## ORIGINAL

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## **ORDINANCE NO.** 1779

ORDINANCE THE CITY OF REDMOND. AN OF WASHINGTON. RELATING TO SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, REQUIRING RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS OF SOLID WASTE HAULERS TO SEPARATE YARD WASTE FROM GARBAGE FOR COLLECTION, AND PROHIBITING COLLECTION, TRANSPORT, **STORAGE** DISPOSAL OF YARD WASTE IN PLASTIC BAGS.

WHEREAS, recycling of yard waste is an important means of meeting the City's waste reduction and recycling goals, and

WHEREAS, in order that yard waste may be recycled, it is necessary to separate the same from garbage, and

WHEREAS, the Seattle-King County Health Department has prohibited the use of plastic bags for the collection, transport, storage and disposal of yard waste, and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to ensure that yard waste is separated from garbage and that the same is disposed of in a manner acceptable to appropriate health authorities, NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1</u>. <u>Definitions</u>. As used in this ordinance, the following terms have the meaning set forth below:

A. "Customer" means any person, partnership, entity, firm or corporation which contracts with any solid waste hauler for the collection, transport, storage or disposal of garbage or yard waste from a single family or multi-family residence

located in the City of Redmond.

- B. "Garbage" or "Refuse" means and includes all putrescible and nonputrescible solid and semi-solid wastes, including, but not limited to, rubbish, ashes, industrial swill, demolition wastes, construction wastes, and discarded commodities, except recyclable materials, yard waste and special wastes, which are placed by customers of a solid waste hauler in appropriate bins, bags, cans or other receptacles for collection and disposal by the hauler.
- C. "Recyclable materials" means and includes those materials defined as recyclable by RCW 70.95.030 or identified as recyclable materials pursuant to the City's comprehensive waste plan once adopted, and which are placed by wasted generators in appropriate bins, bags, cans or other receptacles for collection and disposal by a recycling business, excluding yard waste.
- D. "Solid Waste Hauler" means any person, partnership, firm or corporation which engages in the business of collecting, transporting, storing or disposing of garbage or yard waste.
- E. "Yard Waste" means grass, leaves, brush and other vegetation waste normally generated through clearing or yard or property maintenance.

## <u>Section 2. Separation of Yard Waste from Garbage - Means of Disposal.</u>

A. All single family and multi-family residential customers of solid waste haulers within the City shall be required to separate yard waste from garbage for purposes of collection, transport, storage or disposal by such haulers. Such customers shall not mix yard waste with garbage for such purposes. No yard waste from any single family or multifamily residence within the City may be

delivered by a customer to a solid waste hauler in a plastic bag, and any such yard waste shall be delivered to the hauler in a can or other reusable receptacle approved by the hauler and clearly marked as containing yard waste only. All such approved receptacles shall meet the requirements of the Seattle-King County Health Department for collection, transport, storage and disposal of yard waste.

- B. No solid waste hauler shall accept from any single family or multi-family residential customer within the City for purposes of collection, transport, storage or disposal:
  - Any mixture of yard waste and garbage; or
  - Any yard waste contained in any plastic bag or any other container which does not meet the requirements of the Seattle-King County Health Department for yard waste.

Section 3. Penalty for Violation. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall have committed a civil infraction, and upon a determination that such infraction has been committed, shall be assessed a monetary penalty not to exceed \$250.00.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

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Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force January 1, 1995. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to publish a summary of this ordinance in the form attached hereto promptly after adoption.

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