

2015 LOWNDES COUNTY SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE

ARTICLE I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1.1. Intent and Purpose. The intent and purpose of this Ordinance is to regulate the collection, transportation, and disposal of solid waste in the unincorporated areas of Lowndes County and from residential premises within the unincorporated areas of the County for the purposes of:

(a) protecting the public health, safety, and general welfare by preventing the dissemination of and providing for the removal of inorganic refuse materials laden with bacterial elements and contaminants detrimental to the general well-being of citizens, their property, and the environment;

(b) protecting the public health, safety, and general welfare and enhancing the quality of the water, air, and overall environment of Lowndes County by providing for uniform rules and procedures for the collection, transportation, and disposal of solid waste generated by residential premises within the unincorporated areas of the County;

(c) protecting the public health, safety, and general welfare and enhancing the quality of the water, air, and overall environment of Lowndes County by prohibiting the operation of any business, enterprise, or commercial activity engaged in the collection, transportation, or disposal of residential solid waste serving residential premises within the unincorporated areas of the County except pursuant to a franchise issued by the County and providing for the assessment of a franchise fee payable by such franchisees for the costs to the County of overseeing and regulating the activities permitted by such franchisees; and

(d) protecting the public health, safety, and general welfare and enhancing the quality of the water, air, and overall environment of Lowndes County by providing for certain additional rules and regulations applicable to the collection, transportation, and disposal of non-residential solid waste in the unincorporated areas of Lowndes County.

Section 1.2. Enactment Authority. The Board of Commissioners, under the authority of Article 9, Section 2, Paragraphs 1 and 3 of the Constitution of the State of Georgia and Title 12, Chapter 8, Article 2, Title 16, Chapter 7, and Section 36-1-20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, hereby ordains and enacts into law this Ordinance.

Section 1.3. Title. This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the “2015 Lowndes County Solid Waste Ordinance” or the “2015 Solid Waste Ordinance of Lowndes County”.

Section 1.4. Applicability. This Ordinance shall apply to the collection, transportation, and disposal of solid waste in the unincorporated areas of Lowndes County and to the provision of residential solid waste collection services to residents of the unincorporated areas of Lowndes County as presently or hereafter established. The provisions contained herein:

(a) prescribe and provide certain uniform rules and procedures for the collection, transportation, and disposal of residential solid waste generated by residential premises within the unincorporated areas of the County and by each and every business, enterprise, or commercial activity engaged in providing such services;

(b) provide for the franchising of such businesses, enterprises, and commercial activities;