

Chapter 20

Solid Waste

Part 1 Solid Waste Collection

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Part 1**Solid Waste Collection****§20-101. Short Title.**

This Part shall be known and referred to as the “Solid Waste Ordinance.”
(*Ord. 1-1994, 7/13/1994, §I*)

§20-102. Definitions.

1. The following words and phrases as used in this Part shall have the meaning ascribed herein, unless the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Act 97—the Pennsylvania Solid Waste Management Act of 1980, P.L. 380, No. 97, July 7, 1980, 35 P.S. §6018.101 *et seq.*

Act 101—the Pennsylvania Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act of 1988, Act No. 101, July 28, 1988, 53 P.S. §4000.101 *et seq.*

Agricultural waste—poultry and livestock manure, or residual materials in liquid or solid form, generated in the production, and marketing of poultry, livestock, fur-bearing animals and their products, provided such waste is not a hazardous waste. The term includes the residual materials generated in producing, harvesting, and marketing of all agronomic, horticultural, silvicultural and agricultural crops or commodities grown on what are usually recognized and accepted as farms, forests, or other agricultural lands.

Bulky waste—large items of solid waste including, but not limited to, appliances, furniture, large auto parts, trees, branches or stumps which may require special handling due to their size, shape or weight.

Commercial establishment—any establishment engaged in non-manufacturing or non-processing business including, but not limited to, stores, markets, office buildings, restaurants, shopping centers and theaters.

Construction and demolition waste—all municipal and residual waste building materials, grubbing waste and rubble resulting from construction, remodeling, repair and demolition operations on houses, commercial buildings and other structures and pavements.

Department—the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. [*Ord. 2010-2*]

Disposal—the incineration, deposition, injection dumping, spilling, leaking, or placing of solid waste into or on the land or water in a manner that the solid waste or a constituent of the solid waste enters the environment, is emitted into the air or is discharged to the waters of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Domestic waste or household waste—solid waste, comprised of garbage and rubbish, which normally originates in the residential private household or apartment house.

Garbage—any solid waste derived from animal, grain, fruit, or vegetable matter that is capable of being decomposed by microorganisms with sufficient rapidity to

cause such nuisances as odors, gases, or vectors.

Hauler or private collector—any person, firm, copartnership, association or corporation who has been licensed by the County or its designated representative to collect, transport, and dispose of refuse for a fee as herein prescribed.

Hazardous waste—any solid waste or combination of solid wastes, as defined in Act 97 or 101 which because of its quantity, concentration or physical, chemical, or infectious characteristics may: (1) cause or significantly contribute to an increase in mortality or an increase in morbidity in either an individual or the total population; or (2) pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or the environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, disposed of or otherwise managed.

Industrial establishment—any establishments engaged in manufacturing or processing including, but not limited to, factories, foundries, mills, processing plants, refineries, mines and slaughterhouses.

Institutional establishments—any establishment engaged in service including, but not limited to, hospitals, nursing homes, orphanages, schools and universities.

License—a legally constituted requirement (PA Act 101 of 1988) imposed by the County Commissioners of Cambria County for the purpose of collecting and hauling municipal waste from any municipality within Cambria County. This license shall also designate the required disposal site or sites as included in the County's Municipal Waste Management Plan.

Municipal waste—garbage, refuse, industrial lunchroom or office waste and other material including solid, liquid, semisolid or contained gaseous material resulting from operation of residential, municipal, commercial or institutional establishments and from community activities; and any sludge not meeting the definition of residual or hazardous waste under Acts 97 or 101 from a municipal, commercial or institutional water supply treatment plant, wastewater treatment plant, or air pollution control facility.

Person—any individual, partnership, corporation, association, institution, cooperative enterprise, Township authority, Federal Government or agency, State institution and agency, or any other legal entity which is recognized by law as the subject of rights and duties. In any provisions of this Part prescribing a fine, imprisonment or penalty, or any combination of the foregoing, the term person shall include the officers and directors of any corporation or other legal entity having officers and directors.

Processing—any technology used for the purpose of reducing the volume or bulk of municipal or residual waste or any technology used to convert part or all of such waste materials for off-site refuse. Processing facilities include, but are not limited to, transfer facilities, composting facilities, and resource recovery facilities.

Refuse—all solid waste materials which are discarded as useless.

Residual waste—any garbage, refuse, other discarded material or other waste including solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous materials resulting from industrial, mining and agricultural operations and any sludge from an industrial, mining or agricultural water supply treatment facility, wastewater treatment facility or air pollution control facility, provided that it is not hazardous. The term

residual waste shall not include coal refuse as defined in the Coal Refuse Disposal Control Act, 52 P.S. §30.51 *et seq.* Residual waste shall not include treatment sludges from coal mine drainage treatment plants, disposal of which is being carried on pursuant to and in compliance with a valid permit issued pursuant to the Clean Streams Law, 35 P.S. §691.1 *et seq.*

Rubbish—all non-putrescible municipal waste except garbage and other decomposable matter. This category includes, but is not limited to, ashes, bedding cardboard cans, crockery, glass, paper wood and yard cleanings.

Scavenging—the unauthorized and uncontrolled removal of material placed for collection or from a solid waste processing or disposal facility.

Sewage treatment residues—any coarse screenings, grit and de-watered or air-dried sludges from sewage treatment plants and pumpings from septic tanks or seepage which are a municipal solid waste and require proper disposal under Acts 97 and 101.

Solid waste—any waste including, but not limited to, municipal, residual or hazardous wastes, including solid, liquid, semisolid or contained gaseous material.

Storage—the containment of any waste on a temporary basis in such a manner as not to constitute disposal of such waste. It shall be presumed that the containment of any waste in excess of 1 year constitutes disposal. This presumption can be overcome by clear and convincing evidence to the contrary.

Township—Washington Township, Cambria County, Pennsylvania.

Transportation—off-site removal of any solid waste at any time after generation.

Transfer station—any supplemental transportation facility used as an adjunct to solid waste route collection vehicles.

2. In this Part, the singular shall include the plural and the masculine shall include the feminine and the neuter.

(*Ord. 1-1994, 7/13/1994, §II; as amended by Ord. 2010-2, 11/3/2010*)

§20-103. Prohibited Activities.

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to accumulate or permit to accumulate upon any public or private property within the Township, any garbage, rubbish, bulky waste, or any other municipal or residual solid waste except in accordance with the provision of this Part, and any Department rules and regulations adopted pursuant to Act 97 and Act 101.

2. It shall be unlawful for any person to burn any solid waste within the Township except in accordance with the provisions of this Part, any Department rules and regulations adopted pursuant to Act 97 and Act 101.

3. It shall be unlawful for any person to dispose of any solid waste in the Township except in accordance with the provisions of this Part and any rules of Washington Township, County or Department rules and regulations adopted pursuant to Act 97, and Act 101.

4. It shall be unlawful for any person to haul, transport, collect, or remove any solid waste from public or private property within the Township without first securing

a license to do so in accordance with the provisions of this Part.

5. It shall be unlawful for any person to scavenge any materials from any solid waste that is stored or deposited for collection within the Township without prior approval by the Township.

6. It shall be unlawful for any person to salvage or reclaim any solid wastes within the Township except at an approved and permitted resource recovery facility under Act 97 and Act 101, and any Department rules and regulations adopted pursuant to these acts.

7. It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, place or deposit, or cause or permit to be thrown, placed or deposited any solid waste in or upon any street, alley, sidewalk, body of water, public or private property within the Township except as provided in this Part.

8. It shall be unlawful for any person to place a used lead acid battery in mixed municipal solid waste, discard, or otherwise dispose of a lead acid battery except by delivery to an automotive battery retailer or wholesaler, to a secondary lead smelter permitted by the Environmental Protection Agency, or to a collection or recycling facility authorized under the laws of this Commonwealth.

9. It shall be unlawful for any municipal waste landfill to accept for disposal, and no resource recovery facility may accept for processing, other than composting, truckloads composted primarily of leaf waste or plant waste.

(Ord. 1-1994, 7/13/1994, §III)

§20-104. Standards for Storage of Solid Waste.

1. The storage of all solid waste shall be practiced so as to prevent the attraction, harborage or breeding of insects or rodents, and to eliminate conditions harmful to public health or which create safety hazards, odors, unsightliness or public nuisances.

2. Any person producing municipal waste shall provide a sufficient number of secure containers to store all waste materials generated during periods between regularly scheduled collections and shall place and store all waste materials therein.

3. Any person storing municipal waste for collection shall comply with the following preparation standards:

A. All municipal waste shall be drained of free liquids before being placed in storage containers.

B. All garbage or other putrescible waste shall be securely wrapped in paper, plastic or similar material or placed in properly tied plastic bags.

C. All cans, bottles or other food containers should be rinsed free of food particles and drained before being placed in storage containers.

D. Garden clippings and tree trimmings shall be placed in approved containers or shall be cut and tied securely into bundles. Bundles shall be not more than 4 feet in length, not more than 2 feet in diameter and not more than 40 pounds in weight. Such materials may also be composted by the Township and/or by the property owner.

E. Newspapers and magazines shall be placed in approved containers or shall be tied securely into bundles of not more than 40 pounds in weight.

F. When specified by the Township or its designated representative, special preparation and storage procedures may be required to facilitate the collection and resource recovery (recycling) of certain waste materials.

4. All municipal waste shall be stored in containers approved by the Township or its designated representative. Individual containers and bulk containers utilized for storage of municipal waste shall comply with the following standards:

A. Reusable containers shall be constructed of durable, watertight, rust and corrosion resistant material, such as plastic, metal or fiberglass, in such a manner as to be leak-proof, weather-proof, insect-proof, and rodent proof.

B. Reusable containers for individual residences shall have a tight-fitting cover and suitable lifting handles to facilitate collection.

C. Reusable containers for individual residences shall have a capacity of not less than 10 gallons nor more than 40 gallons, and a loaded weight of not more than 40 pounds.

D. Disposable plastic bags or sacks are acceptable containers provided the bags are designated for waste disposal. Plastic bags shall have sufficient wall strength to maintain physical integrity when lifted by the top, shall be securely tied at the top for collection, and shall have a capacity of not more than 30 gallons and a loaded weight of not more than 35 pounds.

E. All containers, either reusable or disposable, shall also comply with the minimum standards established by the National Sanitation Foundation.

5. Any person storing municipal waste for collection shall comply with the following storage standards:

A. Containers shall be kept tightly sealed or covered at all times. Solid waste shall not protrude or extend above the top of the container.

B. Reusable containers shall be kept in a sanitary condition at all times. The interior of the containers shall be thoroughly cleaned, rinsed, drained and disinfected, as often as necessary, to prevent the accumulation of liquid residues or solids on the bottom or sides of the containers.

C. Containers shall be used and maintained so as to prevent public nuisances.

D. Containers that do not conform to the standards of this Part or which have sharp edges, ragged edges or any other defect that may hamper or injure collection personnel shall be promptly replaced by the owner.

E. Containers shall be placed by the owner or customer at a collection point specified by the Township or its designated representative.

F. With the exception of pick-up days when the containers are placed out for collection, the containers shall be properly stored on the owner or customer premises at all times.

G. Bulk waste items such as furniture, automobile parts, machinery, appliances, and tires shall be stored in a manner that will prevent the accumulation or collection of water, the harborage of rodents, safety hazards and fire hazards.

6. The storage of all municipal waste from multi-family residential units, commercial establishments, institutions and industrial lunchroom or office waste

sources is subject to the regulations and standards set forth in this Part. The type, size and placement requirements for bulk containers shall be determined by the waste generator and the waste hauler, and are subject to approval by the Township.

(*Ord. 1-1994, 7/13/1994, §IV*)

§20-105. Standards and Regulations for Collection and Transportation.

1. The Township shall provide for the collection of all garbage, rubbish, and bulky wastes from commercial establishments, individual residences and multi-family residential sources.

2. All businesses, households and homeowners shall utilize the residential collection service provided by the Township.

3. All institutional and industrial establishments shall dispose of all municipal waste through the municipal arrangements based on a standard charge for anticipated volume and availability of service, approved by the Township frequency.

4. All residential and commercial garbage and rubbish shall be collected at least once a week. Bulky wastes shall be collected following prior arrangement with the Township's collector and payment of any required special fees.

5. All institutional, public and industrial lunchroom and office waste containing garbage shall be collected at least once a week. Rubbish collection from these sources shall be made as often as necessary to control health hazards, odors, flies, and unsightly conditions. The Township reserves the right to require more frequent collection when deemed necessary.

6. Residential collection schedules shall be published regularly by the Township or its contracted hauler.

7. All solid waste collection activity shall be conducted from Monday through Friday between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., unless prior approval of any exception has been granted by the Township. No collection, hauling, or transporting of solid waste shall be permitted on Sunday or Saturday.

8. All licensed haulers under contract with the Township shall comply with the following standards and regulations:

A. All municipal waste collected within the Township shall be conveyed by the hauler to a transfer station, processing facility, or disposal site designated in the approved Cambria County Municipal Waste Management Plan.

B. Any trucks or other vehicles used for the collection and transportation of municipal waste must comply with the requirements of Acts 97 and 101, and any Department regulations adopted pursuant to Act 97 and Act 101, and must be licensed by the Cambria County Commissioners or their designated agent.

C. All collection vehicles conveying domestic waste and garbage shall be watertight and suitably enclosed to prevent leakage, roadside littering, attraction of vectors, the creation of odors and other nuisances.

D. Collection vehicles for rubbish and other nonputrescible solid waste shall be capable of being enclosed or covered to prevent roadside litter and other nuisances.

E. All solid waste shall be collected and transported so as to prevent public

health hazards, safety hazards and nuisances.

F. All solid waste collection vehicles shall be operated and maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.

(*Ord. 1-1994, 7/13/1994, §V*)

§20-106. Collection and Disposal Charges.

1. The Board of Supervisors of the Township shall be authorized to make funds available, in accordance with the laws and procedures of the Township, for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of the municipal solid waste collection and transportation system; or for the contracting of such services to a private collector.

2. The Township shall, by resolution at its annual meeting or other regular or special meeting, establish an annual fee upon all persons residing in, or conducting any form of business within, the Township for the collection of municipal waste with the Township. This fee shall not be in excess of the costs, including administrative costs, incurred by the Township for the collection of municipal waste with the Township.

3. The Township shall send, by regular mail, a billing for the collection of fees to each owner, or person in charge, of a commercial, industrial or institutional establishment, single-family household, multi-family household, or any property producing municipal waste within the Township on a quarterly basis on a day established at the discretion of the official responsible for said billings in the Township. The failure to pay said billing within 30 days of the billing date shall constitute a violation of this Part, and will also be subject to a late fee of 6 percent of the amount billed.

(*Ord. 1-1994, 7/13/1994, §VI; as amended by Ord. 1-2005, 3/1/2005*)

§20-107. Administrative Appeals.

1. All appeals shall be made in writing to the Board of Supervisors of the Township.

2. Pending a reversal or modification, all decisions of the Township shall remain effective and enforceable.

3. Appeals may be made by the following persons:

A. Any person who is aggrieved by a new standard, regulation, determination or assessment issued by the Township may appeal within 10 days after the Township gives notice of its intention to issue the new standard or regulation.

4. The notice of appeal shall be served in writing and sent by certified mail with return receipt requested. Within 20 days after receipt of the notice of appeal, the Township shall hold a public hearing. Notice of the hearing shall be sent to both parties in time to adequately prepare for the hearing. Notice shall be sent to the parties by certified mail with return receipt requested at the last known address in addition to publication in the local newspaper.

(*Ord. 1-1994, 7/13/1994, §VII*)

§20-108. Injunction Powers.

The Township may petition the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County for an injunction, either mandatory or prohibitive, to enforce any of the provisions of this Part.

(*Ord. 1-1994, 7/13/1994, §VIII*)

§20-109. Exoneration.

1. Any person, who owns property within the Township which does not produce, collect, or accumulate any garbage, refuse, residual waste, rubbish or municipal waste, may request exoneration from the provisions of this Part by submitting a written request to the Township on or before January 31 of each year. Said request shall include the specific property address and the reasoning for exoneration.

2. The Supervisors of the Township shall, in their sole discretion, approve or deny all said requests in a timely manner. The Supervisors of the Township, in considering any said request, may ask for additional information from the person making the request, the hauler or private collector, or any other source deemed relevant by said Supervisors.

3. Any said request approved by the Supervisors of the Township shall exonerate the property from the provisions of this Part for only the year in which the request was made.

4. At any time after exoneration has been granted, it shall be the responsibility of the person who filed the request or the owner of the property, to immediately notified the Township that the property is producing collecting, or accumulating any garbage, refuse, residual waste, rubbish or municipal waste, at which time, said exoneration shall be immediately vacated and all provisions of this Part shall be enforced retroactively.

5. If, at any time after exoneration has been granted, it is determined by the Township, in its sole discretion, that the property is producing collecting, or accumulating any garbage, refuse, residual waste, rubbish or municipal waste, said exoneration shall be immediately vacated and all provisions of this Part shall be enforced retroactively.

(*Ord. 1-1994, 7/13/1994; as added by Ord. 1-2005, 3/1/2005*)

§20-110. Exclusion from Collection.

Any person who owns, occupies or uses property within the Township that is used solely as a commercial, industrial or institutional establishment may contract with a private collector for the collection of any garbage, refuse, residual waste, rubbish or municipal waste produced at that property provided a request for exclusion from collection be submitted in writing to the Township on or before January 31 of each year, and provided the contracted private collector comply with all of the provisions of Act 97, Act 101, and this Part. The Supervisors of the Township may, at their sole discretion, deny any request or revoke any exclusion if it is determined that the property is not used solely as a commercial, industrial or institutional establishment or the contracted private contractor does not comply with said provisions. Any person or property excluded under this Section shall remain subject to all other provisions of this Part not in conflict with this Section.

(*Ord. 1-1994, 7/13/1994; as added by Ord. 1-2005, 3/1/2005*)

§20-111. Penalties.

Any person who violates any provision of this Part shall be guilty of an offense, and,

upon conviction thereof before the magisterial district judge, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 and costs of prosecution and, in default of the payment of such fine and costs, shall be imprisoned in the County jail for a period of not more than 30 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues shall constitute a separate offense. In addition, the Township shall have the right to proceed by any other remedy afforded by law, including the filing of a municipal lien, to enforce the provision of this Part. The remedies provided for in this Section shall not be deemed mutually exclusive and may be initiated simultaneously or consecutively in any order, all in the sole discretion of the Supervisors of the Township.

(Ord. 1-1994, 7/13/1994, §IX; as amended by Ord. 1-2005, 3/1/2005)

