



County of Fairfax, Virginia

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Waste Collection Companies Meeting Notes November 7, 2013

Companies with attendees: KMG, American Disposal, Bates Trucking, EnviroSolutions/PDS, McLean Trash

Phone Participants: VHI, Thompson Hauling, Stephan Cooper, IESI

County Staff: Pamela Gratton, John Kellas, Dynita Glenn, Alex Castillo, Don Green, Jessica Smithberger

The meeting began at 5:09 pm.

Introductions/Welcome

Pamela Gratton greeted everyone and welcomed the GoToMeeting participants.

Announcements/Updates

New Organization for SWMP – Pamela gave a brief explanation of the new Solid Waste Management Program organizational structure. She introduced John Kellas as the new Director of Operations and herself as the Director of Recycling, Engineering and Environmental Compliance.

Operational Issues

John Kellas, Director of Operations, introduced himself and spoke of his extensive background in the solid waste management industry and environmental consulting in the U.S. and Canada. He encouraged all attendees to bring any concerns about the facilities to County staff.

Recycling Program Updates

Pamela explained that staff is getting ready to gather information for the 2013 annual recycling rate report. Forms will be sent after Christmas, and if companies have any questions about the form, please call Pamela or Marion Plummer. County staff will use information gathered from hauling companies to complete the annual recycling report. In 2012, Fairfax County's recycling rate was 51%.

Enforcement Updates

Pamela presented attendees with information from Chapter 109.1 of the County Code regarding temporary collection vehicle permit requirements and recycling company registration requirements.



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Currently, the Code does not require recyclables to be collected in a vehicle specifically designed to collect refuse. Temporary permits allow collectors to use new, borrowed, rented, or demonstrator vehicles that do not currently have a Fairfax County permit. These permits have expiration dates and cannot be transferred to permanent vehicles.

Recycling companies are required by the Code to register with Fairfax County. These companies do not need a CTO (Certificate to Operate) permit since they only collect recyclables and not municipal solid waste. Registration is important so that the County can collect recycling rate information for the annual report and provide answers and information to customers' inquiries about trucks and companies.

Registration should include information about the organization and all vehicles used to collect recyclables. All vehicles used only to collect recyclables are exempt from permitting and bonding requirements, including permit fees, and should be identified with company information.

Administrative Items

Dynita Glenn reminded attendees that the CTO renewal process will begin in January, and that the first group of applications will be sent this month (November). Each company will receive a customized letter that will include the required bond amount. Dynita encouraged companies to begin thinking about vehicle inspections and to provide the Permit Office with a list of trucks so that staff can prepare inspection forms ahead of time to expedite the inspection process at the facilities.

Dynita also encouraged companies to update their Statements of Service to ensure it is up-to-date and contains all the necessary information required by Chapter 109.1-4-2(5). Updated Statements of Service should be distributed to all customers as holidays are approaching. Failure to provide a complete Statement of Service and to show that it was distributed to all customers annually could result in the denial of a company's CTO.

During vehicle inspections, vehicles designated for recyclables collection must present the sign or other designation used to indicate when the vehicle is collecting recyclables. Dynita also asked companies to keep County staff informed and updated on authorized representatives. Staff cannot speak with persons not listed in our system as authorized company representatives.

Dynita asked attendees to remind drivers not to leave vehicles unattended at the facilities or block crosswalks. She also asked companies to provide accurate information to customers in reference to which truck collected their waste. This information is essential when a customer accidentally disposed of important items. The last several times this occurred, the load being tracked down had already been disposed of by the time customer arrived.

For the future meetings, Dynita suggested that meetings could be held at earlier times if the GoToMeeting is successful. Some attendees expressed concerns, as smaller companies would likely be unable to participate during normal workday hours.

Sanitary District Announcements

No new petitions have been received.

Pamela explained the process that communities go through to become a sanitary district, as directed by state law. Requirements include a minimum of 50 homes that want Fairfax County collection service and a petition signed by homeowners in which at least 55% are in favor of County service. The Board of Supervisors must approve the requests, which are presented to them twice a year in April and November. Once approved, the new customers are billed for service through their personal property tax. Pamela emphasized that Fairfax County does not actively promote or advertise its collection services, and noted that it's not easy to find information on the County website about starting petitions.

Q: Why does the County collect only leaves in certain areas?

A: There is only one area, Mantua, where only leaves are collected. Pamela said she wasn't sure why that is the case.

Q: Is there a way for customers to cancel County service?

A: Yes, the process is similar to the application process.

Collectors' Issues and Discussion

Pamela mentioned a question she received earlier in the day regarding screening for disposal containers. She explained that the public facilities manual, managed by Land Development Services, includes provisions for the placement of disposal containers on a new property.

This discussion led to conversation about Tysons Corner development and the placement of containers. Attendees expressed concerns about the accessibility of containers in the new development.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Next Meeting: February 6, 2014, Government Center – Room: to be determined