

**SOLID WASTE
ORDINANCE**

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AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

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ARTICLE I PURPOSE, AUTHORITY, & POLICY

SECTION 1.0 REPEAL OF PRIOR REGULATIONS

The Aitkin County Solid Waste Ordinance, effective March 28, 1990, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2.0 PURPOSE & 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 400, 145, 115A and 116.

SECTION 3.0 POLICY

The policy of Aitkin 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

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 those Solid Wastes that are not prohibited from Processing or Disposal as defined by a Solid Waste Management Facility pursuant to local, State and federal laws and the requirements of the Facility.

Agency: means the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

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

Authorized Representative: means an employee or agent of the Aitkin County Environmental Services/Solid Waste Department.

Certificate of Need (CON): an issuance from the State of Minnesota to certify needed Disposal capacity.

City: a statutory or home rule charter City or town located within the County.

Charge: means a Solid Waste Management Charge.

Closure: means actions to prevent or minimize the threat to public health and the environment posed by a closed Facility including removing contaminated soil and equipment, removing liners, applying final cover, grading and seeding final cover, installing monitoring devices, constructing ground water and surface water diversion structures, and installing gas control systems, as necessary.

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. Mixtures of Construction and Demolition Debris with other Solid Waste is not Construction and Demolition Debris.

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 Aitkin County, Minnesota.

County Board: means the Aitkin 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.

Department: means the Aitkin County Environmental Services/Solid Waste Department.

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.

Environmental Services Department or Department: means the Aitkin County Environmental Services/Solid Waste Department.

Environmental Services Director: means the Solid Waste Administrator; and Planning and Zoning Administrator.

Financial Assurance: means monetary mechanisms that are used to assure proper Closure, post Closure care, and contingency action at a Site or Solid Waste Management Facility.

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 or haulers of just construction/demolition debris.

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.

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.

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/Permit: 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/Permittee: means the Person who has been issued a license/permit by the County to carry out any of the activities for which a license/permit 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,

- A. garbage, Refuse, and other Solid Waste from residential, Non-Residential, industrial, and community activities, except as provided in paragraph B.

- B. 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.

Non-Residential Accounts: means Solid Waste Management Services provided to any non-Residential Building or parcel.

Non-Residential Property: means all property that generates waste within the County that is not defined as a Residential Property as determined by the County.

Non-Residential Rate: means the rate of the Fee imposed on any Person who pays for Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Services for Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Generated from any source in the County other than a Residential Building.

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.

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.

Permit: mean the same as a license.

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.

D. The term Real Property does not include tools, implements, machinery, equipment, poles, lines, cables, wires, conduit, and station connections which are part of a telephone communications system, regardless of attachment to or installation in Real Property and regardless of size, weight, or method of attachment or installation. (Minn. Statute § 272.03, subdivision 1)

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 Facility: means a facility used to aggregate, process, or market Recyclable Materials, and motorized vehicle/scrap material salvage yards. 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.

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.

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.

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

Solid Waste: means garbage, Refuse, mixed municipal solid waste, construction and demolition debris, 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 residential and 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 Aitkin County Environmental Services/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, Storage, treatment, and/or Disposal of waste.

Solid Waste Management Service Charge: means a service charge imposed pursuant to Minn. Stat. §400.08 or §437.811, subd. 3a.

Solid Waste Management Facility Fee: means the fee imposed on a Person who pays for Services of a Solid Waste Management Facility.

Solid Waste Management Plan: means the County Solid Waste Management Plan developed, adopted, and approved under Minn. Stat. §115A.46 or Minn. Stat. §473.149.

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 Aitkin County.

Solid Waste Processing Facility: means a facility for the Processing of Solid Waste.

Solid Waste Reduction; Source Reduction: means an activity that reduces Generation of Solid Waste or the inclusion of toxic materials in Solid Waste, including:

- A. Reusing a product in its original form,
- B. Increasing the life span of a product,
- C. Reducing material or the toxicity of material used in production or packaging; or
- D. Changing procurement, consumption, or Solid Waste Generation habits to result in smaller quantities or lower toxicity of Solid Waste Generated.

Solid Waste Subcommittee: means a group of individuals, authorized by the County Board to accomplish a specific Solid Waste Management objective.

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: are 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.

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, and 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.

Waste Tire Processing Facility: means a licensed Solid Waste Management Facility used for the shredding, slicing, producing, or manufacturing of usable materials, including fuel, from Waste Tires including incidental temporary storage activity. Processing does not include the retreading of Waste Tires.

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

Masculine and Feminine Gender: The masculine gender includes the feminine and neuter genders.

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 Aitkin 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 To implement this Ordinance and review and consider all initial license/permit applications submitted to the Department for approval by the County Board for performance of Solid Waste Management Activities within the County.
- 1.02 To review and consider renewal license/permit applications, except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance.
- 1.03 To inspect Solid Waste Management Activities as herein provided, to investigate complaints, and to identify violations of this Ordinance.
- 1.04 To recommend, 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 To encourage and conduct studies, investigations and research relating to aspects of Solid Waste Management such as methodology, chemical and physical considerations, and engineering.
- 1.06 To advise, consult, and cooperate 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/permit 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/Permittee 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/Permittee, its officers, employees or agents, or any other Person(s) or entity(ies) for whose acts or omissions a Licensee/Permittee may be legally responsible, in the performance of any of a Licensee's/Permittee'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/Permits to engage in Solid Waste Management Activity.

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/permit, when a license/permit 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.

ARTICLE IV WASTE ABATEMENT, STORAGE,
COLLECTION, PROCESSING, & DISPOSAL

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. This section also requires the delivery of Recyclable Materials to a Recycling Facility and Yard Waste to a Yard Waste Facility when on-site composting is not practiced.

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 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 one of the following methods:

1. Mulching it and spreading it on the ground,
2. Composting it on-site; or
3. Transporting it to a permitted Yard Waste Facility, either by Self-Hauling or by contract with a licensed Hauler.

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 Single Family 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: newsprint, glass containers, corrugated cardboard, plastic food and beverage containers, tin cans, aluminum cans and aluminum scrap.

Owners and/or managers of multi-unit Residential Buildings 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 least three of the following Recyclable Materials generated on their premises: newsprint, glass containers, corrugated cardboard, plastic food and beverage containers, tin cans, aluminum cans and aluminum scrap. 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 Yard Waste Facility or Recycling Facility, at which time they shall become the property of the licensed Hauler, Yard Waste Facility or Recycling Facility, respectively. No Person, other than the Generator or the designated licensed Hauler, shall take said materials after aggregated for collection.

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. Residential Sites

No Person shall place or store in Open Areas of any Residential Site; 2 or more inoperable motor vehicles, machinery, appliances, fixtures or equipment so damaged, deteriorated or obsolete such that there is no substantial potential further use consistent with usual function or reasonable reuse; lumber piles and building materials not being used in actual construction on the premises; refuse; problem materials; and Mixed Municipal Solid Waste including, but not limited to, Recyclable Materials, broken furniture, Tires and other debris.

B. Commercial Sites

No Person shall place or store upon the Open Areas of any Commercial Site 2 or more inoperable motor vehicles, machinery, appliances, fixtures or equipment so damaged, deteriorated or obsolete such that there is no substantial potential further use consistent with usual function or reasonable reuse; refuse; problem materials; and Mixed Municipal Solid Waste including, but not limited to, Recyclable Materials, broken furniture, tires and other debris. Nothing in this section is designed to restrict activities of automobile, scrap iron, and metal Recycling or salvage businesses that are operating in accordance with State, County, and municipal or township laws, rules and regulations.

C. Agricultural Sites

No Person shall place or store upon the Open Areas of any Agricultural Site 2 or more inoperable motor vehicles, machinery, appliances, fixtures or equipment so damaged, deteriorated or obsolete such that there is no substantial potential further use consistent with usual function or reasonable reuse; refuse; problem materials; and Mixed Municipal Solid Waste including, but not limited to, Recyclable Materials, broken furniture, tires and other debris, unless such activity is otherwise permitted by the County.

D. 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/permitted Solid Waste Management Facilities, including brush and tree waste. **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.**

E. Solid Waste Storage Containers

While being accumulated and stored for Collection and Transportation to a licensed/permitted 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.

F. Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Storage in Vehicles

Mixed Municipal Solid Waste shall be removed from Hauler Collection or Transportation vehicles at least every forty-eight (48) hours, except when allowed by the Solid Waste Administrator.

2.03 Collection

Every Commercial and Residential Site in the County, except Self-Haulers, 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.

B. 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.

C. 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 or by Self-Hauling to a licensed/permitted Facility. In cases where a Generator chooses not to utilize a licensed/permitted 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 Yard Waste

A. 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.

B. Permitted Yard Waste Facilities

Yard Waste Facilities located in the County, except on-site Compost Sites, shall comply with the License/Permit requirements in this Ordinance.

3.03 Recyclable Materials

Recycling Facilities must comply with the requirements of Minnesota Rules Part 7035.2845, as amended from time to time, and a License/Permit 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.

3.04 Mixed Municipal Solid Waste

Generators shall dispose of Mixed Municipal Solid Waste at a permitted Solid Waste Management Facility and if the Facility is within the County, licensed/permitted by the County. Generators shall either utilize the Collection services of a licensed Hauler or Self-Haul their own 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. Each Solid Waste Management Facility shall identify its own list of Unacceptable Wastes, Problem Materials and Special Wastes. This list shall identify which waste types cannot be accepted under any circumstances, as well as those waste types that may require special handling and/or need approval prior to delivery. This list shall be posted at the Facility and a copy provided to the County. 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.

3.07 Delivery of Acceptable Waste

Each Person shall deliver only Acceptable Waste to a Solid Waste Management Facility. A Facility shall not be required to accept any Solid Waste that constitutes Unacceptable Waste and may, at its discretion, inspect all vehicles delivering Solid Waste to determine whether or not the Solid Waste contains Unacceptable Waste. The obligation of each Person not to deliver Unacceptable Waste to a Facility shall not be removed or in any way limited by an inspection of such Person's Solid Waste. Notwithstanding any prior acceptance of such Solid Waste as Acceptable Waste by a Facility, if the Facility, in the exercise of its reasonable judgment, identifies the presence of Unacceptable Wastes, Problem Materials, and/or Special Wastes, the Facility may reject the Solid Waste and the Person shall remove the rejected materials for proper management and Disposal at a permitted Facility. All costs of such removal, management, and Disposal shall be borne by the Person. Furthermore, if the presence of Unacceptable Wastes, Problem Materials and/or Special Wastes poses immediate operational difficulties for a Facility or if the Person fails to respond to a removal request, the Facility may remove and Dispose of the Unacceptable Wastes, Problem Materials, and/or Special Wastes and charge the costs of such removal, Disposal and special handling to the Person.

3.08 Prohibitions

A. Solid Waste Burning

Open Burning of Solid Waste is prohibited by this Ordinance, except as the site, date and time of the fire is specifically authorized by the U.S. Forest Service or pursuant to Minn. Stat. Chapter 88.

B. 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/permit. The owner of any such Site shall prevent disposal of Solid Waste at the Site and if necessary take corrective actions to appropriately close and clean-up the Site, as determined by the County and/or the Agency. The existence of an unlicensed/unpermitted Solid Waste Site shall be reported to the Solid Waste Administrator upon discovery.

C. No person shall cause, permit or allow burying or open burning of Solid Waste in any portion of the county.

D. 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.

ARTICLE V 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 County Auditor 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 Auditor on a form provided by the County Auditor.

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 November 1st 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.

2.03 Incomplete or Non-Conforming Application

An application will be deemed incomplete if information is omitted, incomplete, inaccurate, or does not comply with the application requirements, or if the required fees do not accompany the application. If a License application is incomplete or otherwise does not conform to the requirements set forth in this Ordinance, the County Auditor and/or Department shall advise the applicant of the reasons for non- acceptance and may request that the applicant resubmit, modify, or otherwise alter the application.

2.04 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 31st of the year the license is granted, unless sooner renewed, suspended or revoked.
- B. License renewal applications must be submitted to the County Auditor by December 31st of each year. License renewal applications received after that date shall be subject to a late fee.

2.05 License Non-Transferable

Licenses granted by the County Auditor under this Section are not transferable to other Persons.

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 County Auditor an affidavit of sole proprietorship in a form acceptable to the County Auditor.

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 (or forms), so long as such equivalent form (or forms) 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 \$1,000,000 for each occurrence and \$2,000,000 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(ies), provided, that the coverage afforded under any such “Umbrella” or “Excess Liability” policy(ies) 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 Evidence of Insurance

A Licensee shall promptly provide the County Auditor 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 County Auditor 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 County Auditor may reasonably request, and shall contain sufficient information to allow the County Auditor to determine whether there is compliance with these provisions. At the request of the County Auditor, the Licensee shall, in addition to providing such evidence of insurance, promptly furnish the County Auditor 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 County Auditor 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.

3.05 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 County Auditor. 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 County Auditor 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 County Auditor 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.

3.06 Loss Information

At the request of the County Auditor, 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 County Auditor 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 Labeling

The Hauler shall print or paint in legible characters the capacity of each vehicle, and the name, address, and telephone number of the Hauler on each side of all vehicles or containers used by the Hauler to store, collect or transport Solid Waste in the County. Letters and numbers shall be at least four (4) inches high for all vehicles and at least two (2) inches high for all containers. This provision shall not apply to containers owned and maintained by a Solid Waste Generator.

4.04 Inspection

The Department may inspect and approve all Solid Waste Collection and transportation vehicles.

4.05 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.

4.06 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.

4.07 Smoking, Smoldering or Burning Solid Waste

The Licensee may not collect or transport Solid Waste that are smoking, smoldering, or burning.

4.08 Dumping in an Emergency

The Licensee shall be responsible for the cleanup of any Solid Waste that must be dumped in 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.

4.09 Hours of Operation

The Licensee may not collect or transport Solid Waste from Residential Property or Residential Buildings before 6:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m.

4.10 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.

4.11 Prohibited Wastes

Haulers shall not accept for Collection in the County any Mixed Municipal Solid Waste that contains Yard Waste, Christmas trees, dry cell 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, prohibited electronic wastes, telephone directories, and Medical Waste.

4.12 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.

4.13 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.
- C. Haulers shall offer a 64-gallon or less base container fee for Solid Waste generated at a Residential Building or at a Residential Property.
- 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 an annual basis 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. "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.

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 are 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/aluminum, glass containers, plastic containers, boxboard, Major Appliances, scrap metal, and additional materials as from time to time mandated by the County Board. 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 weights of the recyclable materials, for the previous calendar year, shall be reported to the Department, on a form provided by the Department, by January 31 of each year.

ARTICLE VI FACILITY REQUIREMENTS AND LICENSES

SECTION 1.0 LICENSES/PERMIT REQUIRED

It is unlawful for any Person to establish, operate, or maintain a Solid Waste Management Facility without a license/permit 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, Recycling Facility 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/permit 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/permit for that land or property, unless otherwise provided by this Ordinance.

1.02 Facility Licenses/Permits

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

- A. Solid Waste Land Disposal Facilities
- B. Construction and Demolition Debris Land Disposal Facilities
- C. Industrial Solid Waste Land Disposal Facilities
- D. Transfer Stations
- E. Solid Waste Processing Facilities
- F. Waste Tire Facilities
- G. Recycling Facilities

SECTION 2.0 FACILITY LICENSE/PERMIT 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/Permit application and review all plans and specifications and shall accompany the application.

2.02 Facility License/Permit Fees

Facility License/Permit fees shall be determined by the Department and approved by the County Board. License/Permit fees shall be established each year for the subsequent calendar year.

SECTION 3.0 LICENSE/PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

An application for a License/Permit or License/Permit 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.

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 Article VI, 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/Permit 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/Permit 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/Permitted Facilities

At any time the Licensee/Permittee 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 /Permit renewal shall be followed.

3.05 License Holder

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

SECTION 4.0 REVIEW OF FACILITY LICENSE/PERMIT APPLICATION

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

4.01 Operational Conditions

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

4.02 Contingent License/Permit Special Conditions

A License/Permit may be granted that is contingent upon compliance with special conditions specified in the License/Permit. 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/Permit to comply with such special conditions is a violation of this Ordinance and is subject to the penalties provided herein.

4.03 Sequencing

No License/Permit 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/PERMIT; RENEWAL; LICENSE/PERMIT NOT TRANSFERABLE

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

5.01 Term of License/Permit

Unless otherwise provided by the County Board, the term of a Solid Waste Management Facility License/Permit granted pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance shall be when the property transfers ownership, license/permit expires, license/permit is revoked, or the expiration of the MPCA permit, unless sooner renewed, suspended or revoked.

5.02 Renewal of License/Permit

Application for renewal of a License/Permit shall be made in writing to the Department and shall be signed by an individual authorized to act on behalf of and bind the Licensee/Permittee. Application for a License/Permit renewal shall contain a statement of any changes in the information submitted from the last approved License/Permit application. Application for a License/Permit renewal shall contain reports required by the Ordinance. If applicable, the Licensee/Permittee 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/Permit. If there are no changes in Financial Assurance, it shall be so stated in the renewal application.

5.03 License/Permit Not Transferable

Any License/Permit obtained under this Ordinance shall be nontransferable. Licenses/Permits 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/Permits 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/Permittee 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/Permittee shall provide and maintain at all times during the term of the License/Permit such insurance coverage as set forth in this Section, and otherwise comply with the provisions that follow. Such policy(ies) of insurance shall apply to the extent of, but not as a limitation upon or in satisfaction of, the License/Permit indemnity provisions. The provisions of this Section shall also apply to all subcontractors, and independent contractors engaged by the Licensee/Permittee with respect to the License/Permit. The Licensee/Permittee shall be entirely responsible for securing the compliance of all such Persons or parties with these provisions.

6.01 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/Permittee is a sole proprietor and has elected not to provide workers' compensation insurance, the Licensee/Permittee shall be required to execute and submit to the Department an affidavit of sole proprietorship in a form acceptable to the Department.

6.02 General Liability

- A. Commercial General Liability Coverage (Insurance Services Office form title), 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 (or forms), so long as such equivalent form (or forms) affords coverage that is at least as broad. An Insurance Services Office "Comprehensive General Liability" policy that includes a "Broad Form Endorsement", GL 0404 (Insurance Services Office designation) shall be considered to be an acceptable equivalent policy form.
- B. The Licensee/Permittee shall maintain at all times during the period of the License/Permit a total combined general liability policy limit of at least \$1,000,000 for each occurrence and \$2,000,000 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.

6.03 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/Permittee in connection with the operation of the licensed Solid Waste Management Facility. 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(ies), provided, that the coverage afforded under any such “Umbrella” or “Excess Liability” policy(ies) 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/Permittee’s commercial general liability policy, such business automobile liability policy shall also include coverage for motor vehicle liability assumed under contract.

6.04 Additional Insurance

The County may require a Licensee/Permittee to undertake an annual insurance evaluation, conducted by an independent evaluator selected by the County, which evaluator shall be reasonably acceptable to Licensee/Permittee. The County may, at any time during the period of the License/Permit, require that Licensee/Permittee 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.

6.05 Evidence of Insurance

A Licensee/Permittee 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/Permittee 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/Permittee 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/Permittee’s insurance agent shall certify on the certificate of insurance, that he/she has error and omissions coverage.

6.06 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/Permittee'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/Permittee's insurer(s) shall be deemed to be acceptable to the County.

6.07 Loss Information

At the request of the Department, the Licensee/Permittee shall promptly furnish loss information concerning all liability claims brought against a Licensee/Permittee (or any other Insured under Licensee's/Permittee'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 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/Permittee must maintain the following records and submit reports as required by the Department.

7.01 Daily Records

Accurate daily records of Solid Waste Management Facility operations shall be maintained and made available upon request to the County or Authorized Representative including:

- A. Receipt of Solid Waste in tons and cubic yards shall be recorded daily in a manner acceptable to the County. This information shall provide statistics on the types and quantities of Solid Waste received including, but not limited to Residential Solid Waste, Non-Residential/Institutional waste, and Industrial Solid Waste.
- B. General areas in which a particular type of Solid Waste disposal takes place within a Solid Waste Land Disposal Facility shall be recorded.
- C. Information that identifies the types and quantities of waste Released from the Site or transported to other Solid Waste Management Facilities. This information includes but is not limited to Solid Waste, ash, Leachate, and residual materials derived from waste Processing.

- D. Copies of reports and data related to environmental monitoring including but not limited to groundwater testing, Leachate analysis, methane monitoring, and air emission data.
- E. Disposal of Hazardous Waste is 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 Facility's Annual Report

The Licensee/Permittee shall submit a copy of the Licensed/Permitted facility's annual report required by the Agency to the Department by March 1 of each year.

7.03 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/Permittee 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 facilities to ensure that no vehicle desiring entry into the Site may have to wait outside the perimeter of the Site.

- I. Adequate communication facilities shall be provided for emergency purposes.
- J. 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.
- K. An all-weather haul road to the unloading area.
- L. 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.
- M. 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.

8.02 Facility Fee Authorized

The County Board may establish Solid Waste Land Disposal Facility fees pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 115A.919 and may utilize fees received pursuant to Minn. Stat. §115A.923.

- A. Any Solid Waste Management Facility subject to such fees shall file a monthly fee in the following manner:
 - 1. Monthly returns shall be on a reporting form approved by the Department.
 - 2. The return shall be signed by the Facility Operator or a Person authorized by the Facility Operator to do so.
 - 3. A check for the full amount of the fee and made out to the County Auditor must accompany the return form.
 - 4. The return shall be filed with the Department on or before the last day of the month immediately following the month in which the fee was incurred.
- B. Non-payment of fees shall be a violation of this ordinance including grounds for denial of a license application or renewal.

SECTION 9.0 MIXED MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LAND DISPOSAL FACILITIES

This section applies to facilities designed, constructed, maintained, or operated as a Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Land Disposal Facility.

9.01 State Rule Adopted

In addition to the general requirements provided for in this Ordinance and the specific requirements of this Section, the design, construction, and operation of Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Land Disposal Facilities shall be in accordance

with Agency Solid Waste Management Rules (Minn. Rules Chapter 7035), which are hereby adopted by reference as part of this Ordinance.

9.02 Licensing/Permitting Requirements

The following additional information shall be submitted to the Department as part of the application process for a Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Land Disposal Facility License/Permit.

1. Application and Fees

An applicant for a Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Land Disposal Facility License/Permit shall complete and submit to the Department an application on a form provided by the Department. 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.

2. Existing Conditions Plan

A current map or aerial photograph of the area showing land use and zoning within 1/4 mile of the Solid Waste Land Disposal Site. The map or aerial photography shall be of sufficient scale to show all homes, buildings, lakes, ponds, watercourses, wetlands, dry runs, rock outcroppings, roads, and other applicable details and shall indicate the general topography with contours and drainage patterns. Wells shall be identified on the map or aerial photography, U.S.G.S. datum shall be indicated, and a north arrow drawn. A location insert map shall be included.

3. Plot Plan

A plot plan that includes the legal description of the Site and immediate adjacent area showing dimensions, location of soil borings, present and planned pertinent features including but not limited to roads, fencing and cover stockpiles. The plan of development including any excavation, trenching and fill shall be shown progressively with time. Cross sections shall be included on the plot plan or on separate sheets showing progressively with time the original and proposed elevation of excavation, trenching and fill. The scale of the plot plan should not be greater than 200 feet per inch.

4. Land Use Plan

An ultimate land use plan, including intermediate stages, identifying the total and complete land use. The scale of the ultimate land use plan shall not be greater than 200 feet per inch.

5. Report

A report shall accompany the plans indicating:

- a. Population and areas expected to be served by the proposed Site.

- b. Anticipated type, quantity and source of material to be Disposed of at the Site.
- c. Geological formations and ground water elevations to a depth of at least ten (10) feet below proposed excavation and lowest elevation of the Site, including the high-water table. Such data shall be obtained by soil borings or other appropriate means.
- d. Source and characteristic of cover material and method for protecting cover material for winter operation.
- e. Type and amount of equipment to be provided at the Site for excavating, earth moving, spreading, compacting and other needs.
- f. Area of Site in acres.
- g. Owner of the Site.
- h. Persons responsible for actual operation and maintenance of the Site and operating procedures.

9.03 Specific Design and Construction Requirements

The following shall be established, constructed, maintained, or provided for at the Site:

- A. Equipment sufficient for spreading, compacting, and covering operations to include sufficient reserve equipment or arrangements to provide for all operations within 24 hours of equipment breakdown.
- B. At each entrance to the Site the Licensee/Permittee shall erect and maintain a sign stating the name of the Solid Waste Management Facility, the schedule of days and hours the Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Management Facility is open to the public, the types of waste accepted, and Agency permit number and penalty for nonconforming Dumping. Plans and specifications for the sign wordage and its proposed placement shall be submitted to the Department for its approval prior to the sign's installation. Any changes to the sign after initial installation are also subject to approval by the Department.
- C. Suitable accommodations shall be provided for individuals who wish to Transport and Dispose of their own Mixed Municipal Solid Waste provided said Mixed Municipal Solid Waste has been determined by the owner/operator to be acceptable at the Facility.

9.04 Specific Operating Procedures

Any Person who has been granted a License/Permit by the Department to operate a Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Land Disposal Facility shall comply with the following specific operational requirements:

A. Open Burning, Animal Feeding and Scavenging

Open Burning of Mixed Municipal Solid Waste is prohibited. No scavenging shall be allowed. Salvaging shall be allowed only upon conditions approved in writing by the Department. Animal feeding within the Site is prohibited.

B. Wind-Blown Material

Unloading of Mixed Municipal Solid Waste shall be confined to as small an area as practicable and surrounded with appropriate materials to prevent wind-blown material within the area. At the conclusion of each day of operation, all wind-blown material resulting from the operation shall be collected and returned to the designated area by the Owner or Operator.

C. Cover and Compaction of Putrescible Material

Putrescible Material, which has reached a foul state of decay or decomposition, shall be immediately covered and compacted.

D. Public Nuisance Control

Control of vectors, such as rodents and flies, and of odors, dust, wind-blown material and other potential Public Nuisances shall be sufficient to prevent or eliminate any Public Nuisance. Should the Department so prescribe, an exterminator or pest control agent, at the Licensee's/Permittee's expense, shall be engaged to inspect the Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Land Disposal Facility on at least a monthly basis until the nuisance conditions are abated. A copy of each inspection report shall be sent to the Department immediately upon its receipt by the Licensee/Permittee.

SECTION 10.0 CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS LAND DISPOSAL FACILITIES LICENSE/PERMIT

This section applies to all facilities designed, constructed, or operated for the land disposal of Construction and Demolition Debris, regardless of size or duration of operation.

10.01 State Rule Adopted

In addition to the general requirements provided in this Ordinance and the specific requirements of this Section, the design, construction, and operation of Construction and Demolition Debris Land Disposal Facilities shall be in accordance with Agency regulations (Minn. Chap. 7035), which is hereby adopted by reference as part of this Ordinance.

10.02 Licensing/Permitting Requirements

The following information shall be submitted to the Department as part of the application process for a Construction and Demolition Debris Land Disposal Facility License/Permit.

1. Application and Fees

An applicant for a Construction and Demolition Debris Land Disposal Facility License/Permit shall complete and submit to the Department an application on a form provided by the Department. 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.

2. Existing Conditions Plan

A current map or aerial photograph of the area showing land use and zoning within 1/4 mile of the Site. The map or aerial photography shall be of sufficient scale to show all homes, buildings, lakes, ponds, watercourses, wetlands, dry runs, rock outcroppings, roads, and other applicable details and shall indicate the general topography with contours and drainage patterns. Wells shall be identified on the map or aerial photography, U.S.G.S. datum shall be indicated, and a north arrow drawn. A location insert map shall be included.

3. Plot Plan

A plot plan including the legal description of the Site and immediate adjacent area showing dimensions, location of soil borings, present and planned pertinent features including but not limited to roads, fencing and cover stockpiles. The plan of development including any excavation, trenching and fill shall be shown progressively with time. Cross sections shall be included on the plot plan or on separate sheets showing progressively with time the original and proposed elevation of excavation, trenching and fill. The scale of the plot plan should not be greater than 200 feet per inch.

4. Land Use Plan

An ultimate land use plan, including intermediate stages, identifying the total and complete land use. The scale of the ultimate land use plan shall not be greater than 200 feet per inch.

5. Report

A report shall accompany the plans indicating:

- a. Population and areas expected to be served by the proposed Site.
- b. Anticipated type, quantity and source of material to be disposed of at the Site.
- c. Geological formations and ground water elevations to a depth of at least ten (10) feet below proposed excavation and lowest elevation of the Site, including the high-water table. Such data shall be obtained by soil borings or other appropriate means.

- d. Source and characteristic of cover material and method for protecting cover material for winter operation.
- e. Type and amount of equipment to be provided at the Site for excavating, earth moving, spreading, compacting and other needs.
- f. Area of the Site in acres.
- g. Owner of the Site.
- h. Persons responsible for actual operation and maintenance of the Site and intended operating procedures.

10.03 Specific Design and Construction Requirements

The following shall be established, constructed, maintained or provided for at the Site:

- A. Equipment sufficient for spreading, compacting and covering operations to include sufficient reserve equipment or arrangements to provide for all operations within 24 hours of equipment breakdown.
- B. Specific requirements regarding liner requirements and waste screening shall be determined based upon the Site conditions and the projected composition of the Demolition and Construction Debris.

10.04 Specific General Operating Procedures

Any person who has been granted a License/Permit to operate a Construction and Demolition Debris Land Disposal Facility shall comply with the following specific operational requirements:

- A. Public Use Prohibited

No public usage will be allowed except where specifically approved by the Department.

- B. Waste Acceptance and Prohibited Wastes

Types of Construction and Demolition Waste accepted at the facility shall be pursuant to the Agency's Generic Template Industrial Solid Waste Management Plan for Demolition and Construction Landfills which is available on the Agency website.

SECTION 11.0 INDUSTRIAL SOLID WASTE LAND DISPOSAL FACILITIES

This section applies to all facilities designed, constructed, maintained, or operated as an Industrial Solid Waste Land Disposal Facility.

11.01 State Rule Adopted

In addition to the general requirements provided in this Ordinance and the specific requirements of this Section, the design, construction, and operation of Industrial Solid Waste Land Disposal Facilities shall be in accordance with Agency regulations (Minn. Rules Chap. 7035), which are hereby adopted by reference as part of this Ordinance.

11.02 Licensing/Permitting Requirements

The following information shall be submitted to the Department as part of the application process for an Industrial Solid Waste Land Disposal Facility License/Permit.

1. Application and Fees

An applicant for an Industrial Solid Waste Land Disposal Facility License/Permit shall complete and submit to the Department an application on a form provided by the Department. 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.

2. Existing Conditions Plan

A current map or aerial photograph of the area showing land use and zoning within 1/4 mile of the Site. The map or aerial photography shall be of sufficient scale to show all homes, buildings, lakes, ponds, watercourses, wetlands, dry runs, rock outcroppings, roads, and other applicable details and shall indicate the general topography with contours and drainage patterns. Wells shall be identified on the map or aerial photography, U.S.G.S. datum shall be indicated, and a north arrow drawn. A location insert map shall be included.

3. Plot Plan

A plot plan including legal description of the Site and immediate adjacent area showing dimensions, location of soil borings, present and planned pertinent features including but not limited to roads, fencing and cover stockpiles. The plan of development including any excavation, trenching and fill shall be shown progressively with time. Cross sections shall be included on the plot plan or on separate sheets showing progressively with time the original and proposed elevation of excavation, trenching and fill. The scale of the plot plan should not be greater than 200 feet per inch.

4. Land Use Plan

An ultimate land use plan, including intermediate stages, identifying the total and complete land use. The scale of the ultimate land use plan shall not be greater than 200 feet per inch.

5. Report

A report shall accompany the plans indicating:

- a. Population and areas expected to be served by the proposed Site.
- b. Anticipated type, quantity and source of material to be disposed of at the Site.
- c. Geological formations and ground water elevations to a depth of at least ten (10) feet below proposed excavation and lowest elevation of the Site, including the high-water table. Such data shall be obtained by soil borings or other appropriate means.
- d. Source and characteristic of cover material and method for protecting cover material for winter operation.
- e. Type and amount of equipment to be provided at the Site for excavating, earth moving, spreading, compacting and other needs.
- f. Area of the Site in acres.
- g. Owner of the Site.
- h. Persons responsible for actual operation and maintenance of the Site and intended operating procedures.

11.03 Specific Design and Construction Requirements

The following shall be established, constructed, maintained or provided for at the Site:

- A. Equipment sufficient for spreading, compacting and covering operations to include sufficient reserve equipment or arrangements to provide for all operations within 24 hours of equipment breakdown.
- B. Specific requirements regarding liner requirements and waste screening shall be determined based upon the Site conditions and the projected composition of the Industrial Solid Waste.

11.04 Specific Operating Procedures

Any person who has been granted a License/Permit to operate an Industrial Solid Waste Land Disposal Facility shall comply with the following specific operational requirements, unless otherwise waived in writing by the Department:

A. Public Use Prohibited

No public usage will be allowed, except where specifically approved.

B. Waste Acceptance and Prohibited Wastes

Types of Industrial Solid Waste accepted at the facility shall be pursuant to the Agency's Generic Template Industrial Solid Waste Management Plan which is available on the Agency website.

SECTION 12.0 TRANSFER STATIONS

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

12.01 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 Solid Waste Transfer Stations shall be in accordance with Agency regulations (Minn. Rules Chapter 7035), which are hereby adopted by reference as part of this Ordinance.

12.02 License/Permit Required

It is unlawful for any Person to establish, operate, or maintain a Solid Waste Transfer Station without first being licensed/permitted to do so by the Department.

A. Licensing/Permitting Requirements

The following information shall be submitted to the Department as part of the application process for a Solid Waste Transfer Station License/Permit:

1. Designation of the Transfer Station Category: All Solid Waste Transfer Stations shall be categorized as to type of Solid Waste transferred at the facility. The following categories are established:
 - a. Mixed Waste: This facility handles a variety of Solid Waste types, to include Mixed Municipal Solid Waste.
 - b. Demolition Debris: This facility handles Construction and Demolition Debris only.
2. Application and Fees: An applicant for a Solid Waste Transfer Station License/Permit shall complete and submit to the Department an application on a form provided by the Department. 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:
 - a. Location, size and ownership of the land upon which the Transfer Station will operate.
 - b. General description of property use in the immediate vicinity of the Transfer Station.

- c. Complete plans and specifications and proposed operating procedures for the Transfer Station.
- d. A fee schedule for the use of Transfer Station.
- e. A statement of the ultimate Solid Waste Management Facility destination(s) of Solid Waste delivered to the Transfer Station.

12.03 Specific Design and Construction Requirements

The following specific design and construction requirements shall apply:

A. Entrance Sign

At each entrance to the Site the Licensee/Permittee shall erect and maintain a sign stating the name of the Transfer Station, the schedule of days and hours the Transfer Station is open to the public, and Agency permit number and penalty for nonconforming Dumping. Plans and specifications for the sign wordage and its proposed placement shall be submitted to the Department for approval prior to installation. Any changes to the sign after initial installation are also subject to approval by the Department.

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.

12.04 Specific Operating Procedures

Any Person who has been granted a License/Permit 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/Permit, the Licensee/Permittee shall remove all Solid Waste from the tipping floor, clean, and maintain the Transfer Station at a minimum of every 72 hours.

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/Permittee 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.

SECTION 13.0 SOLID WASTE PROCESSING FACILITIES

This section applies to all facilities designed, constructed, established, maintained and operated as Solid Waste Processing Facilities.

13.01 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 Solid Waste Processing Facilities shall be in accordance with Agency regulations (Minn. Rules Chapter 7035). which are hereby adopted by reference as part of this Ordinance.

13.02 Licensing/Permitting Requirements

The following information shall be submitted to the Department as part of the application process for a Solid Waste Processing Facility License/Permit.

A. Application and Fees

An applicant for a Solid Waste Processing Facility License/Permit shall complete and submit to the Department an application on a form provided by the Department. 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:

1. Location, size, and ownership of the Site the Solid Waste Processing Facility will operate on.
2. General description of property use in the immediate vicinity of the Solid Waste Processing Facility.
3. Complete plans and specifications and proposed operating procedures for the Solid Waste Processing Facility.

13.03 Specific Design and Construction Requirements

The following shall be established, constructed, maintained or provided for at the Site:

- A. The Solid Waste Processing Facility shall be so situated, equipped, operated, and maintained as to minimize interference with other activities in the area.
- B. Storage facilities for by-products, to include residuals and recyclables, shall be provided to prevent vector intrusion.
- C. The Site shall be sized, or a separate area provided, for a location for Transportation vehicles to park while waiting to unload or load material without having to wait on a public thoroughfare.
- D. A Solid Waste delivery area shall be designated and all Solid Waste delivered to the Solid Waste Processing Facility shall be confined to that area until incorporated into the Processing system.
- E. If the Processing Facility is a Solid Waste Composting Facility (excluding yard waste composting facilities), a Leachate Management System shall be provided for the facility and shall be designed and constructed so to be able to handle any run-off or run-on water that has made contact with the composted waste, materials stored for Composting or residual waste.

13.04 Specific Operating Procedures

Any Person who has been granted a License/Permit by the Department to operate a Solid Waste Processing Facility shall comply with the following specific operational requirements.

A. Orderly Maintenance

The premises, entrances and exits shall be maintained in a clean, neat and orderly manner at all times.

B. Traffic Control

All incoming and outgoing traffic shall be controlled by the Licensee/Permittee in such a manner as to provide orderly and safe ingress and egress.

C. Unloading

All unloading of Solid Waste from contributing vehicles shall be conducted in such a manner as to eliminate odor and litter outside the Processing Facility.

SECTION 14.0 WASTE TIRE FACILITIES

All Waste Tire Collection Sites and Processing Facilities shall be designed, constructed, maintained, and operated in accordance with the following provisions.

14.01 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 Waste Tire Collection Sites and Processing Facilities shall be in accordance Agency regulations (Minn. Rules Chapter 9220), which are hereby adopted by reference as part of this Ordinance.

14.02 Licensing/Permitting Requirements

It is unlawful for any Person to establish, operate, or maintain a Waste Tire Collection Site or Processing Facility without first being licensed to do so by the Department, except that a License/Permit shall not be required for the following:

- A. A retail tire seller if no more than 500 Waste Tires are kept on the business premises.
- B. An Owner or Operator of a tire retreading business if no more than 3,000 Waste Tires are kept on the business premises and stored under roof.
- C. An Owner or Operator of a business who, in the ordinary course of business, removes tires from motor vehicles if no more than 500 Waste Tires are kept on the premises.
- D. A licensed and permitted Solid Waste Management Facility with less than 500 Waste Tires stored above ground at the licensed and permitted Site.
- E. A Person using Waste Tires for agricultural purposes if the Waste Tires are kept on the premises of use.

The following information shall be submitted to the Department as part of the application process for a Waste Tire Collection Site and/or Processing Facility License/Permit.

A. Application and Fees

An applicant for a Waste Tire Collection Site and/or Processing Facility License/Permit shall complete and submit to the Department an application on a form provided by the Department. The application shall not be considered complete until the Department receives all applicable fees and all materials required by this section, to include:

- 1. Location, size and ownership of the site on which the Waste Tire Collection Site and/or Processing Facility will operate.
- 2. General description of property use in the immediate vicinity of the Waste Tire Collection Site and/or Processing Facility.
- 3. Complete plans and specifications and proposed operating procedures for the Waste Tire Collection Site and/or Processing Facility.

14.03 Specific Design and Construction Requirements

The following specific design and construction requirements shall be established, constructed, maintained or provided for at the Site:

- A. The Licensee/Permittee shall maintain a minimum distance of one hundred (100) feet between the Waste Tire Collection Site or Processing Facility operations and the adjacent property line.
- B. The Licensee/Permittee shall divert surface water drainage around and away from the Collection area.
- C. The Licensee/Permittee shall provide adequate visual screening to reduce visibility of above-grade operations from housing or public right-of-ways by use of natural objects, trees, plants, seeded soil berms, fences, or other means deemed suitable by the Department.
- D. The Waste Tire Collection Site and/or Processing Facility shall be so situated, equipped, operated, and maintained as to minimize interference with other activities in the area.

14.04 Specific Operating Procedures

Any Person who has been granted a License/Permit by the Department to operate a Waste Tire Collection Site and/or Processing Facility shall comply with the following specific operational requirements:

- A. The Licensee/Permittee shall accept only Waste Tires at the Collection Site and/or Processing Facility.
- B. The Licensee/Permittee shall prohibit piling of Waste Tires within the following regions:
 - 1. Shore land;
 - 2. Regional flood plain for a 100-year flood; and
 - 3. Wetlands.
- C. The Licensee/Permittee shall:
 - 1. Confine Waste Tires to as small an area as practical with individual piles not more than 2500 square feet in area and 20 feet in height,
 - 2. Provide a minimum twelve (12) foot separation between the piles of Waste Tires to allow access for trucks and emergency vehicles,
 - 3. Provide trenching or other adequate measures to minimize the potential for fire spreading; and

4. Construct piles of Waste Tires to minimize the accumulation of stagnant water.

14.05 Waste Tire Reduction

Waste Tire Collection Sites, Processing Facilities, and Waste Tire Dumps in existence prior to the effective date of this provision shall reduce the accumulation of Waste Tires by Processing and/or marketing such Waste Tires by an amount and within time limits established by the Department, and shall be approved by the local zoning authority.

14.06 Cessation of Operation

Upon cessation of Waste Tire Collection Site and/or Processing Facility operations, the Licensee/Permittee, Owner, and Operator shall be responsible for removing all Waste Tires and tire products from the Site and ensure their proper management pursuant to this Ordinance and Minn. Stat. §§ 115A.90 to 115A.914.

ARTICLE VII INSPECTIONS, VIOLATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT

SECTION 1.0 INSPECTIONS

1.01 Inspections

Inspection of Solid Waste Management Activities, Facilities and/or a Licensee's/Permittee's premises shall be made by the Department in such frequency as to insure consistent compliance by the Licensee/Permittee with this Ordinance.

- A. The applicant or Licensee/Permittee 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/Permittee to permit such inspection shall be grounds for denial, suspension or revocation of a license/permit. The Licensee/Permittee 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 to inspect the same or to perform any duty incumbent upon the Department.
- 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 suspension or revocation of a license/permit.
- 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/Permittee that all the violations for which a suspension has been issued have been corrected, the Department shall re-inspect the Solid Waste Management Activity within 3 business days. If the Department finds upon such re-inspection that the violation has been corrected, the Department shall inform the Licensee/Permittee of reinstatement of the License/Permit.

SECTION 2.0 ACTION AUTHORIZED

For violations of this Ordinance, the County may take the following actions; 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/permit issued under this Ordinance; execution of a Stipulation Agreement; and/or commencement of other civil proceedings.

2.01 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 mail, certified mail or by personal service on the Person(s) alleged to have committed a violation of this Ordinance.

2.02 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.

In the event of a violation or a threatened violation of this ordinance, Aitkin County, in addition to other remedies, may institute appropriate actions or proceedings to prevent, restrain, or abate such violations or threatened violations. The Department may and is empowered to issue citations and/or cease and desist orders to halt the progress of any on-going violation. When the work has been stopped by the Department for any valid reason whatsoever, it shall not again be resumed until the reason for the work stoppage has been completely satisfied and the cease and desist order lifted.

2.03 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 Mn Statute 375.18, Subp.14.

A. Abatement Notice

1. Contents of Abatement Notice

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.

2. 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. Abatement by the County

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

C. Recovery of Abatement Costs

1. 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.

2. 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.

2.4 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/permit and is subject to claim by the County in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

2.5 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 APPEAL

Appeal of County Board Decision

Any appellant aggrieved by the decision of the County Board may appeal that decision within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice of decision, to the District Court in the County in which the land is located.