

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2012-23**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE  
CITY OF LAURINBURG SOLID WASTE POLICY (R-2006-24)**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Laurinburg wishes to amend its Solid Waste Policy to reflect current practices.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Laurinburg that:

**Section 1:** Resolution No. R-2006-24 is hereby rescinded in its entirety and replaced with the following:

**SOLID WASTE POLICY**

**SECTION 1:** The following rules and regulations shall govern the solid waste program for the City of Laurinburg:

**I. GENERAL**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

**Batteries** shall mean all transportation type batteries such as those found in motorcycles, boats, cars, trucks, tractors and lawnmowers, etc.

**Bulk Container** shall mean a container of steel construction with a 4, 6, or 8 cubic yard capacity that is water tight and capable of being dumped by the city's front-loading garbage truck.

**Bulk Recycling Container** shall mean a container of steel construction with an 8 cubic yard capacity that is designed for the purpose of recycling corrugated cardboard or other designated products and is capable of being dumped by the city's front-loading garbage truck.

**Bulky Items** shall mean large trash items such as furniture, white goods, electronic waste, large toys such as bicycles and dismantled swing sets, lawn equipment, and used tires.

**Construction and Demolition Waste** shall mean all waste resulting from construction demolition, remodeling, or repair work done by the homeowner or contractors, which shall include, but not be limited to, building materials, bricks, concrete, sand, wood, drywall, roofing materials, plumbing or electrical materials, metal, carpet, or vinyl, or other flooring, etc.

**Contract Waste** shall mean any waste materials resulting from work performed by contractors or persons for hire, but not including waste resulting from work performed by persons doing routine

yard work such as raking, pruning and grass cutting. This shall include, but not be limited to, construction materials and materials resulting from tree removal or lot clearing.

***Electronic Waste*** shall mean any type of electronic equipment, such as television sets, computer equipment and accessories, copiers, VCR's, microwaves, etc.

***Furniture*** shall mean couches, chairs, tables, beds, bed springs and mattresses, cabinets and other types of furniture

***Garbage*** shall mean the organic waste matter, both animal and vegetable, from houses, kitchens, restaurants, hotels, hospitals, etc., comprising chiefly of waste food and not including liquid that may be drained into the sanitary sewer. Garbage shall also mean various kinds of paper, but does not include newspaper nor corrugated cardboard or other paper products designated as recyclable. Such term shall also mean small household trash items that can fit in a 95-gallon rollout cart provided by the city for garbage collection.

***Hazardous Material*** shall mean any substance, liquid, solid or gas, inside or out of a container that has been determined to be hazardous to humans, animals or the environment. This shall include, but not be limited to, explosives, flammables, corrosives, carcinogens, cleaners, solvents, paints, gas, oil, human and animal feces, medical waste and any other substances declared by state or federal agencies to be hazardous.

***Medical Waste*** shall mean any substance resulting from medical procedures that is or contains human blood or human blood components, human tissue, human parts, or medical material or equipment contaminated with any of the preceding items. This includes all needles, "sharps", of any kind used on humans or animals.

***Recyclables*** shall mean any product determined to be of a "recyclable" nature and so designated by the city council, including but not limited to, aluminum; green, brown, or clear glass containers; newspaper and inserts; computer paper; plastic containers (#'s 1 thru 7 on the bottom); steel cans; corrugated cardboard; magazines; mixed paper; used oil.

***Rollout Cart*** means a container of plastic construction, with a 95-gallon capacity with handles, lid, and wheels provided by the City and designed for the purpose of storing and transporting garbage and recyclables to the curbside for collection by the city's sanitation trucks. The city will provide green rollout carts for garbage and blue rollout carts for recyclables.

***White Goods*** shall mean stoves, refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, water heaters and dishwashers.

***Yard waste*** shall mean shrub and grass clippings, pine straw, pine cones, tree limbs and leaves.

**Solid Waste** shall mean all bulky items, garbage, medical waste, recyclables, trash, white goods and yard waste that is collected by the city.

**Residential solid waste:**

It is the intention of the city to provide the following collection services:

- (1) Once per week curbside *garbage* collection.
- (2) Once per week curbside *bulky item* collection.
- (3) Once per week curbside *yard waste* collection.\*
- (4) Once every other week curbside *recyclables* collection.
- (5) Drop-off collection sites for all the recyclable items collected at the curb.
- (6) Five times per week *fish market* collection.
- (7) *Loan trucks* are available to residents at no charge for the purpose of trash and limb removal that is not contract waste. Loan trucks are available for commercial use at a charge, determined by the Sanitation Department, which will include tipping fees, labor costs, and equipment costs for providing this service. Only authorized city personnel may operate these vehicles.

\* **Note:** Volumes of yard waste are subject to wide variations because of seasonal changes and storms. In a year's time, the city will average one (1) collection per week from every house in the city.

**Commercial solid waste:**

It is the intention of the city to provide solid waste collection to commercial and industrial establishments within the city at a frequency agreed to by the city and the customer. This shall be known as the routine service and the customer shall be billed a flat rate each month for this service. Customers who require service in addition to the routine service will be billed extra for the cost of that service.

**Preparation and location of solid waste:**

**Bulky Items** shall be placed behind the curb, not in the street, or next to the street in the right-of-way where there is no curbing. They shall not be put out for collection for more than 24 hours prior to scheduled collection. Bulky items will be collected on the same day of the week as household garbage.

***Construction and Demolition Waste*** shall not be collected by city crews and shall not be placed at the street or in the right of way.

***Contract Waste*** shall not be collected by city crews and shall not be placed at the street or in the right of way.

***Garbage*** drained of all liquids, shall be placed in the rollout cart provided by the city or commercial bulk containers, and said containers placed at the location as may be specified by the sanitation supervisor in accordance with the policy adopted by the city council. Small household trash items, such as clothing, small toys, etc should also be placed in the rollout cart with household garbage. Garbage rollout carts shall be placed at the curb no earlier than 7:00 p.m. the day before the scheduled day of collection service but no later than 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled day of collection service and shall be removed from the street and placed behind the residence by no later than 7:00 p.m. on the same day that collection services have been rendered. Residential rollout carts must be positioned at the curb with the handle side to the residence. Do not place the cart in the street. Cart shall be placed behind the curb and at least 3 feet from mailboxes, poles, trees, and other obstructions. Cart should not be located within 15 feet of any parked vehicle.

#### ***Customers with Physical Impairments***

Collection assistance will be provided to qualified disabled residents when there is no one in the home physically able to place the rollout garbage cart and/or rollout recycling cart at the curb and there is no one taking care of these residents that can place the rollout carts at the curb for them. These qualified residents must contact the sanitation department to file an application for collection assistance. Medical certification may be required.

***Hazardous Materials*** - From time to time the city may designate days for the collection of hazardous material. No hazardous waste shall be put out for collection except on those days and under the conditions and at the location designated by the sanitation superintendent. Under no circumstance shall hazardous materials be mixed with any other solid waste and put out for collection.

***Medical Waste*** - Medical waste shall be placed in a separate red plastic biohazard bag identified as medical waste, sealed and placed in the regular garbage cans. Sharps, such as needles, from doctor's offices and other medical facilities shall be placed in a puncture proof container and taken to the bulk container located at Scotland Memorial Hospital designated for such items. It is the responsibility of the owner or operator of such facilities to carry these sharps to the hospital. Sharps from homes shall be placed in puncture proof containers and then placed in the red plastic bags with other medical waste and put in the regular garbage.

#### ***Recyclables*** -

**Residential** – Recyclables shall be placed in recycling containers provided by the city and placed at the curb every other week on the same day of the week as household garbage no earlier than 7:00 p.m. the day before the scheduled day of collection service but no later than 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled day of collection service, and the containers shall be removed from the curb and placed behind the residence by no later than 7:00 p.m. on the same day that collection services have been rendered. Caps shall be removed from all plastic and glass containers. Used oil shall be placed in a separate water tight container with a tight fitting lid and placed beside the recycling container on the normal day of collection. Corrugated cardboard shall be flattened and placed inside or beside the city recycling containers for collection. Recyclables should not be bagged, but placed loosely inside the city provided recycling containers.

**Commercial** - Recyclables shall be handled like residential recyclables except for corrugated cardboard which will be handled in one of three ways. First, customers with large amounts of corrugated cardboard will be required to use bulk recycling containers which will be collected by the city on a regular basis. Second, customers with a small amounts of corrugated cardboard shall flatten and place their cardboard at the curb every other week along with other recyclables in the city provided recycling containers during which time it will be collected. Third, customers with large amounts of corrugated cardboard who do not have a bulk container shall deliver it to the city drop-off site.

**Multi-Family** – Recyclables from apartments and other multi-family housing that have garbage collected from bulk containers shall place all recyclables in recycling rollout carts provided by the city and stationed at each bulk container. The number of recycling rollout carts per bulk container and frequency of collection will be determined by the sanitation department.

**White Goods** - White goods shall be placed at the curb with other bulky items for collection and separated from all other solid waste in accordance with other provisions of the solid waste ordinance. All white goods shall have the doors removed and placed next to them.

**Yard waste** - Yard waste shall be separated from all other solid waste and placed behind the curb or on the right of way where there is no curbing, not in the street, in accordance with other provisions of this policy. Limbs must be separated from leaves, scrub and grass clippings, pine straw, and pine cones at all times. The following standard should be used in the preparation of limbs for collection. Limbs should be no longer than six (6) feet in length and no larger than four (4) inches in diameter. Any limbs, logs, or stumps, or mulch from tree removal shall not be collected by city crews. Limbs shall be piled parallel to the street in one pile if possible. Leaves, pine straw, pine cones and grass clippings shall be raked into one pile if possible.

***Banned wastes-***

Residential - The following wastes shall not be put out for collection:

1. Burning or smoldering materials
2. Liquid waste (other than used oil)
3. Untreated regulated medical waste
4. Radioactive waste
5. Antifreeze

Commercial - The following wastes shall not be put in any bulk garbage container:

1. Recyclables
2. Burning or smoldering materials
3. Hazardous waste
4. Lead-acid batteries
5. Liquid waste
6. Untreated regulated medical waste
7. Radioactive waste
8. White goods (appliances)
9. Antifreeze
10. Yard waste
11. Corrugated waste
12. Construction & demolition waste
13. Tires

## **II. Receptacles.**

### ***Residential***

Two (2) 95-gallon roll-out carts (green cart for garbage and blue cart for recycling) are provided to each residential dwelling. Should the number of roll-out carts provided not be sufficient storage for garbage and recyclables, the resident should contact the sanitation department to request additional carts as needed for a fee in addition to the monthly solid waste fee in accordance with the schedule of fees established from time to time by the city council. Roll-out carts remain the property of the city and when a resident moves the sanitation department must be notified so the roll-out carts can be picked up or returned to the city. Failure to return the roll-out carts will result in the cost of the carts being added to the final utility bill of the resident of the dwelling that the carts were assigned to. Carts are designed to last 10 years with proper use and care. Proper use and care would include, but not limited to, bagging garbage whenever possible, washing and rinsing the carts on a regular basis, keeping cart lids closed to prevent water accumulation, the growth of bacteria, odor and pests, and not placing any banned or materials the city does not collect in the carts. Residents are responsible for proper use and care of the roll-out carts. Roll-out carts damaged through misuse or abuse will result in the resident being responsible for the repair or replacement of the cart. In the event of a hurricane or high winds, secure the roll-out carts to a fixed object or place them inside a secured building.

***Commercial and Industrial***

All commercial and industrial establishments including businesses, apartments, tenements, or other high density residential developments, schools, churches, clubs, or any other location where the use of such containers may be considered to be advantageous to the general welfare of the city for reasons of health, sanitation, economy or appearance that generate more garbage and trash than can be picked up in one (1) 95-gallon roll-out cart once per week must provide a second 95-gallon roll-out cart for garbage. The second 95-gallon roll-out cart will be charged an additional fee in accordance with the schedule of fees established from time to time by the city council. A bulk container must be provided for collection should two (2) 95-gallon roll-out carts not be sufficient storage for garbage. Such container shall be of standard design suitable for pickup by the city vehicles and approved by the sanitation superintendent. Where the location of such establishments does not make bulk containers feasible, as determined by the sanitation superintendent, then additional roll-out carts can be requested to ensure the adequate storage of garbage for additional fees in accordance with the schedule of fees as established from time to time by the city council. One (1) 95-gallon recycling rollout cart shall be provided for recyclable storage, except for multi-family locations, where the number of carts shall be determined by the sanitation department.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Solid Waste Policy shall be in full force and effect on and after its adoption.

**ADOPTED** the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

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Thomas W. Parker, III, Mayor

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Jennifer A. Tippett, City Clerk