

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 23-009

Introduced by Council President Vincenti at the request of the County Executive

Legislative Day No. 23-010 Date March 21, 2023

AN ACT to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Section 157-28, Fees for deposit of solid waste at a county disposal facility, of Article II, Fees, of Chapter 157, Licenses and Permits, of the Harford County Code, as amended; and generally relating to solid waste disposal fees.

By the Council, March 21, 2023

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled:

on: April 18, 2023

at: 6:30 PM

By Order: *Mylia A. Dixon*, Council Administrator

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on _____, and concluded on _____.

_____, Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

1 WHEREAS, to develop a long-term solution to dispose of its solid waste and single
2 stream recyclables, Harford County entered into an agreement with Baltimore County in 2013 to
3 take advantage of infrastructure that already existed within close proximity to Harford County
4 boundaries in an adjoining jurisdiction to provide a regional solution for both jurisdictions; and

5 WHEREAS, Baltimore County constructed a solid waste transfer station at the Eastern
6 Sanitary Landfill (ESL) to accommodate quantities of solid waste and single stream recyclables
7 from both Harford and Baltimore Counties and the transfer station construction has been
8 financed by Baltimore County over a twenty (20) year period, with support from Harford
9 County; and

10 WHEREAS, Baltimore County has arranged for proper transportation and disposal of all
11 solid waste and single stream recyclables delivered to ESL from Harford County; and

12 WHEREAS, the transportation and disposal rates that Baltimore County incurs and
13 Harford County is responsible for reimbursing have increased considerably and are now
14 significantly higher than the rates charged by Harford County to its system users; and

15 WHEREAS, the current cost paid by Harford County to process solid waste is \$117 per
16 ton while the tipping fee charged by Harford County is only \$72 per ton; and

17 WHEREAS, Harford County does not have the infrastructure to manage all the solid
18 waste generated within the County; and

19 WHEREAS, adjusting the proposed tip fee to cover the actual costs under the solid waste
20 disposal agreement with Baltimore County are anticipated to increase the costs to the average
21 household by only \$7.50 a month.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, it is recommended that the fees charged by Harford County to
23 users of the solid waste management system be adjusted to the actual costs incurred by Harford
24 County.

25 Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County, Maryland that Section
26 157-28, Fees for deposit of solid waste at a county disposal facility, of Article II, Fees, of Chapter

1 157, Licenses and Permits, of the Harford County Code, as amended, be, and they are hereby,
2 repealed and reenacted, with amendments, all to read as follows:

3 **Chapter 157. Licenses and Permits**

4 **Article II. Fees**

5 **§ 157-28. Fees for deposit of solid waste at a county disposal facility.**

6 A. Definitions.

7 **CARGO VAN** - Any van normally intended to haul cargo, materials, supplies and equipment with
8 no side windows behind the driver and front passenger area.

9 **COUNTY DISPOSAL FACILITY** - Any disposal facility, as that term is defined in § 109-1 of the
10 Harford County Code, operated by or under contract for or on behalf of the County, including any
11 facility constructed at the cost of the County by another governmental entity.

12 **OUT-OF-COUNTY WASTE** - Solid waste generated outside of the County to be disposed of at a
13 County disposal facility when authorized by the Director of Public Works.

14 **PASSENGER VAN** - Any van normally intended for passenger use, containing side windows
15 behind the driver and front passenger area, with an overall chassis length not exceeding 20 feet.

16 **SOLID WASTE** - Solid waste shall be defined as that term is defined in § 109-1 of the Harford
17 County Code.

18 B. Solid waste disposal fee. The following vehicles shall be charged the specified solid waste
19 disposal fee and shall not be required to be weighed in at the weigh scales:

20 (1) Automobiles and sports utility vehicles - \$[5]8.

21 (2) Pickup truck with a bed up to 8 feet in length and a bed height no greater than 3 feet
22 or passenger van - \$[7]11.

23 (3) Single [or double] axle trailers with a bed up to 8 feet in length and a bed height no
24 greater than 3 feet pulled behind private vehicles - \$[7]11. All other types of trailers

1 and commercial trailers will be weighed on the scales.

2 C. Fees for all other vehicles. All vehicles which cross the weigh scales shall pay the following
3 per ton tipping fee for all solid waste deposited at the County disposal facility, including out-
4 of-County waste authorized pursuant to § 109-7.1.I, with a minimum tipping fee of \$[7]11:
5 \$[67]117 per ton [for FY2012; \$68 per ton for FY2013; &70 per ton for FY2014; and \$72
6 per ton] commencing in [FY2015] FY2024. Additionally, vehicles hauling contaminated
7 materials or rejected recycled materials will be charged the tipping fee in effect at the time
8 of delivery plus an additional unauthorized load fee equivalent to the tipping fee times the
9 amount of contaminated materials or rejected recycled materials. In the event that the weigh
10 scales at a County disposal facility are inoperable or because of a power loss cannot be
11 utilized, vehicles shall pay the following fees:

- 12 (1) Cargo van - \$[50]80.
- 13 (2) Two-axle dump truck - \$[150]240.
- 14 (3) Three-axle dump truck - \$[300]480.
- 15 (4) Two-axle stake/open body/trailer dump - \$[150]240.
- 16 (5) Three-axle stake/open body/trailer dump - \$[402]650.
- 17 (6) Under 16 cubic yard front/rear/side compactor - \$[383]620.
- 18 (7) Sixteen to 24 cubic yard front/rear/side compactor - \$[478]770.
- 19 (8) Over 24 cubic yard front/rear/side compactor - \$[559]900.
- 20 (9) Semi-trailer - \$[1,273]2,040.
- 21 (10) Roll-off bed under 25 cubic yards - \$[335]540.
- 22 (11) Roll-off bed 25 to 35 cubic yards - \$[383]620.
- 23 (12) Roll-off bed 35 cubic yards or larger - \$[430]690.

1 (13) Reloading rejected waste - \$[159]260.

2 D. Fees for compost and mulch AND YARD TRIM.

3 (1) The following fees will be charged for the sale of:

4 (a) Mulch (per each cubic yard) - \$10.

5 (b) Compost (per each cubic yard) - \$10.

6 (2) Harford County citizens will be allowed three 30-gallon containers or bags of
7 compost or mulch free of charge.

8 (3) CUSTOMERS WHO RECEIVE COMPENSATION TO REMOVE YARD TRIM
9 MATERIAL WILL PAY A FEE OF \$20 PER VISIT.

10 E. Fees for tire disposal. The following fees will be charged for the disposal of tires (private
11 vehicles):

12 (1) [Five tires or less per year – no charge] AUTOMOBILE, SPORTS UTILITY
13 VEHICLE OR PICKUP TIRES OFF THE RIM - \$4.00 EACH.

14 (2) [Scrap tires up to 17 inch size (over 5 tires) - \$0.50 each] AUTOMOBILE, SPORTS
15 UTILITY VEHICLE OR PICKUP TIRES ON THE RIM - \$8.00 EACH.

16 [(3) Scrap tires over 17 inch size (over 5 tires) - \$2 each.]

17 [(4)] (3) HEAVY-DUTY TRUCK, E[e]quipment OR TRAILER tires (must be cut into
18 quarters) - \$[10]20 each.

19 [(5) Scrap tires on rims up to 17 inch size -\$2 each.]

20 [(6) Scrap tires on rims over 17 inch size - \$4 each.]

21 F. FEES FOR FREON-CONTAINING DEVICES - \$10 PER DEVICE.

22 [F]G. Interest fees. Delinquent invoices shall bear interest at the same rate as established by the
23 County Council and maintained at a rate consistent with § 123-27 of the Harford County

1 Code. The rate of interest shall be assessed on bills that are past due by 30 days.
2 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days from the
3 date it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE:

The Council Administrator does hereby certify that seven (7) copies of this Bill are immediately available for distribution to the public and the press.



Council Administrator

