
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Reference No: CR-75-1990

Draft No.: 2

Prince George's

Meeting Date: 7/31/90

County Council

Requestor: WI

Item Title: To provide that DER permit County residents to dispose of refuse at County-owned landfills twice a year without charge

Sponsors WI P C B

Date Presented ___/___/___ **Executive Action** ___/___/___
Committee Referral (1) 7/24/90 C.O.W. **Effective Date** ___/___/___
Committee Action (1) 7/24/90 FAV(A)
Date Introduced 7/24/90
Pub. Hearing Date () ___/___/___ :___

Council Action (1) 7/31/90 Adopted
Council Votes B_: A_, CA: A_, C_: N_, CI: -_, MC: N_, M_: A_,
P_: A_, W_: N_, WI: A_, ___: ___, ___: ___, ___: ___
Pass/Fail P

Remarks _____

Drafter: Ralph Grutzmacher **Resource** Craig Price, Council
Personnel: Allen Jones, DER

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

DATE: 7/24/90

Committee Vote: Favorable, with amendments, 4-2 (In favor: Council Members Bell, Castaldi, Pemberton and Wineland; Opposed: Council Members Casula and MacKinnon)

The Committee discussed the comments submitted on July 23, 1990 by the Department of Environmental Resources. Allen Jones, Director of the Division of Solid Waste Management indicated the Department was opposed to the legislation for the following reasons:

1. The type of refuse not currently permitted to be disposed of at the County-owned landfills are those excluded by reasons of State permit, such as liquids, caustics, poisons, pesticides, herbicides, etc., or have been excluded by the County to conserve landfill space, such as stumps, large quantities of construction debris, etc.

2. Earlier this year, the Department established a \$10.00 flat rate fee for homeowner pickup trucks using Brown Station Road Sanitary Landfill on Sundays. This extension of the \$10.00 flat rate fee previously charged for the remaining days of the week is necessary to help defray operating costs for keeping the landfill open on Sundays.

3. The cost to develop a program and monitor the program to ensure that citizen abuse of this proposed policy is minimized would far out weigh any benefit derived by the citizen.

Council Member Bell questioned why it was alright to have the County pickup bulky trash at curbside free of charge yet charge a \$10 fee to individuals who transported the same materials to the landfill at no cost to the County. Council Member Wineland expressed concern that prior to the administrative policy change by DER County residents who do not have trash service had in excess of 100 different days (i.e. every weekend) to bring and dispose of items free at the landfill and now they have none. He indicated CR-75-1990 would only reinstate 2 of 100 free days that were taken away from County residents.

The Committee voted to amend the Resolution to require that DER develop a plan to allow for 2 free disposal days for County residents and report back to the Council on the proposed plan and its implementation schedule within 120 days from adoption of CR-75-1990.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

The County has established programs and facilities for the disposal of household refuse by County residents at County-owned landfills. The proposed resolution provide that the Department of Environmental Resources permit County residents to dispose of refuse at County-owned landfills at least twice each year.