CHAPTER 11

SOLID WASTE

Section 11.1 Purpose

The purpose and intent hereof being to initiate and maintain for the residents of the town, an efficient means of collecting and disposing of bulky waste.
(Ordinance 129 adopted 7/16/01; Ordinance 140 adopted 6/10/02)

Section 11.2 Definitions

The respective following terms and their derivations shall have the meanings ascribed to them:

(1) “Agricultural solid waste” means non-hazardous waste products that are generated from farm production operation of field crops, orchards, and animals.

(2) “Bin” means a metal receptacle designed to be lifted and emptied mechanically.

(3) “Bulky waste” includes limbs, trees, shrubs, bush trimmings, green waste and other waste other than white goods, garbage, agricultural solid waste, construction debris, dead animals, hazardous waste, stable matter or vegetable waste with weight or volumes greater than those allowed for bins or containers, as the case may be.

(4) “Collection unit” means a residential housing unit, a commercial or an industrial unit. In the case of a multi-family dwelling, each housing unit will be considered as a separate collection unit. In the case of an office building or shopping center, each separately operated and identified store or office is considered as a collection unit.

(5) “Construction debris” means waste building materials resulting from construction, remodeling, repair, or demolition operations.

(6) “Disposal” means the orderly process of discarding useless or unwanted material in a beneficial or nonbeneficial manner.

(7) “Garbage” means all normal and usual household waste products that are typically placed in approved containers for collection purposes and are usually a mixture of putrescible,
non-putrescible, combustible and incombustible materials, such as organic wastes from food preparation and consumption, wrapping and packaging materials, metal, glass, and plastic containers and other items.

(8) “Green waste” means all waste tree trimmings, grass cuttings, dead plants, weeds, leaves, dead trees or branches thereof, Christmas trees, chips, shavings, sawdust, or waste wood. Wood product materials such as treated lumber, glued plywood, and bonded materials are not considered to be green waste.

(9) “Hazardous waste” means any chemical, compound, mixture, substance or article which is designated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or appropriate state or local agency to be “hazardous waste” as that term is defined by or pursuant to federal, state, or local laws and ordinances.

(10) “Non-putrescible solid waste” means solid waste materials that do not contain organic matter that is subject to rapid decomposition by fungi and bacteria.

(11) “Parish governing authority” means the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury.

(12) “Producer” means an occupant of a collection unit who generates bulky waste.

(13) “Putrescible solid waste” means solid waste materials containing organic matter that is subject to rapid decomposition by fungi and bacteria, such as food wastes and dead animals.

(14) “Solid waste” means useless, unwanted or discarded materials with insufficient liquid content to be free flowing, that results from domestic, industrial, commercial, agricultural, governmental and community operations which require proper storage, collection, transportation and disposal to prevent environmental pollution inimical to public health, safety and welfare. “Solid waste” does not include hazardous waste, sewage, earth or material used to fill land in accordance with construction codes, mining residues, slag, dissolved or suspended solids in waste water effluents which are not acceptable for disposal in sanitary sewage treatment system. (Synonym: Refuse)

(15) “Stable matter” means body of waste of animal and fowl, and cleaning, and waste from food-stuffs from all barns, stables, corrals, or pens used for stabling, caging, or penning of animals or fowl.

(16) “White goods” means large appliances, including but not limited to stoves, refrigerators, freezers, washing machine, clothes dryers, dishwasher, and air conditions. (Ordinance 129 adopted 7/16/01; Ordinance 140 adopted 6/10/02)

Section 11.3 Scope of service

A. The town shall provide for use by its residents a bin to deposit and dispose of bulky waste only. The materials allowable for deposit within the bin is specifically limited and restricted as identified above and defined herein.
B. Use of the bin is further limited to those citizens residing within the geographical boundaries of the town.

C. The services to be provided herein are in addition to and are to serve as a supplement to those services heretofore provided by the parish governing authority and its agents for residential solid waste collection and disposal and are not intended to serve as a substitute, replacement, or duplication of such solid waste collection and disposal.  
(Ordinance 129 adopted 7/16/01; Ordinance 140 adopted 6/10/02)

Section 11.4 Collection and disposal rates

For collection and disposal or marketing services to be provided herein, a monthly fee of two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) per collection unit will be assessed to defray bin rental costs, processing costs and disposal costs. The fee shall be billed on a monthly basis and shall appear as an assessment on each collection units monthly utility bill or invoice.  
(Ordinance 129 adopted 7/16/01; Ordinance 140 adopted 6/10/02)

Section 11.5 Miscellaneous

A. The collection bin shall be situated within the geographical boundaries of the town.

B. The bin shall be made available for deposits a minimum of one (1) week each month.

C. Transport of all bulky waste from the collection unit to the collection bin, and the actual deposit or placement of such materials therein, shall be the responsibility of the producer.  
(Ordinance 129 adopted 7/16/01; Ordinance 140 adopted 6/10/02)

Section 11.6 Penalties

Any person charged with violation of any provision of this Chapter shall, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than five hundred ($500) dollars, imprisonment not more than sixty (60) days, or both. Each time such violation occurs shall be considered a separate offense.  
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