

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: October 17, 2007

SUBJECT: Revision to Tipping Fee Waiver Policy

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1. Revised Tipping Fee Waiver Policy

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

At the request of the Board, the Tipping Fee Waiver Policy has been revised to allow the County Manager or designee to revise the eligibility criteria for an individual application. A revision to the criteria would be to better serve the interest of the public. The revised policy is attached with revisions in red.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to approve the attached revised policy.

Suggested Motion:

I move that the Board approve the revised Tipping Fee Waiver Policy as presented.

HENDERSON COUNTY TIPPING FEE WAIVER POLICY

Policy to support projects that create or encourage affordable housing construction and repairs.

It is the policy of the Henderson County Board of Commissioners that Landfill Tipping Fees may be waived for certain affordable housing construction and repair projects within the County. The affordable housing projects must comply with criteria for meeting the public purpose of providing decent, safe and sanitary housing to low income persons. Only those projects meeting the definitions and criteria set forth below will be considered for the waiving of landfill tipping fees.

I. DEFINITIONS

- a. **Project:** An organization's efforts on behalf of low income residents to provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing.
- b. **Tipping Fee Waiver:** A waiver of landfill fees associated with a publicly assisted housing project that benefits low income residents.
- c. **Low Income Household:** A household whose gross income is at or below the "very low income" limit set by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

II. PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

Any project that has substantial public participation and is being sponsored by a non-profit or community group and is determined by the designated Henderson County official to meet a public purpose by virtue of its providing housing to low income residents

III. LIMITATIONS

Projects receiving fee waivers are limited to the following:

- a. Construction debris only, not household waste.
- b. Projects sponsored by a non-profit organization.
- c. Work must be performed completely in (with debris from) Henderson County.
- d. Work must be performed by volunteers, without compensation.
- e. Recipient(s) of work must be low income as defined by HUD.
- f. A list of haulers' names must be provided to the Solid Waste Department, at which time the designated official will provide a permit to be displayed when entering the scale gate at the landfill.
- g. Application for fee waiver must be received at least 10 days prior to date of work request.
- h. Fee waiver cannot extend longer than a consecutive 5 day period.

IV. APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Please provide the following information in your request in order for the fee waiver to be considered:

- 1. Description and location of project
- 2. Name of Project Manager/Coordinator
- 3. Name(s) of participating non-profit group(s)
- 4. Relevant income information pertaining to the recipient(s)
- 5. Describe the extent of volunteer participation for this project
- 6. Describe how this project will benefit the public

V. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Any non-profit organization that meets the above criteria and wishes to make application per the guidelines for this program must submit the following in writing to the following address:

Henderson County Solid Waste Department
 Attention: Tipping Fee Waiver Requests
 802 Stoney Mountain Road
 Hendersonville, NC 28791

For an individual application, the County Manager or designee is authorized to revise the above criteria when doing so would more effectively serve the public's interest, except where prohibited by law.

Revised this the 17th day of October, 2007.

William L. Moyer, Chairman

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Board/Deputy Clerk to the Board