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Burke County

WASTE MANAGEMENT

CARDBOARD BAN ORDINANCE

- WHEREAS, the County of Burke has heretofore adopted Ordinances governing the storage, collection, transportation and disposal of solid wastes within Burke County; and
- WHEREAS, the County of Burke owns and operates the Burke County Waste Management Facility which is operated as a public enterprise to protect the public and environmental health in Burke County; and
- WHEREAS, the County has heretofore implemented user or tipping fees to defray the cost of operating said facility; and
- WHEREAS, it has become necessary, as the permitting of sanitary landfills becomes increasingly difficult, and the disposal of solid wastes becomes increasingly more expensive to take steps to reduce the flow and volume of certain solid wastes to the County Facility; and
- WHEREAS, recent studies have shown that corrugated cardboard constitutes an estimated 13 percent of the solid wastes going into the County Facility and that most, if not all, of said corrugated cardboard comes from commercial and industrial establishments located within Burke County; and
- WHEREAS, the Burke County Recycling Committee, Environmental Affairs Board, and Planning Board have recommended that cardboard no longer be accepted at the County Facility; and
- WHEREAS, this Board finds that it would be in the best interests of all citizens and would promote the public health, the environmental health and the general welfare of all citizens if recyclable corrugated cardboard is not accepted for disposal at the County Facility; and
- WHEREAS, this Board further finds that there are businesses, that is, paper and cardboard stock dealers in this area that are willing to purchase corrugated cardboard when it is delivered to their places of business, and that corrugated cardboard is easily recyclable if the generators of used cardboard will simply implement a recycling plan; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to make it the policy of the County that this resource, corrugated cardboard, be separated at the source from other garbage or solid waste for recycling rather than being buried in the County Facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Burke as follows:

1. That recyclable corrugated cardboard, that is, corrugated cardboard as that term is commonly understood, which businesses and dealers in this area are willing to purchase when it is delivered to them, is a solid waste for which a surcharge will be imposed for disposition at the Burke County Waste Management Facility effective January 1, 1992.
2. That the Burke County Waste Management Facility will provide a place and method for citizens and businesses to deposit cardboard for the purpose of recycling.
3. That any haulers disposing of waste at the County Facility which contains five (5) percent or more of cardboard, by weight or by volume, shall pay a surcharge in addition to the regular tipping fee based on the following:
 - a. for the first violation a written warning
 - b. for the second violation a surcharge equal to four (4) times the then current tipping fee.
 - c. for the third and any subsequent violation(s) a surcharge equal to nine (9) times the then current tipping fee.



Frances C. McKinney
FRANCES C. MCKINNEY, Clerk
Burke County Board of Commissioners

Ronnie Thompson
Ronnie Thompson, Chairperson
Burke County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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