

RESOLVED, that the Board of Ramsey County Commissioners hereby ordains:

SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE

SECTION 1.00 PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

1.01 Purpose. It is the purpose and intent of this Ordinance to establish rules, regulations and standards in Ramsey County, Minnesota for:

- For the handling, collection, transportation, and storage of Solid Waste;
- For the treatment, Processing and/or Disposal of Solid Waste;
- To require the licensing of Solid Waste Haulers and Solid Waste Facilities;
- To establish design and construction requirements for Solid Waste Facilities;
- For control of special Solid Wastes;
- To establish and provide for an enforcement agency;
- To establish financial assurance requirements for Facilities and Sites Licensed pursuant to this Ordinance;
- To establish penalties for failure to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance
- To establish fees for Licenses and permits granted pursuant to this Ordinance;
- To establish standards and procedures for issuing, denying, modifying, imposing conditions upon, suspending or revoking Licenses or permits; and
- To establish and administer the County's service charge for Solid Waste Management services.

This Ordinance shall be liberally construed so as to ensure the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of Ramsey Country and the general public and to protect the natural environment from Solid Waste contamination.

1.02 Authority. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapters 115A, 145A, 375, 400, and 473 and the Ramsey County Home Rule Charter.

SECTION 2.00 ADMINISTRATION

2.01 Administrative Procedures. All of the provisions of the Ramsey County Administrative Ordinance shall apply as if fully set forth herein.

2.02 Administration. This Ordinance shall be administered by the Saint Paul - Ramsey County Department of Public Health (hereinafter "Department"). Its duties shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A. To review and consider all License applications submitted to conduct Solid Waste Management activities and for operation of Solid Waste facilities within the County;
- B. To inspect Solid Waste Management activities and facilities as herein provided and to investigate complaints of violations of this Ordinance;
- C. To recommend, when necessary, to the County Attorney's Office that legal proceedings be initiated against a certain Person, activity, Site or Facility to compel compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance or to terminate and abate the operation of the same;

petroleum as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 115C.02, subdivision 10, based on past uses of the structure, such as a medical building, laboratory, or manufacturing Facility, the Owner or Person authorizing renovation, Demolition, or De-construction or Person conducting the renovation, Demolition, or De-construction shall, prior to the commencement of renovation, Demolition, or De-construction, obtain appropriate samples and receive results from laboratory analysis as necessary to ensure the proper management and Disposal of contaminated structural elements and any resulting debris generated. All Persons are encouraged to contact the Department for assistance with compliance with this part.

- 15.08 **Cease and Desist Order.** If conditions exist that pose an imminent and substantial danger to the health, safety, and welfare of the public or the environment as a result of the failure to comply with this Section, the Department may issue an emergency order to direct the immediate discontinuance of the renovation, Demolition, or De-construction activities and order the abatement of the conditions until such time that the Department determines that the conditions have been abated.

SECTION 16.00 VARIANCES AND NONCONFORMING SITES.

- 16.01 **Variances:** Requests for variances from the requirements of this Ordinance shall be made in accordance with Ramsey County Administrative Ordinance. The Department will notify the County Board upon receiving a request for a variance and of the subsequent action taken by the Department.
- 16.02 **MPCA Approval.** No modification or variance may be granted if it would result in noncompliance with Minnesota Rule Chapter 7035 unless such modification or variance has been approved or granted by the MPCA.
- 16.03 **Closure/Post-Closure.** For facilities permitted or granted interim status by the MPCA, amendments to the Facility Closure/post-Closure Plans and extensions to the Closure/post-Closure period shall be granted by the Department only where said amendments or extensions have been approved by the MPCA.

SECTION 17.00 ILLEGAL DUMPING.

- 17.01 **Unauthorized Dumping:** It shall be a violation of this Ordinance for any Person to Dispose of Solid Waste within Ramsey County at any place except at a Solid Waste Facility authorized by this Ordinance.
- 17.02 **Unlicensed Open Dumps:** It shall be a violation of this Ordinance for any Person to operate an Open Dump; and, the Owner or Operator of any land being used as an Open Dump shall cease operations and close it in accordance with the following provisions. The Owner or Operator shall:
- A. Close access to the Site and prohibit the public from using the Site. Signs indicating that dumping is not allowed shall be posted.

"Is there mention in a Parks or Health Ordinance or other rule/law about dumping of waste/recycling in or around parks areas?"

As to a cite that specifically deals with park areas, the answer is no for any of the ordinances that the Public Health Department enforces.

Please see the Solid Waste Ordinance, which does contain a cite that makes it a violation to illegally dispose of waste anywhere within Ramsey County except at an authorized site.

RAMSEY COUNTY SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE Section XII ILLEGAL DUMPING Subsection 1 Unauthorized Dumping. "It shall be a violation of this ordinance for any person to dispose of solid waste within Ramsey County at any place except at a solid waste facility authorized by this ordinance."