

LOCAL LAW

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A LOCAL LAW FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSITION OF SOLID WASTE INCLUDING GARBAGE, RECYCLABLES, CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS, APPLIANCES, FURNISHINGS, YARD WASTE, HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, AND FARM HAZARDOUS WASTE, TO SUPPLEMENT LOCAL LAW 4 FOR THE YEAR 1988 AND AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS THEREOF

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the County of Herkimer:

Section 1. Definitions

(a) "Solid Waste" means all putrescible and non-putrescible solid wastes, including, but not limited to, materials or substances discarded or rejected as being spent, useless, worthless, or in excess to the owners at the time of such discard or rejection, or are being accumulated, stored, or physically, chemically or biologically treated prior to being discarded or rejected, having served their intended use, or as a manufacturing by-products, including, but not limited to, garbage, refuse, industrial, commercial and agricultural waste sludges from air or water pollution control facilities or water supply treatment facilities, rubbish, ashes, contained gaseous material, incinerator residue, demolition and construction debris and offal, but not including sewage and other highly diluted water-carried materials or substances and those in gaseous form, special nuclear or by-product material within the meaning of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, or waste which appears on the list or satisfies the characteristics or hazardous waste promulgated by the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation.

(b) "Garbage" means putrescible solid waste, including animal and vegetable waste resulting from the handling, storage, sale, preparation, cooking and/or serving of foods.

(1) "Household Garbage" originates primarily in home kitchens.

(2) "Commercial and Industrial Garbage" originates primarily in stores, markets, restaurants and other places where food is stored, prepared, and/or served; and the term shall also include all non-hazardous and non-toxic wastes which are not commercial and industrial by-products.

(c) "Hazardous Waste" includes pesticides and containers used for pesticides, used motor oil, automobile batteries, and all other materials, determined now or in the future to be hazardous by state or federal rule, regulation and/or statute.

(1) "Household Hazardous Waste" originates primarily in the home.

(2) "Farm Hazardous Waste" originates primarily on farms and/or results from farming activities.

(3) "Commercial and Industrial Hazardous Waste" originates primarily from commercial and industrial activities.

(d) "Yard Waste" means grass clippings, leaves, cuttings and other debris from shrubs, hedges and trees. "Garbage", "Recyclable Materials", and "Construction and Demolition Debris" shall not be construed to include "Yard Waste".

(e) "Construction and Demolition Debris" means waste resulting from construction, remodeling, repair and demolition of structures, road building, and land clearing. Such wastes include but are not limited to bricks, concrete and other masonry materials, soil, rock, lumber, road spoils, paving material and tree and brush stumps.

(f) "Major Appliances" means a large and/or bulky household mechanism (as a refrigerator, washer, dryer, stove, etc.) ordinarily operated by gas or electric current.

(g) "Large Household Furnishings" means all other large and/or bulky articles actually used in the home and which equip it for living (as chairs, sofas, tables, beds, carpets, etc.)

(h) "Recyclable Material" means any material designated, from time to time, by Herkimer County which, under any applicable law or regulation, is not hazardous and which is separated from the waste-stream and held for its material recycling or reuse value.

(i) "Recyclable Commercial and Industrial By-products" includes all materials which are a by-product of production utilized in production or sale by a commercial enterprise or industrial enterprise.

(j) "Recyclers" means those persons who deal with recyclable material as collectors, separators and/or marketers. This definition includes not-for-profit corporations and charitable corporations which collect recyclables for fund raising purposes.

(k) "Source Separation" means the segregation of recyclable materials from the solid waste stream at the point of generation for separate collection, sale or other disposition.

(l) "Vehicular Tires" means tires from cars, trucks, domestic, recreational and farm vehicles.

(m) "Person" means any owner or owners of residential property, individual head of household, landlord, Chief Executive Officer, school superintendent, owner or manager of a commercial or industrial establishment.

(n) "Legislature" means the Herkimer County Legislature or for the purpose of this Local Law only, a Committee of the Legislature, or an employee or officer of the County of Herkimer designated by the Legislature to perform duties under this Local Law and/or the regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

(o) "Household Metals" shall mean any empty metal food containers including aluminum, by-metal and steel cans.

(p) "Infectious Waste" shall be as defined in 6 NYCRR Part 360 as amended.

(q) Authority shall mean the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Management Authority.

Section 2. Preparation of Solid Waste and Recyclable Material for Residential Collection

In order to provide for public health and safety and to facilitate the conservation of vital natural resources, each city, town and/or village within the county shall provide for the collection of solid waste and recyclable material. Each municipality shall provide by June 30, 1990 to the Legislature a plan for approval to provide for such collection, which plan shall include the schedules required by Sections 4(a), 5(a) and 7(a) of this Local Law. Such plan must demonstrate that regular, reliable collection of solid waste and recyclable material will be provided to each property which generates that material in that municipality. Amendments to any such plan may be filed with the County but shall not be effective until accepted and approved by the Legislature.

The Legislature shall determine the schedule of implementation for collection of recyclable material in the County. If the Legislature has designated an employee, officer or committee, as provided in this Local Law, the determination shall be subject to approval by the Legislature.

After the schedule of implementation has been imposed in an area of the County and becomes effective by its terms, no person shall dispose of garbage or recyclable or nonrecyclable material except as follows:

(a) In order to facilitate the conservation of vital natural resources through recycling: Each person shall provide for the separate of recyclable material in a suitable container or containers as authorized by the Legislature or as approved by the County of Herkimer or the Authority contracting with said County.

(b) In order to further facilitate the conservation of vital natural resources through recycling: Discarded newspapers, emptied glass containers, household metals, corrugated cardboard, plastics, high grade office paper and yard waste shall be separated from other nonrecyclable material and placed in authorized containers. The particular requirements for separation shall be established by the Legislature or by the Authority pursuant to contract with the County.

(c) After placement of garbage and of recyclable materials at the roadside or other designated area approved by the Legislature by a person for collection in accordance herewith, such garbage and recyclable material shall be delivered to the appropriate facility designated by the Legislature or by the Authority pursuant to contract with the County. It shall be a violation of this Local Law for any person without authority from the Legislature to collect, pick up, remove or cause to be collected, picked up or removed any garbage or recyclable material placed at the roadside or other designated area and each such collection, picking up, or removal from one or more premises shall constitute a separate and distinct offense in violation of this Local Law. A person may dispose of their recyclables by selling or donating the same to recyclers, but these recyclables may not be picked up at the roadside.

(d) It shall be a violation of this Local Law for any person to place at the roadside or other designated area for collection any can or container other than one which contains only garbage or recyclable material, except under regulations established by the Legislature.

(e) Tipping fees if necessary for the collection, handling and disposal of recyclables shall be established by the Legislature, or by the Authority pursuant to contract with the County.

Section 3. Public Sale of Recyclables.

(a) In order to facilitate the sale and/or marketing of recyclable material, the Legislature or the Authority pursuant to the contract with the County shall request letters of interest from recyclers expressing their willingness to purchase recyclable material from the County. A list of interested parties shall be established.

(b) Prior to the sale of recyclable material, recyclers appearing on the list will be notified and given specifications with regard to available recyclable material for sale.

(c) In the event that recyclers bid on said recyclable material, it shall be required that said bid be written and delivered to the Legislature or the Authority in accordance with the specifications set forth. In the case of awarding a bid, the highest bid price from a responsible bidder will be accepted. The Legislature and the Authority, however shall retain the right to reject all bids and authorize a rebidding.

(d) All sales and/or marketing of recyclables collected and separated shall be subject to bid. It shall be a term and condition of all bids for recyclables collected under this local law that the material purchased will be recycled and not landfilled or burned or otherwise not recycled.

Section 4. Preparation of Residential, Commercial and Industrial Construction and Demolition Debris and Disposal of the Same.

(a) Each city, town and/or village within the county shall provide a schedule for the collection of residential, commercial and industrial construction and demolition debris. Such material which is recycled or reused for construction shall not be regulated by this Local Law.

(b) Said debris shall be disposed of at the Demolition Debris Disposal Site or other suitable site as designated by the Legislature under the terms and conditions established by the Legislature.

(c) Tipping fees or other charges for the handling and disposal of residential commercial and industrial and construction debris shall be established and modified by the Legislature as needed from time to time, or by the Authority pursuant to contract with the County.

Section 5. Preparation of Yard Waste and Disposal of the Same

(a) Each city, town and/or village within the county shall provide a schedule for the collection of yard waste.

(b) Said yard waste shall be composted either by the County of Herkimer at a site or sites designated by the Legislature, or by the Authority pursuant to contract with the County or at sites approved by the Legislature operated by cities, towns or villages. Where allowed by law or regulation, this section shall not prohibit private composting of yard waste.

(c) Tipping fees or other charges for the handling and disposal of residential yard waste shall be established and modified by the Legislature as needed from time to time.

Section 6. Disposal of Commercial and Industrial Garbage and Recyclables.

(a) All commercial and industrial waste collected by either municipal haulers or private haulers shall be delivered to the appropriate facility designated by the Legislature, or by the Authority pursuant to contract with the County.

(b) All commercial and industrial recyclables designated for disposal at a County facility shall be packaged and collected in a manner designated by the Legislature, and delivered to a facility designated by the Legislature, or by the Authority pursuant to contract with the County.

(c) Tipping fees and other charges for the handling and disposal of commercial and industrial garbage and recyclables shall be established and modified by the Legislature or by the Authority pursuant to contract with the County as needed from time to time.

(d) The materials collected by the metal industry and Recyclable Commercial and Industrial By-Products collected by recyclers shall be exempt from this Local Law. Any waste tendered for municipal collection by commercial and industrial enterprises shall not include such recyclables.

(e) Recyclable industrial and commercial by-products may be sold or donated by an industrial and/or commercial enterprise to any scrap metal enterprise or recycler. However, said materials cannot be placed at the curbside for collection by said scrap metal enterprise or recycler.

Section 7. Disposal of Major Appliances, Large Household Furnishings and Vehicular Tires

(a) *Each city, town and/or village within the county shall provide a schedule for the collection of and disposal of major appliances, large household furnishings and vehicular tires.*

(b) *Said major appliances, large household furnishings and vehicular tires shall be disposed of by delivery to a site or sites designated by the Legislature or at sites approved by the Legislature, or by the Authority pursuant to contract with the County operated by city, towns or villages.*

(c) *Tipping fees or other charges for the handling and disposal of major appliances and tires shall be established and modified by the Legislature, or by the Authority pursuant to contract with the County as needed from time to time.*

Section 8. Preparation of Household Hazardous Waste for Collection and Disposal of the Same.

(a) *All household hazardous waste and farm hazardous waste shall be placed in a container determined by the Legislature, or the Authority pursuant to contract with the County.*

(b) *Household hazardous waste and farm hazardous waste shall be delivered to such facility as the Legislature, or the Authority pursuant to contract with the County shall designate.*

(c) *Tipping fees or other charges for the handling and disposal of residential hazardous waste shall be established and modified by the Legislature, or by the Authority pursuant to contract with the County as needed from time to time.*

Section 9. Disposal of Infectious Waste

(a) *Commencing January 1, 1990 to March 1, 1990, all infectious waste as defined and regulated by Title 6 of the official compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York (NYCRR) Part 360, shall be disposed of at a location designated by the County or by the Authority pursuant to a contract with the County and by a method specified and approved by the County or the Authority, pursuant to contract with the County, and in compliance with all applicable State laws and regulations.*

Section 10. Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Permit.

(a) *Commencing January 1, 1990, all persons, companies or other engaged in the commercial collection, pick-up, transfer, removal and/or disposal of solid waste and/or recyclables, placed at the roadside or other designated location and as defined in this law shall obtain a permit issued by the County or by the Authority pursuant to contract with the County. Failure to obtain such permit shall prohibit a person, company or other entity from conducting such activities within the County. Failure to comply with this Subsection 10(a) shall subject the violator to the penalties set forth in Section 13.*

(b) *Failure to comply with the conditions and requirements of a permit issued pursuant to Section 10(a) hereof shall subject such person, company or entity to a revocation of such permit and revocation of all rights and privileges to collect, pick up, transfer, remove or dispose of solid waste or recyclables as defined herein, and further such failure to comply with this Subsection 10(b) shall subject the violator to the penalties set forth in Section 13.*

Section 11. Prohibition Against Unauthorized Dumping.

By adoption of this law, the Herkimer County Legislature declares its intent to regulate the throwing, dumping, depositing and placing of solid waste and recyclable material on lands within Herkimer County. This ordinance shall apply to throwing, dumping, depositing and placing of solid waste and recyclable material upon all lands, public or private, within Herkimer County and thereon only in the manner herein provided:

(a) In order to provide for public health and safety and to facilitate the conservation of vital natural resources: each person shall provide for the removal of garbage and recyclables from the property on which they are generated either through a service provided by a municipality or licensed private hauler or by direct haul by the individual generator to a disposal location approved by the County or the Authority pursuant to contract with the County.

(1) It shall be a violation of this law for any person to place for the purpose of collection solid waste and/or recyclables at a property other than the property generating said material.

(2) It shall be a violation of this law for any person to place solid waste and/or recyclable material in dumpsters and/or containers designated for solid waste use by commercial and/or industrial establishments.

(3) It shall be a violation of this law for any person to bury and/or burn solid waste material on public or private property.

(4) It shall be a violation of this law for any person to throw, dump, deposit or place solid waste and/or recyclable material along the roadside or on public and/or private property within Herkimer County.

(5) It shall be a violation of this law for any person to cause to be thrown, dumped, deposited, or placed solid waste and/or recyclable material along any public or private road or on lands bordering such roads.

Section 12. Rules and Regulations.

(a) Rules and regulations imposed for the purpose of implementing the provisions of this Local Law shall be adopted or approved by the Herkimer County Legislature.

(b) Before adopting or approving such rules and regulations the Committee on Solid Waste of the Herkimer County Legislature, or such other committee as shall be designated, shall hold a public hearing upon at least five (5) days notice to consider the proposed rules and regulations. Such notice shall be published one time in the official newspapers of the County and mailed by regular mail to the supervisors of all the towns and the mayors of the city and villages in the County.

(c) Said rules and regulations shall not become effective until ten (10) days after adoption or approval by the Herkimer County Legislature. During such ten (10) day period the Legislature shall, by such means it deems proper, publicize the said rules and regulations.

Section 13. Enforcement: Penalties

(a) Any person who violates any provision of this Local Law, or any rule or regulation issued pursuant thereto, which has been approved by the Legislature, shall be guilty of an offense punishable by a fine of One Hundred to Five Hundred Dollars (\$100.00-\$500.00), and in addition thereto, shall be liable to pay a civil penalty of Two Hundred Fifty to Five Hundred Dollars (\$250.00-\$500.00); for a second violation within one year of the first violation shall be guilty of an offense punishable by a fine of Five Hundred to One Thousand Dollars (\$500.00-1,000.00), or by imprisonment for up to Fifteen (15) days, or both, and in addition thereto, shall be liable to pay a civil penalty of Five Hundred to One Thousand Dollars (\$500.00-1,000.00); for a third and each subsequent violation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00), or by imprisonment for up to Thirty (30) days, or both, and in addition thereto, shall be liable to pay a civil penalty of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00). Each violation shall be a separate and distinct offense and, in the case of a continuing violation, each day's continuance thereof shall be deemed a separate and distinct violation. Corporations, companies, partnerships and municipalities shall be subject to the monetary fines and civil penalties set forth above.

(b) The prosecution and enforcement of violations for any non-compliance with this law shall lie as follows: Municipalities (city, town or village) in the County which provide municipal collection of solid waste or any type thereof or contract for such collection with private haulers shall prosecute such violations. If municipalities neglect or refuse to prosecute such violations or if municipalities do not provide for collection or contract for collection with private haulers, the County shall prosecute such violators.

(c) In the event that a person shall be found guilty of violating this Local Law he shall be liable for civil penalties as set forth in subparagraph (a) above and also for further civil penalties in the amount of reasonable attorneys fees, cost of expert witnesses, costs of testing if and when necessary for prosecution and other reasonable and necessary costs associated with the prosecution of the action.

(d) The County Attorney is authorized to commence an action in any court of competent jurisdiction to enjoin any violation of this Local Law when directed by the Herkimer County Legislature.

Section 14. Implementation.

(a) The County of Herkimer shall cause to be drawn an implementation schedule or schedules which shall list all portions of this Local Law previously implemented and all portions thereof which remain to be implemented. Such schedule or schedules shall be mailed by certified mail return receipt requested to each municipality, addressed to the clerk of the governing board of the municipality. Said schedule or schedules shall be effective upon the date of such mailing.

Section 15. Severability.

If any part or section of this ordinance is found to be illegal by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining parts or sections shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 16. Effective Date:

(a) This Local law shall take effect immediately.

Dated: January 29, 1990.

INTRODUCTORY NO. 2 - 1990**LOCAL LAW NO. 2 - 1990**

A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING AN ACCOUNT TO BE USED BY THE COUNTY TREASURER TO HOLD FUNDS DEPOSITED BY ATTORNEYS, ABSTRACT COMPANIES, AND OTHERS TO BE USED FOR THE PAYMENT OF TAX SEARCH FEES TO THE COUNTY

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the County of Herkimer:

Section 1(a) In order to facilitate the handling of tax search requests and the receiving of fees therefor by the Treasurer's office, funds may be deposited with the tax department by attorneys, abstract companies, or any other person or entity for use in paying future tax search fees. Said funds shall be deposited in a non-interest bearing account by the County Treasurer..

(b) The tax department shall keep a record of any tax search sold to someone who has deposited funds for this purpose and, at least monthly, shall draw down sufficient funds to pay for said tax searches and transfer that money into the general fund of the County.

Section 2. The County Treasurer's Office shall not provide a tax search to any person or entity unless payment in full is made at issuance, or such person or entity has sufficient funds to pay therefor in an account established as provided in Section 1 of this Local Law.

Section 3. The tax department of the County Treasurer's Office shall charge an administrative fee of fivepercent (5%) on each deposit made to said account, and the said fees shall be transferred to the general fund of the County at monthly intervals.

Section 4. This local shall take effect immediately.

Dated: March 19, 1990.

Adopted: March 19, 1990.

INTRODUCTORY NO. 4 - 1990

LOCAL LAW NO. 3 - 1990

HERKIMER COUNTY ETHICS LAW

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this law is to create the Herkimer County Ethics and Disclosure Law in compliance with Article 18 of the New York State General Municipal Law. The citizenry of Herkimer County are entitled to the expectation of exemplary ethical behavior from their county officers, employees and appointed officials, and this law is intended to create the minimum standards which constitute that behavior. This legislation recognizes that varying degrees of professional and governmental responsibility warrant equitable requirements of disclosure in pursuit of official integrity, which must be balanced against individual constitutional rights. Any particulars not determined in this law shall be construed within the provisions of General Municipal Law Article 18.

II. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise indicated, the following terms shall be defined such for the purpose of the Herkimer County Ethics Law:

*in place of Section 3, 1990
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