

Solid Waste Regulations

JOCO adopted NEW Solid Waste Regulations in October 2010, which become effective January 1, 2012.

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Key Provisions:

- *Recycling:*
 - Goal of regulations is to reduce waste & encourage recycling.
 - Haulers must offer unlimited curbside recycling at least bi-weekly.
 - Must be included in base rate and not optional.

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Key Provisions:

- *Yard Waste:*
 - Shall not be disposed of in a solid waste facility/received at a transfer station unless segregated and hauled to a composting or mulching facility.
 - Haulers shall not collect yard waste from residential property unless it is segregated from solid waste & in compostable container.

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Key Provisions:

- *Volume Based Rate Structure:*
 - Haulers must charge customers for trash service based on volume of waste put at the curb. Commonly known as “pay-as-you-throw” (“PAYT”).
 - 95 gallons is the maximum volume of trash that may be included in the base service, but haulers may contract for lower maximum.

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Key Provisions:

- *Volume Based Rate Structure, cont'd:*
 - Additional bag charges shall be administered through a readily identifiable system, such as attachable tags or designated bags.
 - The additional charge shall be “sufficient to establish a clear financial incentive for customers to reduce solid waste disposal...”
 - No requirement of uniform rate structure for all haulers.

JOCO Regulations DO NOT
mandate any specific type or size
of solid waste containers.

Issues for Consideration:

- *Recycling:*
 - Current City Code mandates “open rectangular bins, a minimum of 14 gallons in capacity, green in color & constructed of 25% recycled plastic.”
 - This is not large enough to accommodate requirement of unlimited recycling pick up and to appropriately incent recycling as required by JOCO regs & must be amended.

Issues for Consideration:

- *Recycling*, cont'd:
 - Should Lenexa mandate a container type or size or just amend code to permit compliance with JOCO regs?
 - JOCO regs do not apply to apartment complexes. Should Lenexa require recycling in apartment complexes? If so, requirement should be phased in to give time to install appropriate screening.
 - Should Lenexa require recycling for non-residential uses?

Issues for Consideration:

- *Yard Waste:*
 - JOCO regs do not require haulers to pick up yard waste, but provide that if it is picked up it must be separate and composted/mulched.
 - If pick up is not mandated, haulers may choose not to pick up yard waste at all. This will likely result in increased illicit burning and dumping of yard waste into streams, stormwater facilities.

Issues for Consideration:

- *Yard Waste*, cont'd:
 - Staff recommends amending our Code to require pick up of yard waste with cost to be included in the base rate.
 - Staff also recommends implementing a more comprehensive illicit dumping ordinance.
 - Should yard waste pick up be required year-round or only seasonally?

Issues for Consideration:

- *Special Pick Up Events:*
 - Big Item:
 - Staff recommends requiring haulers to provide two big-item pick ups per year on dates prescribed by the City.
 - This would be in lieu of the annual City contract for these services.
 - To be effective in 2013 to allow haulers adequate time to adjust rates to account for this cost.

Issues for Consideration:

- *Special Pick Up Events, cont'd:*
 - Post-Holiday: Staff recommends requiring haulers to offer Christmas Tree pick-up following the holiday.

Issues for Consideration:

- *Miscellaneous:*
 - Licensing: Current City Code requires haulers to obtain a City license. Staff recommends retaining this requirement.
 - Bag Tags/Stickers: Should these be offered for sale at City offices to increase convenience for residents?
 - Should Lenexa consider a Citywide Contract?

Issues for Consideration:

- *Miscellaneous, cont'd:*
 - Composting:
 - Should Lenexa consider development of a City Composting Facility? Estimated annual cost of \$500,000.00, with initial capital outlay of \$1.1 million for equipment.
 - Staff recommends review and amendment of City Code regarding commercial and residential composting.

QUESTIONS?