

WAKE COUNTY RECYCLABLE CORRUGATED CARDBOARD  
SURCHARGE ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the County of Wake has heretofore adopted ordinances governing the storage, collection, transportation, and disposal of solid waste within Wake County, and

WHEREAS, the County of Wake owns and operates solid waste management facilities as public enterprises to protect the public and environmental health in Wake County, and

WHEREAS, the County has heretofore implemented use or disposal fees to defray the cost of operating said facilities, and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary, as permitting of sanitary landfills becomes increasingly difficult and the disposal of solid waste becomes increasingly more expensive, to take steps to reduce the flow and volume of certain solid waste to county facilities, and

WHEREAS, the state of North Carolina has mandated that a twenty five percent (25%) reduction in solid waste be achieved by **June 30, 2001**, and

WHEREAS, recent studies have shown that corrugated cardboard constitutes an estimated **six percent (6%)** of the solid waste going into the public landfills in Wake County and that most if not all of the corrugated cardboard comes from Commercial, Industrial, Institutional **and Governmental** establishments located within Wake County, and

WHEREAS, the Wake County Solid Waste Advisory Committee recommends that recyclable corrugated cardboard no longer be accepted at County facilities for disposal without a surcharge if it **constitutes** ten percent (10%) or more of a load, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds that it would be in the best interest of all citizens and would promote the public health, the environmental health and the general welfare of all citizens if recyclable corrugated cardboard **is diverted from County Solid Waste Facilities, and**

WHEREAS, the Board further finds that there are paper and cardboard stock dealers in this area that are willing to purchase recyclable corrugated cardboard when it is delivered to their place of business and that corrugated cardboard is easily recyclable if the generators of used cardboard will implement a recycling plan, and

WHEREAS, this Board should make it the policy of the County that recyclable corrugated cardboard be separated at the source from other garbage or solid waste for recycling rather than buried in County facilities;

Now therefore be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Wake as follows:

1. That recyclable corrugated cardboard, that is, corrugated cardboard as the term is commonly understood and which businesses and dealers in the area are willing to purchase when it is delivered to them, is a solid waste for which a surcharge will be imposed for the disposition at Wake County Solid Waste Management Facilities effective **September 4, 2000.**

**2. Public or private haulers servicing Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, and Governmental establishments and disposing of loads which constitutes ten percent (10%) or more of recyclable corrugated cardboard by weight or volume shall pay:**

**a. double the tipping fee per ton at the facility.**

3. That the County Manager is authorized to promulgate administrative procedures to carry out this ordinance.

4. That if local waste paper and corrugated cardboard stock dealers refuse to accept recyclable corrugated cardboard, or, if Commercial, Industrial, Institutional and **Governmental** establishments must pay local waste paper and corrugated cardboard stock dealers to recycle recyclable corrugated cardboard, then a review of the program will be conducted by the Board of Commissioners and the continued viability of the ordinance will be determined.

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Betty Lou Ward  
Chair  
Wake Co. Board of Commissioners

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Approved as to form:

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Michael Ferrell, County Attorney