Approved-as-to-form: YES

Risk Management: N/A

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE

Analysis

Council has the legislative authority to adopt this ordinance amending county code, per SCC 2.48.

Request: The requested action is to consider scheduling a public hearing, with a suggested date and time of December 14, 2022; at 10:30 am. Following receipt of public testimony, consider taking action on the proposed Ordinance or provide other direction to staff.