

CHAPTER 8.24

SOLID WASTE FEE

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8.24.010 PURPOSE. The purpose of this chapter is to provide for revenue to be used for regulatory purposes of solid waste management and to fund the planning, administration, and implementation expenses incurred by the County in complying with the requirements of Chapter 70.95 RCW and as authorized by RCW 36.58.045.

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8.24.020 DEFINITIONS. The following definitions shall apply for the purposes of this chapter.

(a) **Solid Waste** means all putrescible and nonputrescible solid and semisolid wastes, including but not limited to garbage, rubbish, ashes, industrial wastes, infectious wastes, swill, demolition and construction wastes, abandoned vehicles or parts thereof and discarded commodities.

(b) **Solid Waste Collection Company** means any person or entity engaged in the business of solid waste collection, handling and disposal.

(c) **Total Revenues or Revenues** means gross revenues generated by services provided in unincorporated Benton County but does not include other taxes and/or charges specifically for source separated recyclable collection or fees or charges imposed by any governmental agency.

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8.24.030 FEES. (a) Fee Assessment. Benton County shall assess a fee on solid waste collection companies operating collection services within the unincorporated areas of Benton County.

(b) Fee Use. The revenues from the solid waste collection fee shall ~~be~~ used to fund the planning, administration, and implementation of solid and moderate risk waste programs for the benefit of Benton County and the incorporated cities therein.

(c) Fee Amount. The amount of such fee shall be no more than ten percent (10%) of the total revenues of all solid waste collection companies ~~=~~ previous year revenues for the unincorporated area of Benton County. The actual amount of the fee shall vary from year to year and shall be set each year by the Benton County Commissioners based upon the annual budget required to plan, administer and implement the solid and moderate risk waste programs in Benton County.

(d) Fee Calculation. The fee shall be calculated each year by taking the annual budget and dividing the total revenues of all solid waste collection companies ~~=~~ previous year revenues and arriving at a percentage amount not to exceed ten percent (10%). The number representing the annual fee percentage shall be multiplied times the current year revenues of the collection companies operating in unincorporated Benton County to arrive at the fee.

(e) Fee Collection. The annual fee shall be due and payable on or before the thirtieth (30th) day following the end of each quarter.

Delinquent fee payments shall be assessed penalties and interest. The interest shall accrue at twelve percent (12%) per annum computed on a monthly basis from the date of delinquency until paid. Delinquent fees are subject to a penalty as follows: A three percent (3%) penalty shall accrue each subsequent quarter the fees remain delinquent.

(f) Fee Documentation. The solid waste collection companies operating in the unincorporated areas of Benton County shall submit with each quarterly payment sufficient documentation to demonstrate accurate remittance and to allow ongoing review of administration and implementation funding requirements.

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