

## **Chapter 26.80**

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## ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE

### **26.80.010 Locations for disposal.**

All solid waste generated within the municipality shall, unless exempted in writing by the director, be disposed of by delivery to state-permitted solid waste processing and disposal facilities located in the municipality.

(AO No. 83-221; AO No. 85-9)

### **26.80.020 Disposal rates.**

The assembly shall, by ordinance, establish charges for solid waste disposal service, section 26.10.035 notwithstanding.

(AO No. 89-51(S-3); AO No. 91-142(S-1))

### **26.80.030 Hazardous and toxic wastes.**

- A. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter:
  - 1. No person shall dispose of hazardous or toxic wastes within the municipality; and
  - 2. No person shall dispose of hazardous or toxic wastes generated within the municipality.
- B. Hazardous and toxic waste that the director determines can be safely and efficiently disposed of at municipal disposal facilities shall be separately contained, clearly identified and delivered to a designated disposal facility upon such reasonable notice as the director may require.
- C. Hazardous and toxic waste which the director determines cannot be both safely and efficiently disposed of at municipal disposal facilities shall be disposed of in such a manner as to prevent any hazard, damage or injury to persons or property, and shall, in addition, be disposed of in accordance with any

and all applicable federal, state and municipal statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations.

### **26.80.040 Authority to prescribe additional regulations.**

Pursuant to Chapter 3.40, the director may promulgate municipal regulations governing the disposal of solid wastes which are not inconsistent with this Code.

(CAC 11.12.060)

### **26.80.050 Charges.**

- A. *Fee schedule for secured loads.*

The following solid waste disposal user charges shall apply to secured loads:

  - 1. Each user who delivers solid waste to a solid waste transfer or disposal facility in a car shall pay a fee of \$ 5.00 for each load, provided, however, that if the solid waste delivered in the car is contained in four or less 32-gallon conventional garbage cans or four or less 32-gallon sized plastic garbage bags, the user fee shall be \$ 1.00 for each can or bag.
  - 2. Each user who delivers less than one cubic yard of uncompacted solid waste to a solid waste transfer or disposal facility in any vehicle shall pay a fee of \$ 5.00 for each load, provided, however, that if the solid waste delivered is contained in four or less 32-gallon conventional garbage cans or four or less 32-gallon sized plastic garbage bags, the user fee shall be \$ 1.00 for each can or bag.
  - 3. Each user who delivers between one and five cubic yards of solid waste, which does not exceed 1,000 pounds in weight, to a solid waste

- transfer or disposal facility that is hauled in a standard unmodified pickup truck, passenger van or trailer, whose bed and load do not exceed 96 inches in length, 66 inches in width and 36 inches in height, shall pay a fee of \$ 15.00 for each load. Any user who disagrees with the attendant's estimate of the volume, dimension or weight shall have their load weighed and be charged in accordance with subsection A.4. or A.5. of this section. If the solid waste delivered in a pickup truck, passenger van or trailer is contained in four or less 32-gallon conventional garbage cans or four or less 32-gallon sized plastic garbage bags, the user fee shall be \$ 1.00 for each can or bag.
4. Except as provided in section 26.80.055, or subsection A.6 of this section, at a solid waste transfer or disposal facility that has operational scales, each user who does not meet the requirements of subsections A.1 through A.3 of this section shall have their load weighed and pay the greater of \$15.00 per load or \$50.00 per ton at the solid waste disposal facility and the greater of \$20.00 per load or \$60.00 per ton at the solid waste transfer facility.
  5. At a solid waste transfer or disposal facility that does not have operational scales, each user who does not meet the requirements of subsections A.1 through A.3 of this section shall pay \$ 6.00 per cubic yard of non-compacted solid waste or \$ 12.00 per cubic yard of compacted solid waste as measured by the facility attendant.
  6. Municipal disposal facility charges are subject to immediate cash payment unless the person using the solid waste disposal services has a current permit as provided for in subsection C. of this section.
  7. The director may allow the disposal of certain solid waste generated outside the boundaries of the municipality if it is determined that:
    - a. No other acceptable disposal sites are reasonably available within the state for the solid waste;
    - b. The solid waste can be safely and efficiently disposed of at the Anchorage Regional Landfill; and
    - c. The solid waste will not significantly impact the capacity of the Anchorage Regional Landfill.

The fee charged for disposal of solid waste generated outside the boundaries of the municipality shall be double the charges contained in subsections A.4 and A.5 of this section.
  8. Disposal of waste motor oil and hazardous waste and recycling non-residential electronics waste shall be subject to the following:
    - a. Each residential user may deliver up to five gallons per day of waste motor oil for no charge. Residential users who deliver waste motor oil in excess of five gallons per day but less than ten gallons per day in containers not exceeding five gallons in size shall be charged \$1.00 per gallon.
    - b. Each residential user may deliver up to 40 pounds per day of household hazardous waste to the hazardous waste facilities located within the municipality for no charge.
    - c. Each residential user who delivers more than 40 pounds per day of household hazardous waste and conditionally exempt small quantity generators who deliver hazardous waste to the hazardous waste facility located at the Anchorage Regional Landfill shall pay the appropriate amounts from the following schedule:

HOUSEHOLD AND CONDITIONALLY  
EXEMPT SMALL QUANTITY  
GENERATORS HAZARDOUS WASTE  
PRICE SHEET

Paint and paint-related products	\$0.50/lb.
Non-chlorinated solvents	0.50/lb.
Corrosive materials	0.50/lb.
Gasoline and related products	0.50/lb.
Chlorinated solvents	1.00/lb.
Oxidizers	1.00/lb.
Unknowns	1.00/lb.
Poisons	1.00/lb.
Lubricating oils	1.00/gal
Diesel and fuel oils	0.70/gal
Antifreeze	0.70/gal
Other regulated material	0.25/lb.
Batteries, lead acid	5.00/ea.
Batteries, other	0.50/lb.
PCBs	1.00/lb.
Photo chemicals	1.00/gal
All others	1.00/lb.
Miscellaneous non hazardous materials	0.05/lb.

- d. The solid waste disposal utility will collect waste motor oil and hazardous waste at the customer's premise for \$150.00 per pick up. This fee is in addition to the fees listed in 26.80.050 A.8.c.
- e. Hazardous waste generated by small quantity generators and large quantity generators cannot be accepted at the municipal hazardous waste facility.
- f. Air conditioning and refrigeration equipment containing either chlorofluorocarbons(CFC's) and/ or hydro-chlorofluorocarbons (HCFC's) shall not be disposed of in the Anchorage Regional Landfill. CFC's and HCFC's will be removed by the solid waste disposal utility for an extra charge of \$20.00 for each air conditioning and refrigeration

unit.

- g. Non-residential generators of electronics waste may recycle computer monitors, or Cathode Ray Tubes (CRTs), other circuit board-containing components, and cables at the hazardous waste facility located at the Anchorage Regional Landfill, according to the following:

- i. CRTs less than or equal to 19 inches...\$ 30.00
- ii. CRTs greater than 19 inches \$ 35.00
- iii. Other components...0.50/lb.
- iv Cables...no charge

- 10. For all items that require special handling by solid waste disposal personnel when they are received at Anchorage Regional Landfill, the user shall be charged \$140.00 per hour. This charge will be in addition to the charges stated in subsections A.4 and A.5 of this section and will be charged in one-half hour increments. Special handling will include but not be limited to items such as large animals, asbestos, drugs and tobacco, and confidential documents.

*B. Fee schedule for unsecured loads.*

- 1. Unsecured loads transported by cars, pickups or trailers eight feet or less in length shall be charged \$ 10.00 more than the secured load charge described in subsection A of this section. As a convenience, the customer may purchase a \$7.00 tarp sold by the solid waste disposal utility for future use.
- 2. All other unsecured loads shall be charged \$30.00 more than the secured load charge described in subsection A of this section.

*C. Municipal disposal permit accounts.*

- 1. Individuals or firms, which regularly use the municipal disposal facilities, may obtain a permit card badge

which authorizes the extension of credit for disposal service transactions. Applications for a permit card badge may be obtained at the office of the director, solid waste services department. All applications shall be signed by an authorized agent of the individual or firm applying for the permit card badge. All applications are subject to approval by the director, solid waste services department, or his designee.

2. Approved applicants will be supplied one permit card badge at no charge. Additional or replacement badges will be issued for a charge of \$5.00 per badge.
3. Customers will not be allowed to charge transactions unless they present a valid permit card badge to the weigh station attendant.
4. Charges for which credit is extended under a permit account will be billed monthly on the solid waste utility billing statement.
5. Failure to maintain a permit account in a current condition may subject the permit to cancellation at any time without notice to the permit holder.

D. *Definitions.* As used in this section, *secured load* means a load of solid waste which has been tied or covered in the vehicle in a manner that will prevent any part of the solid waste from leaving the vehicle while the vehicle is moving and so that the load shall not be in violation of section 15.20.020.B.6. (AO No. 82-224; AO No. 83-196; AO No. 83-221; AO No. 85-9; AO No.86-203, 1-9-87; AO No. 87-19, 4-1-87; AO No. 89-2; AO No. 93-96(S), § 1, 5-11-93, AO No. 96-18(S), § 1, 4-9-96; AO No. 96-100, § 1, 1-1-96; AO No. 99-107, § 1, 8-10-99; AO No. 2003-76, § 1, 5-13-03; AO No. 2005-13.

**26.80.055 Reduced disposal fees for recycling operations.**

- A. Businesses or organizations engaged in recycling of paper, plastic, glass and steel, aluminum, copper and brass shall be granted a one-half reduction in disposal fees for solid waste residue resulting from the recycling operation if all of the conditions provided in subsection A.1. of this section are met. For purposes of this subsection, a recycling operation is one that recovers post-consumer solid waste materials for use in new consumer products.
1. Conditions for fee reduction:
    - a. Recycling is the primary operation of the business or organization;
    - b. The recycling operation recovers at least an average of 100 tons of recyclable material per month calculated on a quarterly basis;
    - c. The recyclable material is shipped out of state or the recyclable material is incorporated into a new consumer product manufactured in Alaska directly by the recycling operation;
    - d. The solid waste residue is a maximum of 25 percent of the weight of the recyclable material recovered;
    - e. The solid waste residue is a direct result of the recycling operation only;
    - f. The solid waste residue is not commingled with other solid waste not related to the recycling operation when it is delivered to the Anchorage Regional Landfill;
    - g. The solid waste residue does not contain any recyclable material; and
    - h. The solid waste residue shall be free from flowing liquids, not have moisture content greater than 30 percent and not be hazardous. Sample testing costs shall be the responsibility of the generator.
  2. Upon submission of a written request and supporting data from the owner of the recycling operation, the director of solid waste services shall determine whether

solid waste residue from the recycling operation will be eligible for the reduced disposal fees.

3. Such disposals shall be made at the Anchorage Regional Landfill only. All solid waste residue from the recycling operation shall be transported to the Anchorage Regional Landfill in the recycler's own vehicle, or if the recycler utilizes the services of another company to haul its solid waste residue for disposal, the truck used for hauling must be so constructed as to allow ready inspection of its load before disposal.
4. Disposal fees shall be charged directly to the recycling operation, initially at the standard rates. The one-half reduction in disposal fees for recycling solid waste residues shall be applied after the recycling operation submits a quarterly report to the director of solid waste services documenting types and quantities of materials recycled and the solid waste residues resulting therefrom.

B. Revocation. A recycling operation granted a one-half reduction in the disposal fee under subsection A. of this section which violates any of the conditions in subsection A.1. through A.8. of this section shall have its discount revoked upon written notice from the director of solid waste services. The notice shall explain the reason for revocation in detail. The recycling operation may reapply for the discount after one year.

(AO No. 96-18(S), § 1, 4-9-96; AO No. 97-31, § 1, 3-25-97; AO No. 2000-30, § 1, 4-18-00)

**Editor's note** – It should be noted that AO No. 2000-30, § 1, adopted May 16, 2000, deleted the sunset clause.

#### **26.80.60 Surcharges to support community recycling initiatives.**

- A. The solid waste disposal utility shall implement community-wide initiatives to support reduction, recycling, and reuse of waste product otherwise disposed of at the landfill.

B. The solid waste disposal utility shall collect a surcharge on all waste delivered to solid waste transfer or disposal facilities to finance the implementation of these initiatives.

1. Each user delivering waste on or after April 1, 2009 to a solid waste transfer or disposal facility in quantities weighing less than 1,000 pounds, and with a total volume of less than 5 cubic yards, shall be assessed a surcharge to the existing disposal fee of \$1.00 per visit.
  2. Effective August 1, 2008, at solid waste transfer or disposal facilities with working scales, each user delivering waste in quantities weighing more than 1,000 pounds or with a total volume greater than 5 cubic yards shall be assessed a surcharge, added to the existing tipping fee, of \$3.00 per ton of waste delivered.
  3. At a solid waste transfer or disposal facility with no operational scales, each user meeting the requirements of subsection B.2 shall pay a surcharge to the existing tipping fee of:
    - a. \$0.90 per cubic yard of non-compacted solid waste, as measured by the facility attendant; or
    - b. \$1.50 per cubic yard of compacted waste as measured by the facility attendant.
- C. Fees collected through the surcharge in this chapter shall be used by the solid waste disposal utility for capital development costs, operating costs, consulting fees, and management fees associated with recycling programs, as approved by the Director. Fees may also be used to offset lost revenues to the disposal utility incurred due to diversion of waste tonnages to recycling efforts. (AO No. 2008-62-(S) 06-10-08; AO No. 2008-83 07-29-08)