

SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE

Declaration of Purpose

The public health, safety, welfare and convenience of the citizens of the Town of Westminster, Vermont require the orderly and safe storage, collection, and removal of solid waste collected in said town, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the General Regulatory Authority and Procedure of 24 V.S.A. Sec. 1971, et seq. and the specific authority of 24 V.S.A. Sec. 2291 (12) and 24 V.S.A. Sec. 2202(a).

Storage, Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste

No person shall knowingly store, collect, transport, or dispose of solid waste within the Town of Westminster other than in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District.

All solid waste collected in the Town of Westminster and transported for disposal shall be delivered to the Waste-to-Energy facility located in Claremont, New Hampshire in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District.

Violation

The Selectmen may issue and enforce a solid waste order for any violation of this ordinance. The Selectmen may include a directive that the violator take actions necessary to achieve compliance with the ordinance, to abate hazards created as a result of noncompliance, or to restore the environment to the condition existing before the violation. The Selectmen may also include a civil penalty of not more than \$500.00 for each violation, and in the case of a continuing violation, not more than \$100.00 for each succeeding day.

The Selectmen may seek enforcement of a solid waste order in the Superior Court or before the environmental law division. In addition, the Selectmen may petition the Superior Court or environmental law division to enjoin the violator from collecting solid waste within the Town of Westminster for a period of one year. If the Town of Westminster incurs legal fees in connection with the enforcement of this ordinance, said legal fees shall be payable by the violator.

Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective on the expiration of sixty (60) days from its adoption.

Adopted by the Westminster Board of Selectmen on this 26th day of November 1991.

