

CHAPTER 5.02

DISPOSAL CHARGES AND USER FEES

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#### 5.02.010 Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to establish solid waste disposal rates, charges and credit policies for the Metro South Station and the Metro Central Station and to establish the method for setting and administering appropriate fees and charges assessed on solid waste generated within Metro or delivered to solid waste facilities regulated by or contracting with Metro.

(Ordinance No. 82-146, Sec. 1. Amended by Ordinance No. 88-257, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 89-269, Sec. 2; Ordinance No. 90-337, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 91-386C, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 92-455B, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 94-531, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 98-720A, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 02-974, Sec. 1.)

#### 5.02.016 Scale Weights Required

All user fees or other fees submitted to Metro from any facility receiving solid waste generated within Metro shall be calculated on a tonnage basis using certified scale weights.

(Ordinance No. 82-146, Sec. 2. Amended by Ordinance No. 86-210, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 88-257, Sec. 2; Ordinance No. 88-278, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 89-269, Sec. 2; Ordinance No. 89-295, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 90-337, Sec. 2; Ordinance No. 90-372, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 91-386C, Sec. 2; Ordinance No. 91-404, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 02-974, Sec. 1.)

#### 5.02.020 Establishment of Disposal Fees and Charges; Procedures

(a) Purpose. The purpose of this section is to establish a consistent, predictable, open and transparent framework for the adoption of solid waste disposal fees and charges by Metro.

(b) Definitions. As used in this subsection, "rates" means any of Metro's solid waste fees or charges as set forth in Metro Code section 5.02.025 or 5.02.045. "Rate year" means a period of 365 consecutive days (366 leap year days) commencing from the date on which a rate becomes effective.

(c) Frequency. The Council shall consider rates annually and adopt changes as needed.

(d) Rate-Making Requirements; Independent Review. Each year the Chief Operating Officer shall prepare rates for consideration by the Council. Rates shall be regarded as provisional until transmitted to the Council pursuant to paragraph (e) of this section. In preparing provisional rates the Chief Operating Officer shall:

(1) Consider all sources and uses of funds that affect the solid waste revenue fund budget during the next rate year.

(2) Follow generally accepted practices for selection of methodologies, assumptions, requirements, and other technical factors that determine the rates.

(3) Incorporate rate criteria and policies adopted by resolution of the Council pursuant to paragraph (f) of this section.

(4) Submit the provisional rates to review by at least one independent expert. The reviewer shall test the provisional rates for accuracy, adequacy, the reasonableness of underlying assumptions, compliance with applicable law and requirements, consistency with adopted criteria of the Council, and any other criteria specified by the Chief Operating Officer or recommended by the reviewer under generally accepted professional or best practices for rate review. The Chief Operating Officer shall provide the reviewer with access to the rate model, data, assumptions, criteria, and any other information that the Chief Operating Officer used to calculate the provisional rates. At the conclusion of his work, the reviewer shall deliver a written report to the Chief Operating Officer documenting the reviewer's findings, exceptions and recommendations.

(5) Perform any other forms of due diligence that the Chief Operating Officer finds necessary to meet the purpose of this section.

(e) Transmittal of Proposed Rates to the Council. Each year the Chief Operating Officer shall transmit to the Metro Council in ordinance form a set of proposed rates for consideration. At the same time that the Chief Operating Officer transmits the rates, the Chief Operating Officer shall transmit to the Metro Council:

(1) A report that documents the methodologies, data, assumptions, adopted criteria and the other factors that the Chief Operating Officer used to calculate the proposed rates including their response to the recommendations of the independent review; and

(2) The report of the independent review prepared pursuant to paragraph (d)(3) of this section.

(f) Periodic Review of Rate Criteria and Policies. From time to time the Council shall undertake a review of its adopted rate criteria and policies. The purpose of these reviews shall be to assure that adopted criteria and policies reflect the

purpose of this section, meet Metro's needs, support Metro's management of the regional solid waste system, and address any findings of the Council that result from the periodic review. The Chief Operating Officer shall initiate periodic reviews no less frequently than every three years. The Council may initiate, or the Chief Operating Officer may propose to initiate, a review of rate criteria or policies at any time.

(Ordinance No. 09-1223. Amended by No. 14-1323, Sec. 1.)

5.02.025 Disposal Charges at Metro South & Metro Central Station

(a) The fee for disposal of solid waste at the Metro South Station and at the Metro Central Station shall consist of:

- (1) The following charges for each ton of solid waste delivered for disposal:
  - (A) A tonnage charge in the dollar amount adopted by an ordinance of the Metro Council,
  - (B) The regional system fee as provided in Section 5.02.045,
  - (C) The community enhancement fee set forth in Metro Code Chapter 5.06, and
  - (D) The applicable DEQ fees established in Oregon Revised Statutes chapters 459 and 459A, as implemented in Chapter 340 Division 90 of Oregon Administrative Rules;
- (2) All applicable solid waste taxes as established in Metro Code Chapter 7.01, which excise taxes shall be stated separately; and
- (3) A transaction charge in the dollar amount adopted by an ordinance of the Metro Council for each solid waste disposal transaction that is:
  - (A) Completed at staffed scales, or
  - (B) Completed at the automated scales.
  - (C) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (A), the solid waste disposal transaction

charge shall be the amount authorized in subsection (B) in the event that a transaction that is otherwise capable of being completed at the automated scales must be completed at the staffed scales due to a physical site limitation, a limit or restriction of the computer operating system for the automated scales, or due to a malfunction of the automated scales.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section,

- (1) There shall be minimum charges at Metro South Station and at Metro Central Station for the acceptance of solid wastes which shall consist of a transaction charge as set forth in Metro Code section 5.02.025(a)(3) plus a tipping charge based on the minimum load weight adopted by an ordinance of the Metro Council.
- (2) The Chief Operating Officer may waive collection of the regional system fee on solid waste that is generated outside the District, and collected by a hauler that is regulated by a local government unit, and accepted at Metro South Station or Metro Central Station.

(c) Total fees assessed in cash at the Metro South Station and at the Metro Central Station shall be rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount, with any \$0.50 charge rounded down.

(d) The Director of Parks and Environmental Services may waive disposal fees created in this section for non-commercial Customers of the Metro Central Station and of the Metro South Station under extraordinary, emergency conditions or circumstances.

(Ordinance No. 82-146. Amended by Ordinance No. 83-163, Sec. 2; Ordinance No. 85-191, Sec. 3; Ordinance No. 86-214, Sec. 3; Ordinance No. 88-257, Sec. 4; Ordinance No. 88-278, Sec. 3; Ordinance No. 89-269, Sec. 2; Ordinance No. 89-295, Sec. 3.; Ordinance No. 90-337, Sec. 4; Ordinance No. 90-372, Sec. 2; Ordinance No. 91-386C, Sec. 4; Ordinance No. 91-405A, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 92-455B, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 93-482, Sec. 2; Ordinance No. 94-531, Sec. 3; Ordinance No. 95-597, Sec. 2; Ordinance No. 97-681B, Sec. 2. Repealed by Ordinance No. 98-720A, Sec. 3; replaced by Ordinance No. 98-720A, Sec. 4. Amended by Ordinance No. 99-825A, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 01-918A,

Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 03-1000A, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 04-1042A, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 05-1080, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 06-1118, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 07-1146, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 08-1186A, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 09-1217A, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 10-1237, Secs. 1 and 4; Ordinance No. 11-1257A, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 12-1277, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 13-1302, Sec. 1 and Ordinance No. 14-1323, Sec. 2.)

#### 5.02.026 Source Separated Recyclable Disposal Charge Credit

Notwithstanding the provisions of Metro Code Section 5.02.025, non-commercial customers at Metro South Station or Metro Central Station who dispose of source-separated recyclable material as defined in ORS 459.005 shall receive a disposal charge credit in the amount of \$3.00 for disposing of fewer than 100 pounds of recyclables and in the amount of \$6.00 for 100 pounds or more of recyclables. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the Chief Operating Officer may designate source-separated recyclable materials that may be accepted from customers at no charge.

(Ordinance No. 98-720A, Secs. 5-6; Amended by Ordinance No. 04-1057, Sec. 1.)

#### 5.02.027 Charges for Management of Household Hazardous Wastes

(a) There is hereby established a household hazardous waste management charge that shall be collected on household hazardous waste accepted at Metro hazardous waste facilities. Such household hazardous waste management charge shall be in lieu of all other base disposal charges, user fees, regional transfer charges, rehabilitation and enhancement fees, and certification non-compliance fees that may be required by this chapter; and excise taxes required by Chapter 7.01.

(b) The household hazardous waste management charge shall be \$5.00 for the first 35 gallons of household hazardous waste that is accepted in a single transaction in containers of 10 gallons capacity or less, and \$5.00 for each additional 35 gallons (or portion thereof) of household hazardous waste that is delivered in the same transaction in containers of 10 gallons capacity or less. These fees shall not be charged for acceptance of post-consumer architectural paint under the Oregon paint stewardship system established by Oregon HB3037.

(c) The household hazardous waste management charge for household hazardous waste that is accepted in a container of greater than 10 gallons capacity shall be as follows:

- (1) \$5.00 for each empty container only;

- (2) \$10.00 for each container that contains up to 25 gallons of household hazardous waste;
- (3) \$15.00 for each container that contains more than 25 gallons of household hazardous waste.

(d) Each of the above charges may be waived by the Director of Parks and Environmental Services.

(Ordinance No. 98-720A, Secs. 7-8. Amended by Ordinance No. 01-907A, Sec. 2; Ordinance No. 04-1057, Sec. 2; Ordinance No. 07-1135, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 07-1146, Sec. 2; and Ordinance No. 11-1257A, Sec. 4.)

#### 5.02.028 Charges for Conditionally Exempt Generator Waste

(a) The amount charged for acceptance of conditionally exempt generator ("CEG") waste from non-household sources shall be the actual disposal costs of such waste calculated from the current Metro contractor price schedules, Metro and/or contractor labor costs, all applicable excise taxes, and the cost of material utilized for managing the waste.

(b) Notwithstanding section (a), there shall be no charge for acceptance of:

- (i) Post-consumer architectural paint under the Oregon paint stewardship system established by Oregon HB3037.
- (ii) Hazardous waste generated at any facility operated by Metro.

(c) The Director of Parks and Environmental Services may waive charges established in this section in specific instances upon a finding that a waiver of such charges is in the public interest.

(Ordinance No. 98-720A, Secs. 9-10; and Ordinance No. 11-1257A, Sec. 5.)

#### 5.02.029 Charges for Recoverable Solid Waste

(a) There are hereby established recoverable solid waste charges that shall be collected on different classes of recoverable solid wastes accepted at Metro Central Station or Metro South Station.

(b) The amount of each recoverable solid waste charge shall consist of a transaction charge as set forth in Section 5.02.025 and a tonnage charge as adopted by the Metro Council or as specified in this section.

(c) For purposes of this section 5.02.029, "managing" and "management of" recoverable solid waste shall mean any of the following activities: acceptance, onsite handling and logistics, quality assurance, mixing of wastes to meet an engineering or market specification, processing such as grinding and shredding that may alter the form but does not substantially alter the content of the waste, residuals management, reloading, transport and delivery to a recycling site, and similar activities directly related to the handling and disposition of recoverable solid waste.

(d) For purposes of this section 5.02.029, a "class" of recoverable solid waste is distinguished from other classes of wastes by a material difference in the cost of management or by physical characteristics that require different practices to manage the waste.

(e) The Chief Operating Officer is authorized to specify new classes of recoverable solid wastes, to set tonnage charges for new classes of recoverable solid wastes, and to change tonnage charges for existing classes of recoverable solid wastes. The Chief Operating Officer shall set the tonnage charge for each class of recoverable solid waste equal to the sum of:

(1) Metro's contractual costs, if any, paid by Metro to any contract operator of Metro Central or Metro South Station for managing said class of recoverable solid waste, expressed on a per-ton basis;

(2) Metro's direct costs, if any, for personnel, materials, services and capital incurred directly by Metro for managing said class of recoverable solid waste, expressed on a per-ton basis;

(3) An allocation of Metro's administrative, overhead, capital, and fixed contractual costs that is reasonably related to managing said class of recoverable solid waste, expressed on a per-ton basis; and

(4) The enhancement fee set forth in Metro Code section 5.06.010(a).

Nothing in this subsection modifies or is intended to modify the Metro Council's authority to set recoverable solid waste charges by ordinance at any time.

(f) The Chief Operating Officer shall provide 10 days notice to the Metro Council prior to implementing any proposed change to a recoverable solid waste tonnage charge, and when proposing a tonnage charge for a new class of recoverable solid waste. An accounting of the components of each recoverable solid

waste tonnage charge shall be kept on file with the Finance and Regulatory Services department or its successor at Metro.

(g) All recoverable solid waste charges shall be clearly posted by material class on Metro's website and at Metro Central and Metro South stations.

(h) Notwithstanding subsections (b) and (e) of this section:

(1) The Chief Operating Officer shall establish charges for recoverable solid wastes that are typically accepted and managed on a unit or count basis rather than by scale weight. These charges shall be based on Metro's actual costs for managing said wastes.

(2) The Chief Operating Officer shall establish minimum charges for loads of recoverable solid waste.

(3) The charge for accepting up to three Christmas trees in one transaction shall be the transaction charge as set forth in Metro Code Section 5.02.025.

(i) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any source-separated recyclable material that the Chief Operating Officer has designated as exempt from charges pursuant to Metro Code Section 5.02.026.

(Ordinance No. 98-720A, Secs. 11-12; Amended by Ordinance No. 06-1118, Sec. 2; repealed and replaced Ordinance No. 12-1277, Sec. 5.)

#### 5.02.030 Charges for Direct-Haul Disposal

Each facility licensed or franchised under Metro Code Chapter 5.01 and authorized to transport solid waste directly to the Columbia Ridge Landfill shall pay to Metro a per ton charge as provided in this section for the disposal of solid waste which is generated or originates within the Metro boundary and which the facility directly transports to the Columbia Ridge Landfill.

For each ton disposed under this section during each calendar quarter, such direct haul disposal charge shall be equal to the sum of the total amount that Metro paid to its contract operator for disposal of solid waste during the previous calendar quarter divided by the sum of the number of tons of solid waste disposed by Metro at the Columbia Ridge Landfill during the previous calendar quarter and the number of tons of solid waste disposed under Direct-Haul authorization during the previous calendar quarter.

(Ordinance No. 98-720A, Secs. 13-14. Amended by Ordinance No. 99-823A, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 01-913, Sec. 1.)

5.02.031 Special Waste Surcharge and Special Waste Permit Application Fees

(a) A special waste surcharge and a special waste permit application fee shall be collected on all special wastes disposed of at Metro facilities and on all special waste permit applications. The surcharge and fee shall be in addition to any other charge or fee established by this chapter. The purpose of the surcharge and permit application fee is to require disposers of special waste to pay the cost of services provided by Metro to manage special wastes. The surcharge and fee shall be applied to all special wastes.

(b) The special waste surcharge shall be determined by Metro's actual costs in managing special waste, which costs comprise: special handling costs, cleanup costs, and lab or testing costs. The special waste surcharge shall apply to all permitted special wastes and to all non-permitted special wastes that Metro discovers at a Metro-operated facility that result in additional management costs not otherwise covered by, or incorporated within, any other Metro fee.

(c) The special waste permit application fee shall be \$25.00. This fee shall be collected at the time special waste permit applications are received for processing.

(d) The special waste surcharge and special waste permit application fee shall not apply to household hazardous waste accepted at Metro hazardous waste facilities or Metro household hazardous waste collection events.

(Ordinance No. 98-720A, Secs. 15-16. Amended by Ordinance No. 01-907A, Sec. 3.)

5.02.035 Litter Control Surcharge

(a) A surcharge of \$25.00 per ton, up to a maximum amount of \$100.00, shall be levied against any customer who disposes of solid waste or a recoverable solid waste at Metro Central Station or at Metro South Station if, when entering the facility, any portion of the customer's waste or recoverable solid waste is unsecured and visible to Metro scalehouse personnel.

(b) No surcharge shall be levied under this section if the solid waste or recoverable solid waste is only visible through a secure covering.

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, a surcharge of \$3.00 per solid waste disposal transaction shall be levied against any customer who disposes of a single load of solid waste or recoverable solid waste that weighs 240 pounds or less and that is unsecured and visible to Metro scalehouse personnel.

(d) The surcharge provided for in this section shall be collected in the same manner as Metro collects all other disposal fees and charges at the facility.

(Ordinance No. 82-146, Sec. 6. Amended by Ordinance No. 89-269, Sec. 2; Ordinance No. 90-337, Sec. 5; Ordinance No. 91-397, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 94-531, Sec. 4; Ordinance No. 97-681B, Sec. 3. Repealed by Ordinance No. 98-720A, Sec. 17; replaced by Ordinance No. 98-720A, Sec. 18; amended by Ordinance No. 01-898, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 01-918A, Sec. 2; Ordinance No. 05-1080, Sec. 2; Ordinance No. 06-1118, Sec. 3.)

(5.02.037 Disposal Charge for Compostable Organic Waste. Ordinance No. 00-876A, Secs. 2-3. Amended by Ordinance No. 04-1036, Sec. 2.; Repealed Ord. No. 12-1277 Sec. 6, effective 8/01/12.)

(5.02.040 Disposal Fees. Repealed Ord. 94-531 § 5)

#### 5.02.045 Regional System Fees

(a) The regional system fee shall be the dollar amount per ton of solid waste adopted by an ordinance of the Metro Council, prorated based on the actual weight of solid waste at issue rounded to the nearest one-hundredth of a ton.

(b) Any waste hauler or other person transporting solid waste generated, originating, or collected from inside the Metro region shall pay regional system fees to Metro for the disposal of such solid waste. Payment of applicable system fees to the operator of a designated facility shall satisfy the obligation to pay system fees, provided that, if such solid waste is transported to a designated facility outside of the Metro region, then such waste hauler or other person must have informed the operator of the designated facility that the solid waste was generated, originated or collected inside the Metro region. In any dispute regarding whether such waste hauler or other person informed such operator that the solid waste was generated, originated, or collected inside the Metro region, such waste hauler or other person shall have the burden of proving that such information was communicated.

(c) Regional system fees shall not apply to:

- (1) Solid waste received at solid waste facilities that are licensed, franchised or exempt from regulation under Chapter 5.01;
- (2) Cleanup material contaminated by hazardous substances accepted at facilities that treat said cleanup material contaminated by hazardous substances to applicable DEQ standards;
- (3) Useful material that is accepted at a disposal site that is listed as a Metro designated facility in Chapter 5.05 or accepted at a disposal site under authority of a Metro non-system license issued pursuant to Chapter 5.05, provided that the useful material: (A) is intended to be used, and is in fact used, productively in the operation of the disposal site such as for roadbeds or alternative daily cover; and (B) is accepted at the disposal site at no charge; or
- (4) Processing residual produced by any tire processor that is regulated pursuant to Chapter 5.01 and that sorts, classifies or processes used tires into fuel or other products, provided said processing residual conforms to Environmental Quality Commission standards established pursuant to ORS 459.710(2). This exemption is only granted to the extent, and under the terms, specified in the Metro license or franchise.

(d) Designated facility operators shall collect and pay to Metro the regional system fee for the disposal of solid waste generated, originating, collected, or disposed of within Metro boundaries, in accordance with this chapter. There is no liability for regional system fees on charge accounts that are worthless and charged off as uncollectible, provided that an affidavit is filed with Metro stating the name and amount of each uncollectible charge account and documenting good faith efforts that have been made to collect the accounts. Regional system fees may not be deemed uncollectible unless the underlying account is also uncollectible. If the fees have previously been paid, a deduction may be taken from the next payment due to Metro for the amount found worthless and charged off. If any such account is thereafter collected, in whole or in part, the amount so collected shall be included in the first return filed after such collection, and the fees shall be paid with the return.

(e) All regional system fees shall be paid in the form of a remittance payable to Metro. All regional system fees

received by Metro shall be deposited in the solid waste operating fund and used only for the administration, implementation, operation and enforcement of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan.

(f) When solid waste generated from within the Metro boundary is mixed in the same vehicle or container with solid waste generated from outside the Metro boundary, the load in its entirety shall be reported at the disposal site by the generator or hauler as having been generated within the Metro boundary, and the regional system fee shall be paid on the entire load unless the generator or hauler provides the disposal site operator with documentation regarding the total weight of the solid waste in the vehicle or container that was generated within the Metro boundary and the disposal site operator forwards such documentation to Metro, or unless Metro has agreed in writing to another method of reporting.

(Ordinance No. 82-146, Sec. 8; Ordinance No. 85-191, Sec. 4; Ordinance No. 86-214, Sec. 4; Ordinance No. 88-257, Sec. 6; Ordinance No. 88-278, Sec. 4; Ordinance No. 89-269, Sec. 2; Ordinance No. 90-337, Sec. 6; Ordinance No. 90-351, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 90-372, Sec. 3; Ordinance No. 91-386C, Sec. 6; Ordinance No. 92-455B, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 94-531, Sec. 6; Ordinance No. 97-681B, Sec. 4. Repealed by Ordinance No. 98-720A, Sec. 19; replaced by Ordinance No. 98-720A, Sec. 20. Amended by Ordinance No. 99-823A, Sec. 2; Ordinance No. 00-867, Sec. 3; Ordinance No. 01-918A, Sec. 3; Ordinance No. 03-1000A, Sec. 2; Ordinance No. 04-1042A, Sec. 2; Ordinance No. 05-1080, Sec. 3; Ordinance No. 06-1103, Sec. 2; Ordinance No. 06-1118, Sec. 4; Ordinance No. 07-1146, Sec. 3; Ordinance No. 08-1186A, Sec. 2; Ordinance No. 09-1217A, Sec. 2; Ordinance No. 10-1237, Secs. 2 and 4; Ordinance No. 11-1257A, Sec. 2; Ordinance No. 12-1277, Sec. 2 Ordinance No. 13-1323, Sec 3; and Ordinance No. 14-1338.)

(5.02.046 Special Findings for Regional System Fee Credits.  
Repealed Ord. 07-1147B, effective 7/01/09)

5.02.047 Regional System Fees on Cleanup Material Contaminated  
by Hazardous Substances

(a) Notwithstanding Section 5.02.045(a), there is hereby established a reduced regional system fee on cleanup material contaminated by hazardous substances that is delivered to any solid waste system facility authorized to accept such material.

(b) The regional system fee on cleanup material contaminated by hazardous substances shall be the dollar amount per ton adopted by an ordinance of the Metro Council.

(c) The Chief Operating Officer is authorized to issue administrative procedures that define the terms and conditions under which solid wastes may qualify for the reduced regional system fee. The Chief Operating Officer is further authorized to establish an application process for said reduced rate; and may approve, deny, or approve with conditions any application submitted under this process.

(Ordinance No. 98-720A, Secs. 21-22. Amended by Ordinance No. 98-762C, Sec. 55; Ordinance No. 99-805, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 99-823A, Sec. 3; Ordinance No. 00-858, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 00-867, Sec. 4; Ordinance No. 00-873, Sec. 2; Ordinance No. 01-897, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 01-919B, Sec. 4; Ordinance No. 02-951B, Sec. 2; Ordinance No. 02-974, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 03-1000A, Sec. 3; Ordinance No. 04-1042A, Sec. 3; Ordinance No. 06-1118, Sec. 5; Ordinance No. 07-1146, Sec. 4; Ordinance No. 07-1147B, Sec. 7; Ordinance No. 08-1186A, Sec. 3; Ordinance No. 09-1217A, Sec. 3; Ordinance No. 10-1237, Secs. 3-4; Ordinance No. 11-1257A, Sec. 3; Ordinance No. 12-1277, Sec. 3; repealed and replaced Ordinance No. 14-1323, Sec.4.)

(5.02.050 Regional Transfer Charge. Repealed Ord. 94-531 § 7.)

#### 5.02.055 Remittance to Metro of Fees and Other Charges

(a) Fees and charges owed to Metro by any person pursuant to this Chapter shall constitute a debt owed to Metro, and such debt shall be extinguished only by payment of such fees and charges to Metro as provided in this section. Franchisees and other operators of designated facilities shall remit fees and charges other than excise taxes to Metro as specified in this section. In addition, waste haulers and other persons liable for the payment of user fees as provided in Metro Code Section 5.02.045(b) shall remit fees and charges other than excise taxes to Metro as specified in this section.

(b) Fees shall accrue on a monthly basis and shall be remitted to Metro by the 15th day of the month for waste disposed of in the preceding month. Fees and other charges will be delinquent if not received by Metro on or before the due date. If the due date falls on a holiday or weekend, amounts are delinquent at the end of the first business day that follows.

(Ordinance No. 93-509, Sec. 3; Ordinance No. 94-533, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 97-681B, Sec. 5; Ordinance No. 98-720A, Sec. 23; Ordinance No. 06-1103, Sec. 3; and Ordinance No. 14-1338.)

5.02.060 Account Policy at Metro Solid Waste Disposal Facilities

(a) Disposal charges, including all fees and taxes, may be paid at the time of disposal in cash, by credit card, or by check, or may be paid under Metro's credit policy. No credit shall be granted to any person prior to approval of a credit application in a form or forms provided by Metro.

(b) Metro's Chief Operating Officer shall establish and maintain appropriate account requirements for new and existing accounts, which requirements shall be designed to diminish Metro's risk of loss due to non-payment. Existing account holders may be required to make new application for credit or provide additional guarantees, as deemed necessary or prudent by the Chief Operating Officer.

(c) Account charges shall accrue on a monthly basis. Metro will mail statements on or about the 10th day of the month for disposal services rendered in the prior month. A statement must be paid no later than the last business day of the month in which it is mailed; the statement will be considered past due thereafter. A payment shall under no circumstances be considered received by Metro unless it is delivered personally to the Metro Department of Finance and Administrative Services during business hours or, if delivered by mail, received in Metro's mail room on or before the due date.

(d) A finance charge in the amount of the greater of \$25.00 or 1.5 percent of the sum of all past due charges shall be assessed on all unpaid, past due charges commencing as of the 15th day of the month following the month in which a statement is mailed, and continuing on the 15th day of each month thereafter until paid. Finance charges will be assessed only on unpaid past due balances, and not on previously assessed finance charges. Finance charges will continue to be assessed on negotiated repayment schedules. Payments will be applied first to finance charges and then to the oldest amount past due. In addition to any other finance charge or fee, any account that has been forwarded to any collection agency for collection will also be charged a collection fee in the amount of 30 percent of the past-due balance owing at the time of collection.

(e) An account that is 15 days past due, as defined in 5.02.060(c), may be placed on a cash only basis, until all past due disposal and finance charges are paid. An account that has

been placed on a cash only basis more than twice during any 12-month period may be closed. Facility access may be denied to a person whose account is past due and unpaid for 30 days. A decision to place an account on a cash only basis or deny facility access shall be at the discretion of the Chief Financial Officer.

(f) An account customer that sells, terminates, or makes a substantial change in the scope of its business after its application for credit has been approved must notify Metro immediately. Failure to provide the notice required by this subsection may result in termination of credit at Metro facilities pending reapplication for credit.

(g) The Department of Finance and Administrative Services may adjust accounts receivable and reverse finance charges in accordance with prudent credit practices. Adjustments over \$1,000.00 shall be reported to the Council in writing on a monthly basis.

(h) The Chief Operating Officer may end pursuit of an account receivable, consistent with prudent credit practices, when the likelihood of collecting does not justify further collection costs. Such action shall be reported to the Council in writing on a monthly basis when the amount exceeds \$1,000.00, and amounts over \$10,000.00 shall require Council approval.

(Ordinance No. 82-146, Sec. 11. Amended by Ordinance No. 90-350; Ordinance No. 91-386C, Sec. 8; Ordinance No. 92-455, Sec. 1. Repealed and re-established by Ordinance No. 93-504A. Amended by Ordinance No. 97-681B, Sec. 6; Ordinance No. 98-720A, Sec. 24; Ordinance No. 01-913, Sec. 2; Ordinance No. 02-974, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 04-1049, Sec. 1.)

(5.02.065 Special Waste Surcharge and Special Waste Permit Application Fees; Conditionally Exempt Generator Waste. Repealed Ord. 98-720A § 25)

(5.02.070 Source Separated Yard Debris Disposal Charge. Repealed Ord. 98-720A § 25)

#### 5.02.075 Special Exemption from Disposal Fees

(a) The Chief Operating Officer may issue on such terms as the Chief Operating Officer finds appropriate a special exemption permit to a public agency, local government, or qualified non-profit entity as specified in Code Section 5.07.030(a), (b), (d) and (j) for the purpose of waiving fees for disposal of solid waste generated within the Metro region.

(b) Commencing in Metro fiscal year 2007-08 and in each fiscal year thereafter, the Chief Operating Officer shall

provide the Metro Council with an annual report showing (1) the amount of solid waste recycled and disposed under the special exemption permits granted by the Chief Operating Officer during such fiscal year; and (2) the total expenditures arising from the exemption permits granted.

(Ordinance No. 94-531, Sec. 9. Amended by Ordinance No. 97-681B, Sec. 8; Ordinance No. 02-974, Sec. 1; Ordinance No. 06-1099B.)

(5.02.085 Out-of-District Waste. Repealed Ord. 98-720A § 25)

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