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I. PURPOSE

To mitigate the risk of landfill fires and to promote environmentally responsible waste management. Lithium batteries pose a significant fire and safety hazard when improperly disposed in landfills. Recognizing the potential environmental and safety risks associated with these batteries, this policy aims to safeguard the community and the environment by diverting lithium-ion batteries through appropriate disposal channels. The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection facility provides a controlled environment for the safe handling of Lithium batteries minimizing the risk of fires and environmental contamination.

II. POLICY

It is the policy of Solid Waste Services (SWS) that the disposal of lithium-ion batteries at the Anchorage Regional Landfill is strictly prohibited. All individuals and businesses are mandated to dispose of lithium-ion batteries exclusively at the designated Household Hazardous Waste collection facilities.

III. PROCEDURE

- a. Avoid Household Garbage or Recycling bins: Lithium-ion batteries must not be disposed of in household garbage or recycling bins.
- b. Terminal Taping and Bagging: To prevent fires, tape the battery terminals and separate them from other batteries when at the Household Hazardous Waste collection facility.

IV. ENFORCEMENT

Violations of this policy may result in penalties and legal consequences as outlined in local waste management regulations. It is the responsibility of residents, businesses, and waste disposal personnel to adhere to this directive, ensuring the collective effort to create a safer and more sustainable waste disposal ecosystem.