

MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE OF
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
ARMSTRONG COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE NO. 1-92

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, ARMSTRONG COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROHIBITING THE ACCUMULATION, BURYING, AND DESTRUCTION OF GARBAGE AND OTHER REFUSE MATERIALS UPON PRIVATE PROPERTY IN SAID MUNICIPALITY; REQUIRING THAT ALL GARBAGE, RUBBISH, AND OTHER REFUSE BE CONVEYED TO A COUNTY DESIGNATED MUNICIPAL WASTE TRANSPORTATION, PROCESSING AND/OR DISPOSAL FACILITY; REGULATING THE STORAGE AND REMOVAL OF GARBAGE, RUBBISH, AND OTHER REFUSE MATERIALS; PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF GARBAGE, RUBBISH, AND OTHER REFUSE MATERIALS ONLY BY LICENSED COLLECTORS; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners have adopted the 1990 Municipal Waste Management Plan for Armstrong County in accordance with the requirements of Section 501 of the Pennsylvania Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act of 1988 (Act 101), and said Plan has been duly ratified by the municipalities of Armstrong County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority vested and as directed by the Municipality by the Pennsylvania Solid Waste Management Act of 1980 (Act 97) and Act 101, the Township of Washington enacts an ordinance regulating the storage, collection, and disposal of rubbish, refuse, and garbage within the Municipality in order to implement such Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Township of Washington, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania hereby enacts and ordains as follows:

SECTION I: SHORT TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known and referred to as the "Municipal Solid Waste Ordinance."

SECTION II: DEFINITIONS

The following words and phrases as used in this ordinance 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).

ACT 101 -- The Pennsylvania municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act of 1988 (Act 101).

Bulky Waste -- large items of solid waste including, but not limited to, appliances, furniture, large auto parts, which may require special handling due to size, shape or weight.

Collector or Waste Hauler -- any person, firm, partnership, corporation or public agency engaged in the collection and/or transportation of municipal waste.

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

Container -- a portable device in which waste is held temporarily for storage or transportation.

County -- the County of Armstrong

DER -- the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (DER)

Disposal -- deposition, injection, dumping, spilling, leaking, or placing of solid waste into or on the land or water in a manner that 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 -- solid waste, except agricultural waste as defined by the Solid Waste Management Act, 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.

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

Institutional Establishment -- establishment engaged in service, including, but not limited to, hospitals, nursing homes, orphanages, schools and universities.

Licensed Collector or Licensed Waste Hauler -- municipal waste collector or hauler possessing a current, valid County License issued by the Armstrong County Department of Planning and Development pursuant to County Ordinance No. _____.

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 Act 97 from a municipal, commercial or institutional water supply treatment plant, wastewater treatment plant, or air pollution control facility. The term does not include source-separated recyclable materials.

Municipality -- Washington Township, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania.

Person -- individual, partnership, corporation, association, institution, cooperative enterprise, municipal 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 Ordinance 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.

Rubbish -- all non-putrescible, i.e., likely to become putrid, municipal waste, except garbage and other decomposable matter. This category includes such items as bedding, mattresses, cans, crockery and glass.

Salvaging -- The controlled removal or recycling of material from a solid waste processing or disposal facility.

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

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

Storage -- 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 one year shall constitute disposal. This presumption can be overcome by clear and convincing evidence to the contrary.

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

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

SECTION III: PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

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

2. It shall be unlawful for any person to process and/or dispose any solid waste in the Municipality except in accordance with all applicable Department rules and regulations adopted pursuant to Act 97 and Act 101.

3. It shall be unlawful for any person to collect, haul, transport or remove any solid waste from public or private property within the Municipality without a current, valid license to do so issued by the Armstrong County Department of Planning and Development.

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

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

6. It shall be unlawful for any person to place any used lead acid battery in mixed municipal solid waste for collection.

SECTION IV: 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 approved 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 minimum standards for the storage of municipal waste set forth in the Department's Title 25, Chapter 285, Subchapter A Regulations for the Storage of Municipal Waste.

SECTION V: STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS FOR COLLECTION

1. All households and homeowners, including mobile home owners, shall utilize the services of a Licensed Collector of their choice for disposal of their domestic waste or household waste, unless they can demonstrate that the waste is properly disposed in a manner consistent with this ordinance and all applicable Department rules and regulations adopted pursuant to Act 97 and Act 101.

2. All Licensed Collectors and Licensed Waste Haulers shall comply with the minimum standards for collection and transportation of municipal waste set forth in the Department's Title 25, Chapter 285, Subchapter B Regulations for Collection and Transportation of Municipal Waste.

SECTION VI: LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

1. No person shall collect, remove, haul, or transport any solid waste upon or through any streets or alleys of the Municipality without first obtaining a license from the Armstrong County Department of Planning and Development pursuant to the requirements of County Ordinance No. _____.

SECTION VII: INJUNCTION POWERS

The Municipality may petition the Court of Common Pleas for an injunction, either mandatory or prohibitive, to enforce any of the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION VIII: PENALTIES

Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a summary offense which is punishable by a fine up to \$300, or in default of payment of such fine, then by imprisonment for a period of not more than 90 days, or both. Each day of violation shall be considered a separate and distinct offense.

SECTION IX: SEPARABILITY

In the event that any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of such Ordinance shall not be invalidated by such action.

SECTION X: CONFLICT

Any ordinances or any part of any ordinance which conflict

with this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this ordinance.

SECTION XI: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect on the 1st day of June 1992.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED into an Ordinance this the 1st day of June, 1992.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

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