

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ALTERNATIVES PROJECT ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE No. 10

PREAMBLE

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Grand Traverse has determined that the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the County would be better served by the adoption of an ordinance to regulate the collection, transportation, and disposal of solid waste, yard waste and recyclable materials.

This ordinance provides for the establishment, control of regulation of solid waste management within Grand Traverse County, penalties for the violation of this ordinance, and to repeal any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith.

Section I: Name

This ordinance shall be known and cited as "Grand Traverse County Solid Waste Alternatives Project Ordinance, Ordinance No. 10."

Section II: Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish county wide regulations related to the management of solid waste, yard waste and recyclable materials.

Section III: Definitions

- A. "Act 641" shall mean Act No. 641 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1978, the Solid Waste Management Act, as amended.
- B. "Administrator" shall mean the Manager of the Grand Traverse County Resource Recovery Department or other person as appointed by the County Board to administer this Ordinance or enforce the elements of this Ordinance.
- C. "Banned Material" shall mean any material that cannot be included in the solid waste set out for collection from any premises located within the County.
- D. "Banned Materials List" shall mean a list established by the BOC of banned materials.
- E. "BOC" shall mean the Board of Commissioners of Grand Traverse County.
- F. "County Board" shall mean the County Board of Commissioners of Grand Traverse County.

- G. "County" shall mean the County of Grand Traverse, Michigan, acting by and through its County Board.
- H. "County-Designated Facility" or "Designated Facility" shall mean a facility which the County has identified as an approved location for the disposal of solid waste or the collection, processing and marketing of yard waste or recyclable material. A County-Designated Facility would include any of the following: 1) a solid-waste transfer facility, 2) a sanitary landfill, 3) a solid waste processing plant or 4) any other facility utilized in the collection, transfer, processing or disposal of solid waste, yard waste or recyclable material.
- I. "Demolition and Construction Debris" shall mean a type of solid waste consisting of waste building materials and rubble resulting from construction, remodeling, repair and demolition operations on houses, commercial buildings, and other structures. Construction and demolition debris includes trees, stumps, and brush removed from property during construction, maintenance, or repair. Construction and demolition waste does not include any of the following, which is defined under this Ordinance as solid waste even if it results from construction, remodeling, repair, and demolition of structures which includes: (a) garbage (b) furniture and (c) solid waste resulting from a processing technique that renders individual waste components unrecognizable, such as pulverizing or shredding. It also does not include any of the following which may require special disposal considerations: (a) asbestos waste, (b) drums and containers, (c) fuel tanks, (d) corrugated container board, and (e) appliances.
- J. "Designated Curbside Recycling District" shall mean areas designated in the County for which single-family residential structures and multi-family residential structures with 4 or less units per building are eligible to receive curbside collection services for yard waste and recyclable materials. Collection of recyclable materials is included in the cost of solid waste collection. Yard waste collection is available at an additional cost. Curbside recycling guidelines and map of designated curbside recycling district shall be established as an appendix to the Rules and Regulations promulgated under Section IV. G of this Ordinance.
- K. "Effective Operation Date" shall mean April of 1992, unless otherwise specified in this Ordinance or the Rules and Regulations.
- L. "Hauler" shall mean any person possessing a valid hauler license from the county who is engaged in whole or in part in the business of collecting, transporting, delivering, or disposing of solid waste, yard waste or recyclable material within the County other than the refuse generated by the person so hauling.
- M. "Hazardous Waste" shall mean hazardous waste as defined in Act No. 64 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1979, as amended, and as identified in administrative

rules promulgated pursuant to said Act by the Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

- N. "Local Unit of Government" shall mean a city, village, township, or charter township located within Grand Traverse County.
- O. "Person" shall mean any individual, firm, public or private corporation, partnership, trust, public or private agency or any other entity or any group of such persons.
- P. "Premises" shall mean a parcel of land, including any building or structures located thereon, within Grand Traverse County used for residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, or institutional purposes either separately or in combination to which a separate street address, postal address or box, tax roll description, or other similar identification has been assigned to or is in use by a person having control of the area.
- Q. "Recyclable Material" shall mean material intended to be discarded by the generator as no longer useful to the generator that are to be collected, separated, or processed, and used as raw materials or products. Examples of recyclable material include newspaper, corrugated cardboard, magazines, computer print-out paper, office paper, glass containers, high density, and low-density polyethylene containers (HDPE and LDPE), polyethylene terephthalate (PET) containers, tin cans, ferrous metal, and nonferrous metal.
- R. "Refuse", for the purposes of this Ordinance, shall have the same meaning as Solid Waste.
- S. "Solid Waste" shall mean garbage, rubbish, ashes, incinerator ash, incinerator residue, street cleanings, municipal and industrial sludges, solid commercial and solid industrial waste, and animal waste as defined in Section 7(1) of Act 641, as amended.
- T. "Resource Recovery Council" shall mean the standing advisory council to the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners that has been assigned oversight responsibility for the county-wide solid waste management system.
- U. "Source Separated Yard Waste and/or Recyclable Materials" shall mean yard waste or recyclable materials which are kept separate from refuse at the point of generation and have been prepared for disposal according to local guidelines for participation in county-wide recycling programs.
- V. "Special Refuse" shall mean furniture, household appliances, brush, large tree limbs and other bulky refuse items, with the exception of construction and demolition debris.

- W. "Targeted Materials List" shall mean the list established by the County BOC of all materials that are to be collected through the collection services for yard waste and recyclable materials provided by licensed haulers, through the drop-off depots and through the solid waste transfer stations.
- X. "Tipping Fee" shall mean a fee to be charged upon delivery of solid waste, recyclable materials, or yard waste to a County-Designated Facility.
- Y. "Volume-Based Fee System" shall mean a fee used by a licensed hauler to charge customers for services that meets requirements to establish an incentive for the customer to reduce waste and to recycle and compost as established by the BOC pursuant to this Ordinance.
- Z. "Yard Waste" shall mean leaves, grass clippings, vegetable or other garden debris, shrubbery or brush or tree trimmings that can be converted to compost humus. This does not include stumps, agricultural wastes, animal waste, roots, sewage sludge or garbage.

SECTION IV: Regulations

A. Licensing Of Haulers

1. Hauler License. Subject to penalties prescribed in Section V. of this ordinance, no person shall engage in the business of collecting, transporting, delivering, or disposing of solid waste, yard waste or recyclable materials generated by another person within Grand Traverse County without first obtaining a hauler license.
2. License Application. Every person desiring to engage in the business of collecting, transporting, delivering, or disposing of solid waste, yard waste or recyclable materials generated by another person within Grand Traverse County shall make written application to the County on forms provided by or prescribed by the BOC on an annual basis to obtain a hauler license. The application shall require such information as will enable the Administrator to determine whether the applicant, if licensed, will serve the public in compliance with requirements of this Ordinance, and all other applicable laws, statutes, Ordinances, rules, and regulations.
3. License Fee. Annual license fee of \$50.00 (fifty dollars) shall be paid to the BOC upon submittal of a license application to the Administrator.
4. The license fee shall continue in full force and effect until amended by the BOC; the BOC may, by resolution, decrease or increase any fee.
5. Approval or Denial of License. Upon receipt of an administratively complete application and upon payment of an applicant licensing fee, the Administrator

shall forward the application to the BOC which shall grant or deny the hauler license within 45 days of receipt by the Administrator. If granted, the Administrator shall issue the license. The BOC may deny the issuance of the license for any of the following reasons:

- a.) Failure of the applicant to comply with this Ordinance.
- b.) Violations of this Ordinance or any other applicable federal, state, county and local laws, statutes, rules, and regulations, including but not limited to those pertaining to the collecting, transporting, delivering, or disposing of solid waste, yard waste and recyclable materials generated within Grand Traverse County.
- c.) Prior criminal convictions in connection with solid waste collection, processing, and disposal activities in the last ten years (other than minor traffic offenses) by the applicant, its subsidiaries or its parent company or prior license revocations by the applicant, its subsidiaries, or its parent company.
- d.) Misrepresentations of any material fact in the application for the license. If hauler license is denied, the BOC shall not refund the applicant licensing fee. Before denial of a license application, the BOC shall inform the applicant of its intentions and provide the applicant with an opportunity for a hearing before the BOC after which the BOC shall make its final decision. The request for a hearing must be filed by applicant with the Administrator within ten (10) working days of receipt of the denial.

6. License Expiration and Renewal. A license issued under Section IV A.5. shall expire on the first day of January of the following year. Licenses may be renewed annually following the same procedures set forth in this Section for license applications upon payment of the annual licensing fee, unless revoked in accordance with the terms of this Ordinance.

7. Non-transferability of Licenses. All licenses shall be non-transferable.

B. Revocation of Hauler License. The BOC shall have the right to revoke the license of any hauler that fails to abide by any provision of this Ordinance and any rules and regulations so authorized. Prior to such action, the BOC shall inform the licensed hauler, via certified mail, of its intentions, provide justification used in consideration of the revoking action and provide the hauler with an opportunity for a hearing before the BOC after which the BOC shall make its final decision. Prior revocation of a license shall be sufficient grounds for refusal by the BOC to certify any future application by such licensee. The request for a hearing must be filed by hauler with the Administrator within ten (10) working days of receipt of the revocation.

C. Exemptions. Municipalities or persons hauling solid waste, yard waste or recyclable materials on a non-commercial basis from their own residence or business or performing an occasional service for neighbors, family or friends do not need a hauler license. Persons who arrange to backhaul recyclables in the same vehicles that deliver their goods do not need a hauler license but must comply with the reporting requirements described in Section D below of this Ordinance.

D. Conditions Of Hauler License

1. General License Conditions. It shall be a condition of each Hauler License that the hauler shall comply with all the following:

- a.) All provisions of this Ordinance, and the Rules and Regulations promulgated under authority of this Ordinance.
- b.) All applicable federal, state, county and local laws, statutes, rules, and regulations, including but not limited to those pertaining to the collecting, transporting, delivering, or disposing of solid waste, yard waste and recyclable materials generated within Grand Traverse County.
- c.) All applicable provisions of the Grand Traverse County Solid Waste Plan as required by Part 115, Solid Waste Management, of the NREPA, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451) and any agreements regarding inter-county transport of solid waste authorized or restricted through that plan.
- d.) All applicable provisions of the rules and regulations adopted and amended as required for the administration and operation of County-Designated Facilities.

2. Specific License Conditions. As part of the terms and conditions of Hauler License, issued pursuant to this Ordinance, the licensee agrees to:

- a.) Residential Service: Upon request of a residential customer, provide or arrange to provide through subcontract, regularly scheduled curbside pickup services for yard waste and recyclable materials on the Targeted Materials List that are generated by single-family residential structures and multi-family residential structures with 4 or less units per building receiving solid waste collection services from the licensee. Service specifications will be developed by the BOC as described in the Rules and Regulations promulgated under Section IV. G of this Ordinance.
- b.) Commercial Service: Upon request of a commercial customer, provide or arrange to provide through subcontract, pickup services for yard waste and recyclable materials on the Targeted Materials List that are generated by commercial, institutional, and industrial establishments and by residential multi-family structures with more than 4 units per building receiving solid waste collection services from the licensee. Service specifications will be

developed by the BOC as described in the Rules and Regulations promulgated under Section IV. G of this Ordinance.

- c.) Banned Materials: Not allow materials to be included in the solid waste collected by the licensee that are on the Banned Materials List as described in the Rules and Regulations promulgated under Section IV. G of this Ordinance.
 - d.) County-Designated Facilities: Arrange for delivery of all solid waste, yard waste and recyclable material collected under provisions of this Ordinance to County Designated Facilities.
 - e.) Fees for Service: Establish any fee for service charged to customers as a Volume Based Fee System as defined in this Ordinance and described in the Rules and Regulations promulgated under Section IV. G of this Ordinance.
 - f.) Annual Reports: Submit annual updated hauler information as specified and required in the hauler license application.
3. Quarterly Reports: File with the Administrator by the fifteenth day of January, April, July and October of each year, on a form provided by the Resource Recovery Department, operations information from the last full 3 month period which may include, at the discretion of the Administrator, documentation of the quantities in cubic yards and tons of solid waste, including demolition and construction waste, and source separated yard waste and recyclable material collected by the licensee within Grand Traverse County.

E. Collection and Delivery of Solid Waste

- 1. Approved Collection Methods. The owner of each residential, commercial, institutional, and industrial property within Grand Traverse County shall be responsible for securing an approved method of collection for solid waste, yard waste, recyclable material, special refuse and construction and demolition debris generated on their premises. Transportation shall be by a licensed hauler, or by the owner of the premises to an approved County Designated Facility.

2. Delivery of Solid Waste, Yard Waste and Recyclable Materials by Licensed Haulers. Licensed haulers shall deliver all solid waste, yard waste, recyclable material, special refuse and construction and demolition debris to a County-Designated Facility and pay any tipping fee for delivery thereof. No licensed hauler shall deliver such material collected or transported from a site of generation within the County to any site other than an approved County-Designated Facility.
3. Delivery of Solid Waste, Yard Waste and Recyclable Materials by Persons. A person transporting solid waste, yard waste, recyclable material, special refuse, construction debris, and demolition debris generated from his or her household or business shall deliver such material to a County-Designated Facility and pay any tipping fee for delivery thereof. No person shall deliver such material generated from his or her premise within the County to any site other than an approved County-Designated Facility.

F. Proper Disposal of Solid Waste

1. Unlawful Dumping. No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited, sort, scatter, throw, drop or leave any solid waste, hazardous waste, special waste, banned materials, construction or demolition debris, yard waste or recyclable material, as herein defined, upon or into any street, right-of-way, alley, container, or other property, public or private, within Grand Traverse County except in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.
2. Accumulation of Refuse. No owner or occupant of a commercial establishment shall permit the accumulation of solid waste upon any commercial premises for a period in excess of fifteen (15) days. No owner or occupant of a residential dwelling unit shall permit the accumulation of solid waste upon a residential premise for a period in excess of thirty (30) days.
3. Composting and Recycling. Yard waste may be accumulated for composting purposes in a manner which will not harbor rodents or become a public nuisance. Source separated recyclable materials may be accumulated in a manner which will not create odor, harbor rodents, or become a public nuisance for the purpose of transport and delivery to a County Designated recycling facility.
4. Restrictions. No person shall place in any container or receptacle intended for receipt of solid waste, special waste, banned materials, construction or demolition debris, yard waste or recyclable material any other material that might endanger the collection personnel or that would be detrimental to the

normal collection operation, for example: gaseous, solid, or liquid poisons, dead animals, ammunition, explosives, or any material that possesses heat or chemical properties sufficient to ignite any other collected materials.

5. Anti-Scavenging Provision. No person shall take, collect, or transport from any street right-of-way, alley, or dumpster within this County any recyclable material that has been designated for collection by a public agency or licensed hauler unless otherwise provided for. This restriction applies to materials that have been placed at a drop-off location, at the edge of a curb, road, or alley, or at other designated collection sites. Scavenging of materials set out for refuse pick up is acceptable to reduce the volume of reusable material sent to the landfill.

G. Rules and Regulations

1. The BOC may draft and adopt rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance including those pertaining to the administration, implementation and continued operation of any projects related to this Ordinance; the establishment, administration and enforcement of hauler licensing requirements and service specifications; the definition of materials on the Banned and Targeted Material Lists; and the establishment, administration and enforcement of provisions for County-Designated Facilities.
2. The rules and regulations may be amended from time to time by resolution and shall be subject to the BOC approval.


Section V: Penalty

- A. A violation of this ordinance is a municipal civil infraction, subject to a fine of not more than \$500 plus court costs. Each day that a violation occurs or continues shall be deemed a separate offense.
- B. Any person who refuses to abate a violation of this ordinance upon the demand of an authorized local enforcement officer, interferes with an officer(s) enforcement of the ordinance, or retaliates against another who had made complaint of a violation of this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum 90 days in jail and a fine of \$500.00 plus court costs.
- C. The violations, penalties, and remedies available under this Section are in addition to and are not intended to in any way replace those violations and/or penalties and remedies that a state statute defines as a misdemeanor or felony.

Section VI: Miscellaneous

- A. Amendment. Promulgation of any amendments to this Ordinance will be adopted by the County in accordance with the following procedure:

1. Proposed amendments are reviewed by the BOC's Resource Recovery Council and submitted to the County Board of Commissioners.
 2. Proposed amendments are initially accepted by the Board of Commissioners for further consideration and final adoption.
 3. Proposed amendments are sent to each Local Unit of Government, all licensed haulers, all designated facility operators, and public notice printed in the Traverse City Record Eagle, at least 30 days prior to final consideration by the County Board of Commissioners.
 4. A public hearing on the proposed amendments shall be held by the County Board of Commissioners no earlier than 30 days after the notification described in Section VI A.3.
 5. After the 30-day comment period and the public hearing record, the County Board of Commissioners may adopt, reject, repeat the comment period, or further revise any or all of the proposed amendments at its own discretion. Any substantial revisions to a proposed amendment in response to the comments received shall require a repeat of the 30-day comment period opportunity.
 6. This amendatory process is supplemental to any statutory requirements for County ordinance adoption and amendments under State law.
- B. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any clause sentence, word, section, or provision is declared void or unenforceable for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction.



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RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY SOLID WASTE ALTERNATIVES PROJECT ORDINANCE

Section I: Definitions

- A. For purposes of these Rules and Regulations, the definitions provide for key words and phrases will be those contained in Section III, Definitions, of Ordinance No 10. The following definitions are hereby added to that list:
1. "Solid Waste Management Planning Process" shall mean an authorized solid waste planning process managed by an EGLE approved Grand Traverse County designated planning agent as described in P.A. 1994 No. 451 C.L.324,115381 et seq. Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, as amended.
 2. "Solid Waste Plan" means the final plan resulting from the Solid Waste Management Planning Process that has been officially approved by the EGLE.
 3. "Compostable Material" shall mean that material which is identified as the organic fraction of the waste stream and is separated from general solid waste.
 4. "EGLE" shall mean the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy.
 5. "Organic Fraction" shall mean that component of the waste stream which is classified as food waste, wood waste and yard waste.

Section II: Regulations

- A. Targeted and Banned Materials
1. Targeted Materials Listing - Collection Requirements. The following materials shall be included in any commercial, institutional, industrial, or residential curbside, multi-family or drop-off recycling and composting collection services provided as part of the hauler licensing conditions in the Solid Waste Alternatives Project Ordinance. Additional materials at the discretion of the hauler may be collected. Materials shall be prepared per hauler specifications.
 - a.) Paper including newspapers, magazines, catalogs and other glossy items, phonebooks and soft cover books, mixed office paper such as fax, lined, colored paper, CPO, white ledger and Filestock and junk mail such as envelopes, flyers, brochures, and postcards. No padded envelopes, hard cover books or Tyvek envelopes.

- b.) Cardboard and Boxboard including old, corrugated containers having liners of kraft, jute, or test liner and boxboard such as cereal, shoe, cracker, moving, pizza boxes and paper bags. No wax coated cardboard. Old, corrugated containers are acceptable if wet and staples and tape with water soluble glues are acceptable.
 - c.) Commingled Containers including glass bottles and jars all colors, steel/tin cans, aluminum cans, foil and trays, and plastic containers SPI coded 1-7 such as water bottles, pop bottles, milk jugs, and plastic clam shells, trays, and cups such as yogurt, cottage cheese and margarine containers. No aerosol cans, Styrofoam, plastic bags, film, aseptic food containers, drinking glasses, glass dishes, glass pots, glass pans, light bulbs, or window glass.
 - d.) Yard waste including leaves, grass clippings, vegetable or other garden debris, shrubbery or brush or tree trimmings less than 18 inches in diameter. No soil, dirt, rocks, concrete, root balls or stumps and logs greater than 18 inches in diameter.
2. Targeted Materials Listing - Delivery Requirements. Targeted materials collected from commercial, institutional, industrial, and residential recycling and composting collection services provided as part of the hauler licensing conditions in Grand Traverse County's Solid Waste Alternatives Project Ordinance must be delivered to County-Designated Facilities to be recycled.
- a.) At the County-designated recycling facility or facilities the licensed hauler shall tip loads of commingled fiber materials collected from commercial, institutional, industrial, and residential curbside recycling services.
 - b.) At the County-designated recycling facility or facilities the licensed hauler shall tip loads of commingled container materials collected from commercial, institutional, industrial, and residential curbside recycling services.
 - c.) At the County-designated composting facility or facilities the licensed hauler shall tip loads of yard waste collected from commercial, institutional, industrial, and residential composting services.
3. Banned Materials Listing. The following materials shall be banned from any solid waste or demolition and construction debris collected within the County and/or disposed of in County-Designated Facilities.
- a.) Household hazardous waste including oil-based paint, paint thinners, solvents, drain cleaners, pesticides, herbicides, aerosol products, antifreeze, household cleaners, photographic chemicals, pool chemicals, ammunition, fireworks, medicines, and other products labeled danger, warning, poison, flammable, or corrosive.

- b.) Batteries and electric fuel cells including lead acid batteries and electric fuel cells from combustion engine driven equipment, or vehicles of any size, and household batteries such as rechargeable, lithium, sealed lead, and button batteries (does not include alkaline batteries).
 - c.) Lubricating oils of all types including used motor oil, cutting oils and machine oils.
 - d.) Scrap whole tires of all types including auto, truck, motorcycle, off-road vehicle, garden tractor, and farm equipment tires.
 - e.) Large appliances of all types including refrigerators, kitchen stoves, clothes dryers, clothes washers, central air conditioners, window air conditioners, furnaces, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, hot water heaters, trash compactors, dishwashers, commercial food processors, metal sinks, metal countertops, and other related large appliances.
 - f.) Metal auto parts of all kinds including mufflers, exhaust pipes, body parts, bumpers, wheels, brakes, frames, axles, and engine components.
 - g.) Yard waste including leaves, grass clippings, vegetable or other garden debris, shrubbery or brush or tree trimmings less than 4 feet long and 2 inches in diameter.
4. Additions Deletions: and Exemptions to the Targeted and Banned Materials Listings. The BOC, upon the recommendation of the Resource Recovery Council, shall work with current and potential County-Designated Facilities to insure adequate capacity to process and market the materials on the targeted materials lists.
- a.) The Resource Recovery Council shall make available to licensed haulers and County-Designated Facilities lists of targeted and banned materials and propose any additions or deletions to those lists or clarification of collection or delivery specifications. Proposals for additions and deletions shall be handled as amendments to these Rules and Regulations.
 - b.) Licensed haulers and County-Designated Facilities may petition the BOC in writing at any time to have additions, deletions or changes in collection or delivery specifications made to the targeted and banned materials lists. The BOC, under the advice of the Resource Recovery Council, shall respond in writing within 60 calendar days and that response and the original petition shall be included in the published minutes of the BOC.
 - c.) Licensed haulers and County-Designated Facilities may petition the BOC in writing at any time for emergency relief from the collection or delivery specifications for materials on the targeted and banned

materials lists. The BOC, under the advice of the Resource Recovery Council, shall respond in writing within 30 calendar days and that response and the original petition shall be included in the published minutes of the BOC. Any emergency relief granted by the BOC shall be for a period of no more than 180 days and shall include restrictions as deemed necessary by the BOC to guarantee consistency with the intent of these Rules and Regulations and Ordinance No.10. If emergency relief is requested and granted more than once for the same reason, a process must be initiated by the BOC to consider necessary changes that should be made to these Rules and Regulations.

B. Requirements for Hauler License. A hauler license will be required for all those engaged in the business of collecting, transporting, delivering, or disposing of solid waste, yard waste or recyclable materials generated by another person within Grand Traverse County. This shall include but not be limited to:

1. Solid waste haulers.
2. Recycling companies.
3. Lawn care companies, landscapers, and land clearing firms.
4. Solid waste transfer station operators.
5. Specialized haulers providing services that include pickup of solid waste, yard waste or recyclable materials along with other materials.

Municipalities or persons hauling solid waste, yard waste or recyclable materials on a non-commercial basis from their own residence or business or performing an occasional service for neighbors, family or friends do not need a hauler license. Persons who arrange to backhaul recyclables in the same vehicles that deliver their goods do not need a hauler license but must comply with the reporting requirements described in Section IV. D. 2 of this Ordinance.

C. Residential Curbside Recycling and Yard Waste Collection Services. Single family residential structures and multi-family residential structures with 4 or less units per building located inside the designated curbside recycling district or outside shall have access to curbside refuse, recycling, and yard waste collection services. The following service specifications shall apply:

1. Licensed haulers providing regularly scheduled refuse collection services must also offer upon request of a residential customer curbside recycling and yard waste collection services for the materials identified and described in the targeted materials list.
2. Licensed haulers must provide, or arrange to provide through subcontract, at least one household recycling collection bin of 12-to-18-gallon capacity or at hauler discretion a 32, 64 or 94 gallon recycle cart to each of its customer

households who choose to recycle. The bin or cart must have the name of the licensed hauler identified in writing on its side.

3. Licensed haulers on the same day as refuse pickup must provide, or arrange to provide through subcontract, for pickup of recyclable material set out by its customers in hauler approved bins, carts or bags and any yard waste set out in bulk containers or kraft bags. Yard waste may, at the hauler(s) discretion, be picked up on a regularly scheduled day other than the day of refuse pickup.
4. At the time of original distribution of the bins, carts, or bags and at least annually thereafter, the licensed hauler must distribute to these customers a printed publication that shall clearly define the preparation and set-out requirements for materials on the targeted and banned materials list. The phone number of the hauler shall be included in the publication along with the following "For further information on Grand Traverse County recycling efforts call _____" with the phone number included to be specified by the County at the time of hauler license approval.

D. Recycling and Drop-Off Stations

1. Local Units of Governments may establish and maintain a system of private or public recycling drop-off stations in their jurisdiction to serve the needs of their residents.
2. Drop-off stations shall be in areas reasonably convenient to the residents of the Local Unit of Government and shall maintain regular hours of operation suited to their needs. Each site shall be equipped with suitable containers clearly identified for convenient use by residents of the Local Unit of Government.
3. Drop-off stations shall accept all recyclables on the targeted materials list. Materials shall be delivered to a county-designated recycling facility to be processed and any non-recyclable residue shall be properly landfilled.
4. Drop-off stations shall be operated and maintained in an orderly and sanitary condition so as not to become a nuisance to surrounding properties or a hazard to residents.
5. Local Units of Government must notify the BOC of all drop-off stations operating in their jurisdiction. Drop-off stations must be operated and maintained in compliance with these regulations.

E. Commercial; Institutional and Industrial Recycling and Yard Waste Collection Services Commercial, institutional and industrial customers including residential multi-family structures with more than 4 units per building located in the County shall have access to refuse, recycling, and yard waste collection services:

1. Licensed haulers providing regularly scheduled refuse collection services must also offer upon request of a commercial customer recycling and yard waste collection services for the materials as identified and described in the targeted materials list.
2. Licensed haulers must provide to each of its customers, or arrange to provide through subcontract, suitable outdoor containers for the recyclable materials and yard waste in a location providing a level of customer convenience that meets or exceeds that of the solid waste containers provided to the same customer. The containers must have the name of the licensed hauler identified in writing on its side along with the preparation requirements for all materials allowed in each container and typical contaminants not allowed in each container.
3. Licensed haulers must provide, or arrange to provide through subcontract, for pickup of the recyclable material and yard waste from each of its customers at the degree of frequency required to remove the accumulated materials without spillage or overflow of material from the provided containers.
4. At the time of original distribution of the bins and carts and at least annually thereafter, the licensed hauler must distribute to these customers a printed publication that shall clearly define the preparation and set-out requirements for materials on the targeted and banned materials list. The phone number of the hauler shall be included in the publication along with the following "For further information on Grand Traverse County recycling efforts call _____" with the phone number included to be specified by the County at the time of hauler license approval.

F. Fees for Service Charged by Licensed Haulers. All fees charged by licensed haulers for solid waste collection services must be based on volume and type of service provided. Haulers can use the following collection rate structures for charging fees to their customers:

1. Designated Curbside Recycling District: Licensed haulers providing more than one type of service may bundle the cost of those services into a single fee. An acceptable volume-based fee for service system may include either of the following:
 - a.) Per bag fee - Customers pay for waste collection services on a per bag basis. Recycling and composting services would be available on an additional charge basis.
 - b.) Full-service fee - Customers pay for waste collection services on a fixed fee with volume limited to the carts provided by haulers or a limit of a specified number of bags if a cart is not used. Recycling services are included in the full-service fee. Composting services would be available on an additional charge basis. Additional volume of solid waste would require additional charges.

2. Other Areas: Licensed haulers providing more than one type of service may not bundle the cost of those services into a single fee. The cost of each service must be listed separately on customer invoice. An acceptable volume-based fee for service system may include either of the following:

a.) Per bag fee - Customers pay for waste collection services on a per bag basis. Recycling and composting services would be available on an additional charge basis.

b.) Full-service fee - Customers pay for waste collection services on a fixed fee with volume limited to the carts provided by haulers or a limit of a specified number of bags if a cart is not used. Recycling and composting services would be available on an additional charge basis. Additional volume of solid waste would require additional charges.

G. County Designated Facilities. County designated facilities must be open to all licensed haulers for the disposal of solid waste or the processing and marketing of recyclable material and yard waste.

H. Minimum Operating Requirements for Designated Facilities. Designated Facilities must agree to:

1. File with the Administrator by the fifteenth day of January, April, July, and October of each year, on a form provided by the Resource Recovery Department, operations information from the last full 3-month period on the volume of solid waste, including demolition and construction waste, and yard waste and recyclable material in tons received in each of three generator categories: residential, small business/retail, and industrial/other by the county designated facility.

2. Collect a volume-based surcharge applied to all materials generated in Grand Traverse County that are delivered to the county-designated landfills or transfer stations excluding materials for which the surcharge has been collected at another Designated Landfill or Transfer station and transfer those funds to the County to cover costs for administration, enforcement and coordination of the system and costs for direct provision of services as needed as part of the system. The amount of the volume-based surcharge shall be established from time to time by resolution of the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners in an amount sufficient to provide for the administration and operation of the plan of regulation established in the County(s) Solid Waste Management Plan. Each such resolution shall establish an effective date which shall be at least thirty (30) days following adoption.

3. Sign the Facility Registration Agreement provided by the BOC and adhere to all its terms and conditions.

- I. Annual System Compliance Report. The Resource Recovery Department shall be responsible for ongoing monitoring of system compliance. A system of record keeping shall be put in place to track incidents of hauler licensing and designated facility agreement violations, illegal dumping, failure of generators to comply with banned material list requirements, and other violations of this ordinance as necessary.

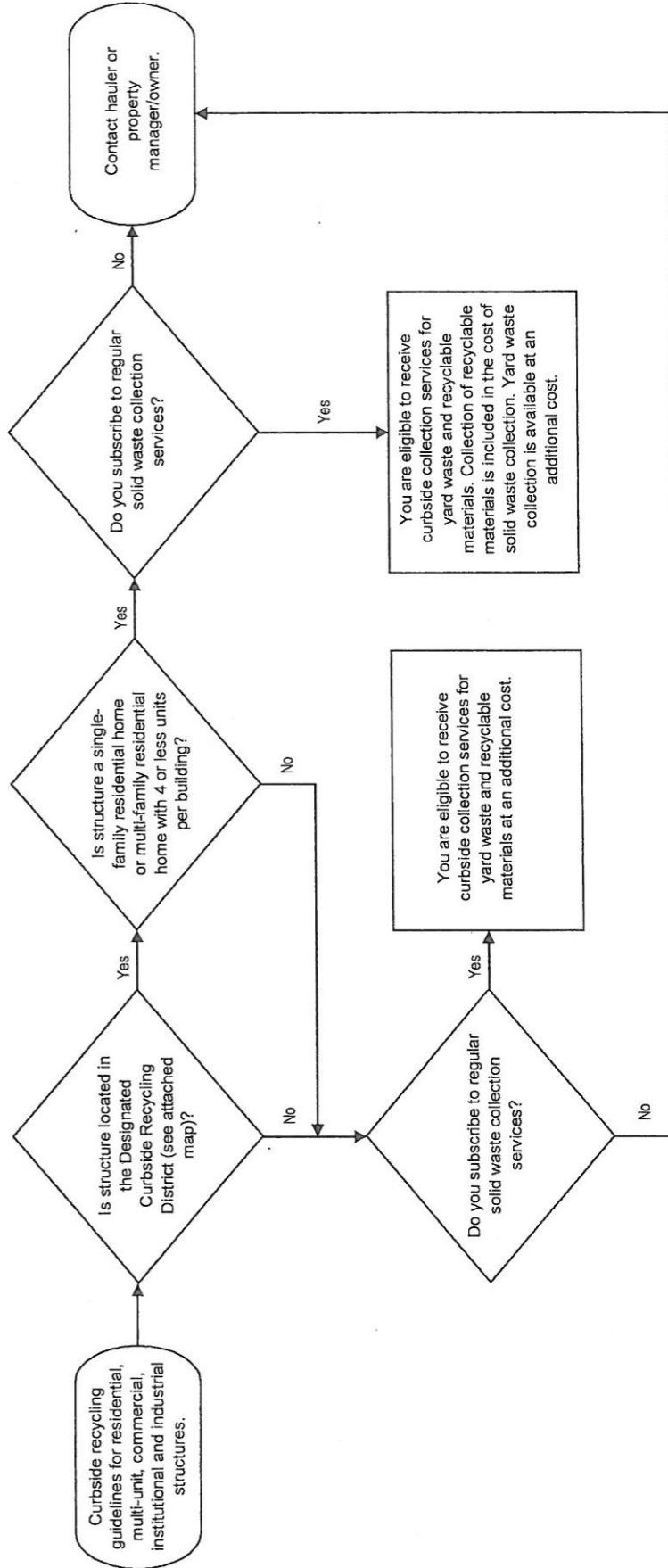
- J. Duties of Licensed Haulers. Licensed haulers shall monitor and assist in enforcement of compliance by generators with provisions of the ordinance and these Rules and Regulations requiring that banned materials not be placed in solid waste set out for disposal and that targeted materials be prepared in a manner compliant to hauler specifications. If the hauler determines that a customer has not properly prepared materials for collection or set out unacceptable material, the driver is not obligated to pick up the material. In such cases, the hauler shall notify the customer of the potential violation and provide instructions to the customer on how to comply. The notification shall be as follows: a leave-behind tag, a letter, telephone and/or direct personal communication. If said violations continue the hauler shall inform the Resource Recovery Department, and the Resource Recovery Department shall issue a notice of violation and proceed with appropriate enforcement action which may include appropriate fines as authorized in the Grand Traverse County Solid Waste Alternatives Project and a stop service order to all licensed haulers in the County which would prevent licensed haulers from providing solid waste collection services to the violator.

Licensed haulers shall also provide information as available to the Resource Recovery Department on any violations by other licensed or unlicensed haulers in providing services that fall under the hauler licensing requirements and on any violations or questionable practices by County-Designated Facilities or non-county designated facilities in providing services that fall under the designated facility requirements.

- K. Duties of County Agencies. The BOC shall be responsible for developing a system of enforcement response capable of addressing violations of this Ordinance. This system shall give the Resource Recovery Department and Resource Recovery Council the capabilities and funding to adequately follow through on administrative and legal enforcement steps as required. These steps shall include the ability to:
 - 1. Support licensed haulers and designated facility operators in their enforcement activities as described in Section II J. of these Rules and Regulations.
 - 2. Initiate independent investigations to discover violations and respond with enforcement action.

3. Initiate proceedings to revoke hauler licenses.
 4. Monitor and enforce provisions of designated facility agreements.
 5. Proceed with illegal dumping cleanup, cost recovery and enforcement.
 6. Enforce stop service order to unlicensed haulers and non-designated facilities.
 7. Provide for other enforcement actions as required.
- L. Approval Methods of Yard Waste Disposal: Yard waste must be disposed of by an approved method. Approved methods are:
1. Disposal at a facility designated for that purpose by the County in accordance with the rules of that facility, or;
 2. Land application of grass clippings, thatch, leaves, and wood chips with the consent of the landowner or tenant for use in mulching, enhancing soil, erosion control or compost or a combination of these.
 3. Use of yard waste as fuel or as feedstock for manufacturing processes is an approved method where consistent with local land use and other applicable regulation.
 4. Yard waste shall be land applied in such a manner as not to create a nuisance to adjoining landowners, be the source of foul or obnoxious odors, or attract rodents or other pest.
- M. Rules and Regulations - Amendment Process. The rules and regulations may be amended from time to time by resolution and shall be subject to the BOC approval.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING - FLOW CHART



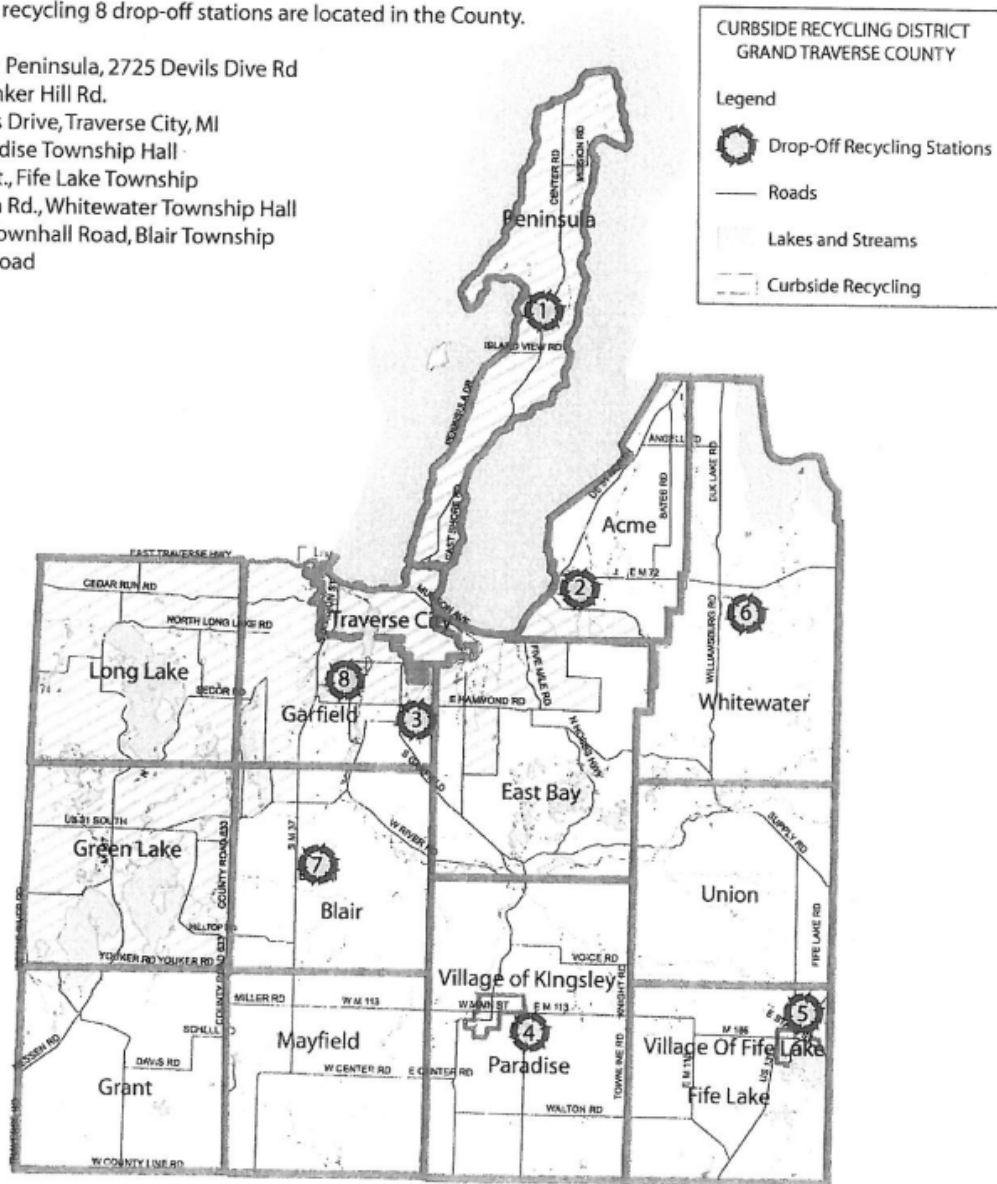
Note:

If you live on a private road, curbside recycling may not be provided by hauler.

Residents located in the curbside recycling district living in single family residential structures and multi-family residential structures with 4 or less units per building who subscribe to regular trash collection services are eligible for curbside recycling at no additional cost. Yard waste collection is available at an additional cost.

For additional recycling 8 drop-off stations are located in the County.

1. Old Mission Peninsula, 2725 Devils Dive Rd
2. US 31 & Bunker Hill Rd.
3. 280 Hughes Drive, Traverse City, MI
4. M-113, Paradise Township Hall
5. 606 Bates St., Fife Lake Township
6. 5777 Vinton Rd., Whitewater Township Hall
7. 3770 Blair Townhall Road, Blair Township
8. 2294 Cass Road



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