



**WHATCOM COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY
 COMMITTEE (SWAC) MEETING**

Wednesday, July 31, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Civic Center, Downstairs Garden Room
 322 North Commercial Street, Bellingham, WA

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Meeting Topics		Outcomes	
1.	Call to Order	5:30	Action
2.	Roll Call, Determination of Quorum, Approval of Minutes	5:30 - 5:35	Action
3.	Roundtable Discussion: Current Local Impacts of China 2018 Recyclable Materials Importation Ban	5:35 – 6:05	Discussion
4.	Solid Waste Excise Tax Conversion	6:05 – 6:25	Action
5.	Solid Waste Programs Update	6:25 – 6:35	Information
6.	Whatcom County Homeless Camp Cleanup	6:35 – 6:55	Discussion
10.	Open Session, Announcements, Agenda Items	6:55 - 7:00	Action
11.	Adjournment	7:00	Action

Hard copies of the Agenda Packet will be provided to members at the meeting.



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AGENDA ITEM 2: Roll Call, Determination of Quorum, Approval of Minutes

PRESENTER: Mark Peterson, Chair

BOARD ACTION: Action Item Discussion FYI - Only

COMMITTEE ROLE / ACTION REQUESTED

Review and approve draft meeting minutes.

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Draft April 25, 2019 SWAC Meeting Minutes

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WHATCOM COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY (SWAC) COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 26, 2018

Members Present:

Amber Jones, Ed Nikula, Mark Peterson, Larry McCarter, Kevin Moore, Lisa Friend and Ted Carlson

Members Absent:

Barbara Brenner, Eric Johnston, Greg Young, Troy Lautenbach, and Robert Hendricks

Staff Present:

Jeff Hegedus, Janice Deptuch, and John Wolpers

Others Present:

Ken and Allison Caulder, Rodd Pemble - SSC, Pat Dunn - SSC, Paula McLeary, Jennifer Hayden – WCHD, Dave Bader -, Syria – Republic Services.

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Whatcom County SWAC was called to order on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 5:31 p.m. in the Garden Level Meeting Room by chair, Mark Peterson.

Roll Call, Determination of Quorum, Approval of Minutes, Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson:

The minutes for the October 26, 2017 SWAC meeting were approved as written. The motion for approval was made by Lisa Friend and 2nd by Larry McCarter. Motion approved by everyone.

The election of the new chairperson, motion to nominated Mark Peterson, was made by Lisa Friend and 2nd by Amber Jones. Motion made to nominate Lisa Friend as Vice chairperson made by Mark Peterson and 2nd by Ted Carlson. Nominations approved by all.

Point Roberts Solid Waste Management System

Since May, 2016 solid waste program staff have been meeting with the Point Roberts Community Advisory Committee (PRCAC) and the community to review the local waste management system to ensure that needs were being met. Based on this process, PRCAC made specific recommendations on October 10, 2017 for improvements to solid waste services. On December 5, 2017 and on April 10, 2018 these recommendations were presented to the County Council Public Works and Health Committee. On February 13, 2018 staff presented a draft amendment to ordinance to PRCAC to implement the recommendations, sought further input, and offered support to the community on outreach and education opportunities as may be requested. PRCAC requested that a mailer with a 'Frequently Asked Questions' flyer go out to affected property owners, and that a Town Hall meeting be conducted. Staff developed the FAQ and mailed 2,300 mailers on March 27, 2018. PRCAC scheduled and hosted an April 14, 2018 Town Hall meeting, at which staff responded to two hours of questions from residents. Since November 21, 2017, we have had a total of 9 calls from the Point Roberts community. Ken and Allison Caulder shared their concerns about Cando Recycling and the rates.

Secure Medicine Return Program Implementation

Jennifer Hayden from the Whatcom County Health Department presented a presentation on this program.

Waste pharmaceuticals are defined in Washington State as a Moderate Risk Waste, which are regulated by solid waste handling standards. The Whatcom County Health Board approved Ordinance 2017-073, Secure Medicine Return Ordinance on December 5, 2017 adopting Whatcom County Code Chapter 24.15, Secure Medicine Return. The ordinance requires a producer provided and funded product stewardship plan for the safe collection and disposal of unused drugs from residential sources. Implementation actions fall into the general categories of (1) Implementation/Start-Up, (2) Stewardship Plan Review, (3) Program Operations Oversight, (4) Promotion, and (5) Compliance & Enforcement.

There will be mailbox services at police departments, fire halls, and hospital with pharmacies that will take prescriptions as well as controlled substances. The Whatcom County Health Department will be doing promotions. The timeline for starting is December 2018, but Jennifer feels it will likely by February or March 2019.

Solid Waste Voucher Compliance Program

In May, 2000 the Skagit County Health Board approved a resolution to implement a solid waste voucher compliance program to support efforts to mitigate public health nuisances created by solid waste handling violations. The program provided funding to provide limited, one-time assistance for cleanup and disposal costs in problematic situations. The program has been a success in Skagit, and solid waste staff is in consideration of emulating the program in Whatcom County. Staff will present the program and seek input regarding use of the program as a compliance enforcement tool. The voucher has an expiration date, estimated load size and they will need photo ID. The program is funded through the tipping fees. The goals are to help with property damage, property values, promoting general public health, develop positive relationships and increase solid waste management. Mark asked if they have done a cost analysis and Jennifer said they were working on it. Kevin Moore asked if it applies to the homeless, Jennifer said that is another consideration. Jeff stated it is a case by case judgement. Mark asked how to move forward? Jennifer replied they will talk to SWEC in July and then to County Council.

Street Waste Management

Street Wastes are solid wastes that include liquid and solid wastes collected during the maintenance of storm water catch basins, detention/retention ponds, ditches and similar storm water treatment and conveyance structures, and solid wastes collected during street and parking lot sweeping.

Currently, street wastes are regulated by Appendix IV-G, Storm water Management Manual for Western Washington, Recommendations for Management of Street Wastes. However, the current proposed revisions to WAC 173-350, Solid Waste Handling Standards include significant updates to street wastes management.

In Whatcom County, there is currently only one permitted solid waste handling facility that is designed and operated specifically to manage street wastes, which is a critical service to the many county entities managing compliance with water quality permits. This solid waste handling facility, owned and operated by the City of Bellingham, has recently experienced some changes. These changes will be discussed, along with the issues and consequences of having only one county facility, which is a public facility in a privatized solid waste system, to manage this important waste stream. Larry McCarter said he sees it as an opportunity. Eric and staff can come and give more updates.

Open Session, Announcements, Agenda Items

Agenda items: Disaster Debris Plan and check in with Department of Emergency Management on how things are going.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made 1st by Larry McCarter and 2nd by Ted Carlson, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Whatcom County Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting held April 26, 2018.

Attest: _____
Janice Deptuch, Clerk III
Whatcom County Health Department

Mark Peterson, Chair
Whatcom County Solid Waste
Advisory Committee

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AGENDA ITEM 3: *Roundtable Discussion: Current Local Impacts of China 2018 Recyclable Materials Importation Ban*

PRESENTER: *Mark Peterson, Chair*

BOARD ACTION: Action Item Discussion FYI - Only

SIGNIFICANT POINTS OR EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The national and regional impacts of the 2018 China Sword recyclable materials importation ban are increasing, and affecting recycling operations and efforts at the local level.

COMMITTEE ROLE / ACTION REQUESTED

Group discussion and update on current local impacts of China Sword recyclable materials importation ban being experienced by sold waste service providers..

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AGENDA ITEM 4: Solid Waste Excise Tax Conversion

PRESENTER: Jeff Hegedus, Environmental Health Supervisor

BOARD ACTION: Action Item Discussion FYI - Only

SIGNIFICANT POINTS OR EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Currently, Whatcom County requires that solid waste collection companies (SSC, Nooksack Valley Disposal, and Cando Recycling and Disposal) collect and remit to the County, to fund solid waste programs, a solid waste excise tax of \$8.50 per ton solid waste collected. Historically, since cans cannot be weighed at the curb, a percent conversion has been used by each hauler to invoice customers to collect the estimated tax. Based on customer base and rate structure, each hauler uses a different tax percentage. SSC adds a local tax of 3.7% in the unincorporated areas, and 5.0% in Bellingham; Nooksack Valley Disposal uses 4.45%; Cando Recycling and Disposal uses 2.91%. WUTC approved tariffs include these percent conversions as a tariff requirement.

Quarterly, each hauler submits to the County a report, with accounting backup, that documents tons of solid wastes collected and disposed, and remits an amount equal to \$8.50 per ton. However, the amount collected is not audited, and it is not known if the current use of historic percentages provides an amount equal to the amount remitted. Based on input from SWAC and the WUTC, staff is recommending that WCC 8.13.030, *Excise privilege tax levied* be amended to implement a uniform tax, for all WUTC regulated solid waste collection companies (haulers), for both commercial and residential customers, based on percent of invoice rather than a per ton basis, exactly as implemented by the current 3.6% *state* solid waste tax. The excise privilege tax at county transfer stations and drop box facilities, *where solid waste can be weighed at the scale*, would remain unchanged at the current \$8.50 per ton.

Using Department of Revenue combined excise tax returns, provided by each hauler on a strictly confidential basis as per RCW 82.32.330, the total annual invoiced *taxable amount* (combined hauler commercial and residential revenue) was calculated, and divided into the total annual revenue received by the County from the solid waste excise tax (\$8.50 per ton excise tax). Based on this calculation, for both 2017 and 2018, a solid waste excise tax of 3.3% of invoice, for all haulers, for both commercial and residential customers, would result in a *revenue neutral* conversion, where taxes collected would clearly equal taxes remitted.

COMMITTEE ROLE / ACTION REQUESTED

Discussion of conversion methodology and motion to approve proposed amendment to ordinance.

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Proposed amendment to WCC 8.13.030

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AGENDA ITEM 5: Solid Waste Programs Update

PRESENTER: Jeff Hegedus, Environmental Health Supervisor

BOARD ACTION: Action Item Discussion FYI - Only

SIGNIFICANT POINTS OR EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

An update on solid waste programs will be provided.

COMMITTEE ROLE / ACTION REQUESTED

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AGENDA ITEM 6: *Whatcom County Homeless Camp Cleanup*

PRESENTER: *Jeff Hegedus, Environmental Health Supervisor*

BOARD ACTION: Action Item Discussion FYI - Only

SIGNIFICANT POINTS OR EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Solid waste management at abandoned and functioning homeless camps is having increased societal impact and presenting increased challenges to cleanup and allocation of resource.

COMMITTEE ROLE / ACTION REQUESTED

Discussion and input regarding possible approaches, solutions and options for managing solid wastes and implementing homeless camp cleanups in both municipal and unincorporated areas.

ATTACHMENT(S)



EXHIBIT A

Chapter 8.13 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

Sections:

- 8.13.010 District formed – Findings and determinations.
- 8.13.020 Definitions.
- 8.13.030 Excise privilege tax levied.
- 8.13.040 Tax collection.
- 8.13.050 Administration by county treasurer.
- 8.13.060 Failure to make timely payment.
- 8.13.065 Records required.
- 8.13.070 Application of tax – Appeal.
- 8.13.080 Tax exemptions and special conditions.
- 8.13.090 Penalties for nonpayment of tax.
- 8.13.100 Management of operations.
- 8.13.110 Use of revenues.
- 8.13.120 Effective date.
- 8.13.130 Severability.
- 8.13.140 Annual review of tax requirements.

8.13.010 District formed – Findings and determinations.

The Whatcom County solid waste disposal district ("district") is hereby formed to provide a sound financial basis for support of the objectives of the county's updated comprehensive solid waste management plan, including a high level of waste reduction and recycling; to construct transfer stations; to maintain closed solid waste landfills in Whatcom County; to provide such other solid waste disposal systems and services as are in the public interest; and to secure a healthful environment for all citizens of Whatcom County. The district shall include all unincorporated and incorporated areas of Whatcom County. Incorporated areas are included within the district pursuant to interlocal agreements executed with Whatcom County, copies of which are attached to the ordinance codified in this chapter and incorporated herein as Appendix A. The county council in forming the district determines and finds:

- A. State and federal law and regulation have placed increased responsibility on local governments to manage solid waste disposal systems in a manner that protects public health and safety;
- B. Properly designed, operated, and maintained landfills and other solid waste disposal facilities are essential public utilities serving broad public interests, by protecting public health and safety;
- C. Federal and state standards for solid waste disposal, including requirements for recycling and waste reduction, have greatly increased the cost of solid waste disposal systems;
- D. The transfer and other handling of solid wastes generated by residents of the district, whether generated at their homes or elsewhere in the district, imposes cost burdens on the district;
- E. All residences and businesses within the district receive substantial and essential public service by having the operational availability on a continuing basis healthful, safe and reliable solid waste disposal facilities and systems;

F. In order to safely maintain closed landfills, the county must expend substantial sums of money including the cost of ongoing monitoring, to protect the public health and welfare and to meet regulatory standards;

G. The cost of acquiring, developing, operating, maintaining and closing facilities and providing for long-term compliance with regulatory standards cannot be financed solely on a "fee for service" basis;

H. *Repealed by Ord. 97-041;*

I. Pursuant to Chapter 8.11 WCC, the county concurrently created a solid waste collection district pursuant to Chapter 36.58A RCW for the purpose of imposing mandatory collection in unincorporated areas which will match ordinances in incorporated areas, which enforce mandatory collection;

J. A stable funding program consisting of a district excise tax is required to provide a broad and sound financial basis to provide safe disposal facilities and systems, to meet the objectives of the plan, and to support the management of solid waste programs in compliance with applicable state and federal laws;

K. Waste reduction and recycling measures contemplated by the plan promote the health, safety and welfare of county residents, by reducing the degradation created by incineration and landfill facilities used to dispose of solid wastes;

L. Recycling and waste reduction do not generate sufficient revenues to become self supporting;

M. Imposition of the solid waste excise tax (the "tax") provided for by this chapter will promote the county's ability to meet all the plan's solid waste management objectives.

N. *Repealed by Ord. 97-041. (Ord. 2014-050 Exh. A; Ord. 97-041 Exh. A; Ord. 90-1 § 1).*

8.13.020 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

A. "Business or institution" shall include all properties in Whatcom County other than residential dwellings which are served by a certificated or franchised hauler of solid wastes. The tax shall apply whether the business or institution is for profit or nonprofit, public or private.

B. A "certificated hauler" is a garbage and refuse collection company that has obtained a certificate of convenience and necessity from the WUTC pursuant to Chapter 81.77 RCW for a franchise area that includes unincorporated areas of the county.

C. The "executive committee" means the executive committee formed pursuant to the interlocal agreements incorporated in Appendix A of the ordinance codified in this chapter.

D. A "franchised hauler" is a garbage and refuse collection company that has been granted a franchise to provide service within one or more of the cities that have entered interlocal agreements with the county, as shown in Appendix A of the ordinance codified in this chapter.

E. *Repealed by Ord. 97-041.*

F. *Repealed by Ord. 97-041.*

G. The "plan" is the county's comprehensive solid waste management plan, as approved by the Department of Ecology in 1990 and as may be amended thereafter.

H. A "residential dwelling" shall include each single-family house, apartment, houseboat, or other dwelling unit which is separately billed for waste collection service by a franchised or certificated hauler. Forest areas, farms or ranches that elect to use collection service shall be considered as residential dwellings for purposes of this chapter. Residents of apartments, hotels, dormitories, boarding houses, maritime vessels, or other housing units shall not be separately taxed if the landlord or some other party arranges for solid waste collection and pays for solid waste collection and the tax on behalf of tenants or residents.

I. A "solid waste disposal facility" is a landfill, transfer station, incinerator, convenience center, drop box or other solid waste disposal facility which is available for use by persons other than the owner of the facility.

J. The "WUTC" is the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission or any agency which succeeds to its powers. (Ord. 2014-050 Exh. A; Ord. 97-041 Exh. A; Ord. 90-1 § 2).

8.13.030 Excise privilege tax levied.

An excise privilege tax shall be levied upon the charges paid for solid waste collection by each residential dwelling and by each business or institution in the district. This excise privilege tax shall be levied on a percent-of-invoice basis for certificated or franchised haulers of solid waste, and on a per-ton basis for solid waste disposal facilities, excluding moderate risk wastes and recyclable materials, and be billed by certificated or franchised haulers of solid waste, and solid waste disposal facilities, all as authorized by RCW 36.58.140.

This tax shall be equal throughout the district, and shall be 3.3% of collection charges paid to certificated and franchised haulers of solid waste, not exceed and \$8.50 per ton for solid waste otherwise received at solid waste disposal facilities, without the approval of all cities and towns in the district. The county council shall set the level of the tax from time to time by ordinance. (Ord. 2014-050 Exh. A; Ord. 97-041 Exh. A; Ord. 90-1 § 3).

8.13.040 Tax collection.

To simplify collection of the tax, each certified or franchised hauler shall include the tax in its regular billing cycle for all customers within the district and remit the proceeds collected to the county treasurer by the due date as established by the treasurer. Each solid waste disposal facility shall include the tax in its regular billing cycle for all customers, excepting certificated and franchised haulers collecting and remitting the tax, within the district and remit the proceeds collected to the county treasurer by the due date as established by the treasurer. The excise tax provided for pursuant to this chapter shall, for administrative purposes, be billed and collected as nearly as possible in a manner compatible with the state solid waste tax, Chapter 82.18 RCW, and the surcharge, Section 15, Chapter 431, Laws of 1989. (Ord. 2014-050 Exh. A; Ord. 97-041 Exh. A; Ord. 90-1 § 4).

8.13.050 Administration by county treasurer.

The administration and collection of the tax imposed by this chapter, as collected by the certificated and franchised haulers, and solid waste disposal facilities, shall be by the county treasurer pursuant to the terms of this chapter and such rules, regulations and further enactments as may be adopted by the county council or provided by state law. (Ord. 2014-050 Exh. A; Ord. 97-041 Exh. A).

8.13.060 Failure to make timely payment.

If full payment of any tax or fee owing under this chapter is not received by the Whatcom County treasurer on or before the date due, there shall be added to the collected amount due a penalty fee as follows:

- A. One to 10 days late: Five percent of tax collected.
- B. Eleven to 20 days late: 10 percent of tax collected.
- C. Twenty-one to 30 days late: 15 percent of tax collected.
- D. Thirty-one to 60 days late: 20 percent of tax collected.

Failure to make payment in full of all tax amounts collected, and penalties, within 60 days following the day the tax initially became due shall be deemed a violation of this section and may be collected in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

Any tax owing and unpaid under this chapter, and all penalties, shall constitute a debt between the certificated or franchised hauler, or solid waste disposal facility, and Whatcom County and may be collected by court proceedings the same as any other debt in like amount. This provision shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, all other existing remedies. (Ord. 2014-050 Exh. A; Ord. 97-041 Exh. A).

8.13.065 Records required.

Each certificated and franchised hauler, and solid waste disposal facility, collecting the tax imposed by this chapter shall maintain books and/or records respecting that activity which truly, completely and accurately disclose all information necessary to determine the taxpayer's tax liability hereunder during each base tax period. Such records shall be kept and maintained for a period of not less than three years.

All books, records, or other items which may hereafter be required to be kept and maintained under this section shall be subject to, and immediately available for, inspection and audit at any time, with or without notice, at the place where such records are kept upon demand by the county treasurer or his/her designee, for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this chapter.

Where a certificated or franchised hauler, or solid waste disposal facility, does not keep such books, records, or other items so that the county treasurer or an authorized designee may examine them conveniently, the certificated or franchised hauler, or solid waste disposal facility, shall produce all of the required books, records, or items for such inspection within 10 working days following a written request by the treasurer. (Ord. 2014-050 Exh. A; Ord. 97-041 Exh. A).

8.13.070 Application of tax – Appeal.

Any party aggrieved in the application of the excise tax provided for herein may appeal the same to the Whatcom County board of equalization. The decision of such board shall be binding on the county. (Ord. 2014-050 Exh. A; Ord. 97-041 Exh. A; Ord. 90-1 § 7).

8.13.080 Tax exemptions and special conditions.

Solid waste generated within the district but disposed of outside of Whatcom County pursuant to authorization by the county in compliance with the plan shall be subject to the

tax, unless specifically waived by ordinance. Solid waste from the Diablo area disposed of in Skagit County shall not be subject to the tax. (Ord. 2014-050 Exh. A; Ord. 97-041 Exh. A; Ord. 90-1 § 8).

8.13.090 Penalties for nonpayment of tax.

If said excise tax is not paid when billed by the certificated or franchised hauler, or solid waste disposal facility, the county may seek payment of the tax and secure liens and execute against the property served for the unpaid tax, penalties and interest, all as provided in RCW 36.58.140. All taxes unpaid for 90 days shall be assessed a penalty of \$25.00 plus interest at the rate of one percent per month for each month said tax remains unpaid. (Ord. 2014-050 Exh. A; Ord. 97-067; Ord. 97-041 Exh. A; Ord. 90-1 § 9).

8.13.100 Management of operations.

The operations of the district shall be managed by the Whatcom County health department. (Ord. 2014-050 Exh. A; Ord. 97-041 Exh. A; Ord. 90-1 § 10).

8.13.110 Use of revenues.

All taxes or other fees collected pursuant to this chapter shall be deposited to the solid waste utility account, or such other accounts as may be designated pursuant to county ordinance or regulation, and shall be solely for purposes related to solid waste management and disposal, and, as to the excise tax, for those purposes set forth in Section 3 of the interlocal agreements, e.g., construction, operation, maintenance, and closure of any landfill that may be developed in the future; funding of approved recycling programs when recommended by the executive committee; public educational programs related to the management of solid waste; construction, maintenance, and operation of transfer stations, and such other programs as the executive committee may recommend pursuant to the plan; provided, however, that the county treasurer and prosecutor shall be authorized to recover their costs for tax billing and collection activities related to the solid waste excise tax up to a maximum of five percent of the funds collected. (Ord. 2014-050 Exh. A; Ord. 98-008; Ord. 97-041 Exh. A; Ord. 90-1 § 11).

8.13.120 Effective date.

This chapter shall take effect on May 1, 1990. The county council shall review the need for the solid waste excise tax, the level of the tax, and the operation of the solid waste system as frequently as may be needed. Such review shall be performed no less frequently than the review of solid waste management plans as required under Chapter 70.95 RCW and as such law may be amended from time to time. (Ord. 2014-050 Exh. A; Ord. 97-041 Exh. A; Ord. 90-1 § 12).

8.13.130 Severability.

The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this chapter shall not affect the other provisions hereof, and this chapter shall be construed in all respects as if such invalid or unenforceable provision were omitted. (Ord. 2014-050 Exh. A; Ord. 97-041 Exh. A; Ord. 90-1 § 13).

8.13.140 Annual review of tax requirements.

The executive committee shall annually review the tax requirements to fund the solid waste disposal programs and advise the county council of their findings. (Ord. 2014-050 Exh. A; Ord. 97-041 Exh. A; Ord. 90-1 § 14).

1 F. J. The "WUTC" is the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission or any
2 agency which succeeds to its powers. (Ord. 90-1 § 2).

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4 8.13.030 Excise privilege tax levied.

5 An excise privilege tax shall be levied upon the charges paid for solid waste collection by each
6 residential dwelling and by each business or institution in the district. This excise
7 privilege tax shall ~~equal a percentage of the collection charges~~ be levied on a per-ton basis and be
8 billed by certificated or franchised haulers of solid waste, all as authorized by RCW 36.58.140.

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10 This tax shall be equal throughout the district, and shall not exceed ~~10 percent~~ \$8.50 per ton
11 without the approval of all cities and towns in the district. The county council shall set the level of
12 the tax from time to time by ordinance. ~~If the county elects to impose the surcharge as provided in~~
13 ~~Section 15, Chapter 431, Laws of 1989, it shall coordinate such surcharge with the solid waste~~
14 ~~excise privilege tax so that the combined charge on all residents, businesses and institutions in the~~
15 ~~county shall be an equal percentage of the charges billed by the handler.~~ (Ord. 90-1 § 3).

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17 ~~8.13.040 Surcharge rate.~~

18 ~~Any person not paying the tax shall pay a surcharge rate equal to 125 percent of the usual rate~~
19 ~~charged for use of county disposal facilities. The county shall, in cooperation with haulers, develop~~
20 ~~an administrative system identifying those residents having mandatory collection service and~~
21 ~~thereby entitled to the lesser rate for use of county disposal facilities.~~ (Ord. 90-1 § 4).

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23 8.13.040 Tax ~~billing cycle~~ collection.

24 To simplify collection of the tax, each certificated or franchised hauler shall include the tax in its
25 regular billing cycle for all customers within the district, and remit the proceeds owing to the
26 County Treasurer by the ~~tenth working day following the end of each month due date as~~
27 ~~established by the Treasurer.~~ The excise tax provided for pursuant to this chapter shall, for
28 administrative purposes, be billed and collected as nearly as possible in a manner compatible with

