



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE relating to the management of solid waste, and implementing an emergency storm debris voucher program; and amending Ordinance 800, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 10.12.050.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 800, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 10.12.050 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

Payment of the service fee may not be required of a user in the following circumstances:

A. When that user is engaged in a community litter clean-up campaign, but only if prior authorization has been secured in writing from the solid waste division director and records of use and tonnages or volumes are maintained; or

B. When the executive (~~((or the council))~~) has (~~((declared))~~) proclaimed that (~~((a natural disaster or other))~~) an emergency has occurred, in accordance with K.C.C. chapter 12.52, and ((as a result deems it in the best interest of the county to)) either the executive, or the council by motion, waives the service fees. Any such an action must identify the (~~((cause of the emergency, the length))~~) duration of the fee waiver and any special conditions placed on the waiver. (~~((If such action is taken by the executive and the executive proposes that the waiver continue beyond the date of the next regularly scheduled council meeting, the executive must report to the council by the time of that meeting the estimated loss of revenue resulting from the fee waiver and the council must approve the continuation of the waiver by motion.))~~) If the council (~~((initiates the fee waiver, it must do so))~~) waive the fees by motion, (~~((on which))~~) the executive (~~((has had))~~) must have a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed motion. The solid waste division director shall implement the fee

waiver, consistent with any special conditions, by waiving disposal fees at one or more transfer stations, by providing drop boxes to be used for disposal, by distributing vouchers for disposal or by other appropriate means, as determined by the solid waste division to promote prompt clean-up following an emergency. The solid waste division may limit the number of waivers per residence to a particular time as well as limit the volume and frequency of waste disposal and the types of materials accepted, and may implement such other requirements as are necessary to implement the waiver as directed by the executive or the council. For every fee waiver approved in accordance with this section, the solid waste division shall provide the council a report containing information regarding the waiver, including approximate tonnage accepted and estimated loss of revenue. Within one hundred twenty days of the final date of the fee waiver, the executive shall file eleven copies of the report with the clerk of the council for distribution to all councilmembers.

SECTION 2. A. The executive shall prepare an anticipated storm debris management summary for the 2009/2010 storm season. The summary shall describe how the solid waste division will handle debris management if an emergency is proclaimed. The summary shall include, but is not limited to, the possible application of a solid waste fee waiver associated with an emergency proclamation.

B. The executive shall provide the anticipated storm debris management summary for the 2009/2010 storm season to the council by November 19, 2009. Eleven copies shall be filed with the clerk of the council, for distribution to all councilmembers.

SECTION 3. A. The executive shall recommend policies regarding the management of debris generated as the result of an earthquake, windstorm, snowstorm, flood or other emergency for which the executive or the council has issued an emergency proclamation. The policies shall address at least the following:

1. The role of the county to provide emergency debris management;
2. The role of the cities who are participants in the King County solid waste system to provide emergency debris management;

3. The role of waste haulers to provide emergency debris management;
 4. Provisions for the identification of temporary debris management sites;
 5. Provisions to protect human health and the environment by continuing to comply with local, state and federal laws while managing debris generated by an emergency;
 6. Where the county waives disposal fees for debris accumulated as a result of an emergency, specification of the eligible parties to whom the waiver applies, including specification that the waiver applies only to residents of the King County solid waste system service area; and
 7. Evaluation of the establishment of a King County solid waste system emergency relief reserve account, that would support and account for expenses associated with debris generated by an emergency.
- B. The executive shall report interim recommended policies to the council by February 19, 2010, and submit a final report of recommended policies by July 15, 2010.

Eleven copies of each report shall be filed with the clerk of the council, for distribution to all councilmembers.