



# City of East Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dear Rubbish Contractor,

It is time once again to renew your rubbish contractor license for the season. This is necessary if you plan to do business in East Grand Rapids. An application is enclosed. Please complete and returned to the City.

The City is now requesting that you tell us if you recycle, and if you offer residential, and (or) commercial service. The information we hope will better serve our residents when choosing a Rubbish Contractor.

**The fee for a Rubbish contractor license is \$100.00 for the first vehicle and \$50.00 for each additional vehicle, payable to the City of East Grand Rapids. This increase is due to the adoption of an ordinance amendment to section 7.32 of our city code. (Enclosed)**

Please include with payment a certificate of insurance, which lists the city as additional insured, as well as the number of vehicles, which will be operating in East Grand Rapids. Please review the regulations regarding the City's insurance requirements before submitting your application. Mail the completed application, insurance certificate, and check to:

City of East Grand Rapids  
Attn: Rubbish Hauler License  
750 Lakeside Drive SE  
East Grand Rapids, MI 49506

If you have any questions, please call 949-2110.

Sincerely,

City of East Grand Rapids

## MUNICIPAL OFFICES

750 Lakeside Drive, SE • East Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506  
Telephone (616) 949-2110 Fax (616) 940-4884 [www.eastgr.org](http://www.eastgr.org)

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# City of East Grand Rapids License Application

<b>TYPE OF LICENSE:</b> (Circle One)	<b>SNOW PLOW</b>	<b>\$100+\$25</b>	<b>EA ADD'L VEHICLE</b>
	<b>RUBBISH HAULER</b>	<b>\$100+\$50</b>	<b>EA ADD'L VEHICLE</b>
	<b>LAWN CARE</b>	<b>\$100+\$25</b>	<b>EA ADD'L VEHICLE</b>

<b>HAVE YOU INCLUDED:</b> (Circle One)	<b>LICENSE FEE</b>	<b>YES OR NO</b>
	<b>INSURANCE CERTIFICATE</b>	<b>YES OR NO</b>

**WHICH DO YOU SERVICE? Pertains only to Rubbish Removal Contractors**  
(Circle Which Apply)      **RECYCLE    RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL    RES & COMM**

(Please Circle One):  
**CORPORATION      INDIVIDUAL OWNER      PARTNERSHIP**

**NAME OF BUSINESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**BUSINESS ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_  
**BUSINESS PHONE:** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
**E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**BUSINESS WEBSITE (IF APPLICABLE):** \_\_\_\_\_

**IF CORPORATION:**  
**NAME OF REGISTERED AGENT:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ADDRESS OF REGISTERED AGENT:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_  
**NAME OF CEO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IF INDIVIDUAL OWNER:**  
**NAME OF OWNER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**OWNER'S HOME ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**OWNER'S DATE OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If PARTNERSHIP:**  
**NAME & ADDRESS OF PARTNERS:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF VEHICLES TO BE LICENSED:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b><u>YEAR/MAKE OF VEHICLES</u></b>	<b><u>LICENSE NUMBER (S) OR VIN (S)</u></b>	<b><u>FOR CITY USE ONLY LICENSE NO.</u></b>

**APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION**

**I hereby certify that the information provided on this application is true, that I have received a copy of the City Code governing licensing of commercial operations. I have received a copy of the rules and regulations pertaining to the operation of lawn maintenance, snow plowing, or rubbish hauling vehicles, and that I agree to abide by these provisions.**

**DATED:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**X SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**X PRINT NAME OF APPLICANT**

**Thank You,  
City Of East Grand Rapids**

**Please mail to:  
City of East Grand Rapids  
750 Lakeside Dr. SE  
East Grand Rapids, MI 49506**

**Office hours: M-F 8am-5pm**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 7.32 OF  
CHAPTER 72 OF TITLE VII OF THE CODE OF THE CITY  
OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

THE CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 7.32 of Chapter 72 of Title VII of the Code of the City of East Grand Rapids is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

Sec. 7.32 Fees for Licenses. Fees for licenses shall be as herein prescribed for the business, trade, occupation or privilege to be licensed.

Animal show license (section 7.72) .....	\$25.00
Bicycles (section 10.42) .....	No charge
Boat marina (section 3.212), annual fee .....	100.00
Bowling alley (section 7.72), annual fee.....	25.00
Dance hall or studio (section 7.77):	
Per day.....	10.00
Annual fee .....	25.00
Exhibitions, shows, etc. (section 7.82)	
Per day.....	5.00
Annual fee .....	25.00
Filling station (section 7.61), annual fee.....	25.00
Lawn contractors (section 7.86),	
Annual fee .....	50.00
Each additional vehicle .....	25.00
Poolroom (section 7.72), annual fee .....	25.00
Rooming house (section 8.96), annual fee.....	25.00
Show license (section 7.81).....	25.00
Snow removal contractor (section 7.90), annual fee:	
First Vehicle.....	50.00
Each additional vehicle .....	25.00
Theaters (section 7.83), annual fee .....	25.00
Transient merchants (section 7.36)	
Per day.....	25.00
Per week .....	100.00
Annual fee .....	200.00
Waste hauler (section 2.5), annual fee	
First vehicle.....	100.00
Each additional vehicle .....	50.00

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be effective on August \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be published in full pursuant to the provisions of Chapter VII, Section 7.5 of the Charter of the City of East Grand Rapids.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 7.52 OF  
CHAPTER 74 OF TITLE VII OF THE CODE OF THE  
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

THE CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 7.52 of Chapter 74 of Title VII is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

Sec. 7.52 **Application Procedures.** An applicant shall make a request for approval by the city of a tavern license or Class C license upon forms provided by the city clerk. A fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) shall accompany all applications made pursuant to this chapter. Upon receipt of such application, the city clerk shall transmit the same to the director of public safety, the city treasurer, and the building inspector. These departments shall investigate the premises to ensure compliance with all laws and regulations and shall check the applicant's records to be certain that all taxes are paid and that there are no outstanding citations or criminal charges. Once the review of these departments is complete, the application shall be considered by the city commission for approval or denial.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be effective on August \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be published in full pursuant to the provisions of Chapter VII, Section 7.5 of the Charter of the City of East Grand Rapids.

AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATION GOVERNING OPERATIONS OF WASTE HAULERS PURSUANT  
TO SECTION 2.5 OF CHAPTER 21 OF TITLE II OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Section 1. A new Subsection D is added to the Regulations Governing Operations of Waste Haulers to read as follows:

D Regulation No. 4. Every licensed waste hauler shall not collect solid waste and/or source separated materials within any residentially zoned areas of the City between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.

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Adopted by the City of East Grand Rapids  
City Commission on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2000

## REGULATIONS GOVERNING OPERATION OF WASTE HAULERS

Regulation no. 1: Each applicant for a waste hauler license shall file with the application, a certificate of insurance for motor vehicle insurance in the minimum amounts of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) per person and Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) per accident for bodily injury, and one Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for property damage, or a combined single limit coverage of at least Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00). None of this coverage shall have any deductible amount, except for property damage which shall have a deductible amount, except for property damage which shall have a deductible of not more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00). The certificate must name the applicant as the insured and the City as an additional insured, and must include at least a ten (10) day notice of cancellation clause.

The certificates must state that they cover commercial operations or waste hauling operations, and must either extend through the full license period (through June 30) or be immediately renewed so as to avoid any lapse in coverage during the license period. Proof of renewal shall be furnished to the City at least ten (10) days prior to the insurance expiration date.

Regulation no. 2: Every licensed waste hauler shall prominently display, on each vehicle registered for use in the City, a Kent County sticker and a City sticker in accordance with regulations issued by Kent County. An East Grand Rapids sticker shall be provided at the time the license is issued. A new license and sticker shall be issued each July 1 by the City Clerk's Office. The Kent County sticker, along with an updated copy of the County rules and regulation governing operations of waste haulers must be obtained at the Kent County Department of Public Works.

## CHAPTER 21

COMBUSTIBLE WASTE AND SOLID WASTE<sup>1</sup>

Section:		
2.1.	Definitions	the Public Acts of Michigan, 1978, as amended, and any amendments thereto adopted in accordance with said act. <sup>2</sup>
2.2.	Yard rubbish collection	
2.3.	Accumulation and storage of solid waste and source-separated materials	APPROVED INCINERATOR and APPROVED GARBAGE GRINDER means incinerators and garbage grinders, respectively, which conform with all city ordinance requirements, are used exclusively to dispose of solid waste generated by the occupant of the site of generation on which they are located, and are consistent with the Act 641 plan.
2.4.	Disposition of solid waste	
2.5.	Waste haulers' licenses	
2.5A.	Identification of solid waste containers	
2.5-1.	Regulations governing operations of waste haulers	
2.6.	Delivery of combustible waste; commercial operation date	ASHES means the residue from the burning of wood, coal, coke, refuse, waste water sludge, or other combustible materials.
2.7.	Compliance with laws, rules, and regulations	
2.8.	Littering and waste accumulation prohibited	BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS means the Kent County Board of Public Works established pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 185 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1957, as amended. (1982 Code §2.1)
2.9.	Rules and regulations	
2.10.	Regulations governing collection of yard rubbish	
2.11.	Violations; penalty	COMBUSTIBLE WASTE means solid waste that is combustible in the MBI as shall be determined solely by the board of public works. "Combustible waste" shall include: a) garbage; b) combustible rubbish, such as paper; cardboard; cartons; wood; boxes, rags, cloth; bedding; leather; grass; leaves and brush; yard trimmings; tree limbs; timber; logs, and stumps six (6) inches in diameter or less; carpeting; and combustible construction and demolition debris; and c) any other solid waste that is combustible in the MBI as shall be determined solely by the board of public works. "Combustible waste" shall exclude: a) noncombustible solid waste, such as ashes; noncombustible rubbish; inciner-
2.12.	Notice of violation	
2.13-2.17.	Reserved	
2.1.	<b>Definitions.</b> For purposes of this chapter, the words and phrases listed below shall have the following meanings:	
	ACT 641 PLAN means the Kent County Solid Waste Management Plan approved by the Kent County Board of Commissioners, the City of East Grand Rapids, and by the director of the department of natural resources, pursuant to the requirements and provisions of Act No. 641 of	

1. An Ordinance dated Nov. 18, 1985, amended Ch. 21 in its entirety to read as herein set forth. Prior to such amendment, Ch. 21, §§2.1-2.17, pertained to garbage and rubbish and bore no history notes. See Chapter 91, Article II of this Code for litter control.

2. M.C.L.A. §299.401 et seq.

ator ash; incinerator residue; municipal and industrial sludges; animal waste; pathological and biological waste; asbestos and asbestos waste products; explosives; radioactive materials; appliances; concrete rubble; noncombustible construction and demolition debris; rock; gravel and earth materials; automobiles; trailers; equipment wire and cable; b) all waste other than solid waste (such as hazardous waste; site-separated materials and source-separated materials); and c) any other type of waste that is noncombustible in the MBI as shall be determined solely by the board of public works.

**COMMERCIAL OPERATION DATE** means the date when the MBI has been completed and tested and is, in the sole opinion of the county, ready for full commercial operation.

**COUNTY** means the County of Kent, Michigan, acting by and through its board of commissioners or its department of public works.

**DIRECTOR** shall mean the director of city services.

**DIRECTOR'S ASSISTANT** shall mean any city employee authorized by the director of city services to issue violations pursuant to section 2.12.

**DISPOSAL SITE** means any of the following: a) a solid waste transfer facility; b) a single incinerator having an average daily design capacity exceeding fifty (50) tons of solid waste per day or two (2) or more incinerators located at one (1) site under the control of one (1) person and having an aggregate average daily design capacity exceeding one hundred fifty (150) tons of solid waste per day; c) a sanitary landfill; d) a solid waste processing plant; or e) any other solid waste handling or disposal facility utilized in the disposal of solid waste.

**GARBAGE** means rejected food wastes, including waste accumulation of animal, fruit, or

vegetable matter, used or intended for food or that attends the preparation, use, cooking, dealing in, or storing of meat, fish, fowl, fruit, or vegetables.

**HAZARDOUS WASTE** means hazardous waste as defined in Act 64 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1979, as amended from time to time, and as identified in administrative rules promulgated from time to time pursuant to said act by the director of the Michigan department of natural resources.

**MBI** means the mass-burn energy generating incinerator to be constructed by or on behalf of, or available by contract or lease with, the county within the City of Grand Rapids in accordance with the Act 641 plan.

**PERSON** means any individual, firm, public or private corporation, partnership, trust, public or private agency or any other entity, or any group of such persons.

**PREMISES** means any enclosed area used for residential, commercial, or industrial purposes, separately or in combination, to which a separate street address, postal address or box, tax roll description, or other similar identification has been assigned to or is in use by a person having control of the area.

**RUBBISH** means nonputrescible solid waste, excluding ashes, consisting of combustible and noncombustible waste, including paper, cardboard, metal containers, yard rubbish, wood, glass, bedding, crockery, demolished building materials, or litter of any kind that may be a detriment to the public health and safety.

**SITE OF GENERATION** means any premises in or on which solid waste is generated by any person.

**SITE-SEPARATED MATERIALS** means recyclable materials (including, but not limited to,

bottles, cans, newspapers, corrugated containers, metals, and yard rubbish) that are separated from solid waste after collection from a site of generation by the city, a waste hauler, or the operators of a disposal site to which it is delivered.

**SOLID WASTE** means garbage, rubbish, ashes, incinerator ash, incinerator residue, street cleanings, municipal and industrial sludges, solid commercial and solid industrial waste, and animal waste; provided, however, that this definition shall not include hazardous waste, site-separated materials, source-separated materials, human body waste, liquid or other waste regulated by statute<sup>1</sup>, ferrous and nonferrous scrap directed to a scrap metal processor or to a reuser of ferrous or nonferrous products, and slag or slag products directed to a slag processor or to a reuser of slag or slag products.

**SOURCE-SEPARATED MATERIALS** means recyclable materials (including, but not limited to, bottles, cans, newspapers, corrugated containers, metals, and yard rubbish) that are separated from solid waste prior to the collection of solid waste from a site of generation.

**TIPPING FEE** means the fee established by the board of public works to be charged upon delivery of combustible waste to the MBI.

**WASTE HAULER** means any person, engaged, in whole or in part, in the business of collecting, transporting, delivering or disposing of solid waste within the city.

**YARD RUBBISH** means grass clippings, branches, twigs, leaves, brush, shrub clippings, tree limbs and general yard and garden waste materials. (Ord., 11-18-85; Ord., 9-19-88; Ord., 9-14-91; Ord., 8-14-92)

2.2. **Yard rubbish collection**<sup>2</sup>. Yard rubbish shall be collected by the city at regular intervals pursuant to a schedule established by the director. The yard rubbish collection service of the city shall be under the supervision and direction of the director.

The city manager shall make such reasonable rules and regulations concerning the storage and collection of yard rubbish as he may deem proper, subject to the approval of the commission. No person shall fail to observe any rule or regulation so adopted and approved<sup>3</sup>. (Ord., 11-18-85)

2.3. **Accumulation and storage of solid waste and source-separated materials**<sup>4</sup>. The occupant of any premises within the city in which any solid waste or source-separated materials shall be accumulated shall maintain on said premises one (1) or more approved containers. The number of containers kept on each premises shall be sufficient to conveniently store the normal accumulation of solid waste and source-separated materials on said premises for a period of not less than seven (7) days. Each solid waste container shall be kept tightly covered with an impervious cover except when open for the deposit or removal of solid waste. Solid waste containers shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition at all times. Both solid waste containers and containers for source-separated materials shall be placed inside a building or at the rear or side of a building at a place which is reasonably inconspicuous, but shall be accessible to the waste hauler. The director may make such reasonable rules and regulations relating to the type of containers and the methods of storage of containers as the director may deem necessary for the public health, safety and welfare. (Ord., 11-18-85; Ord., 9-17-94)

1. M.C.L.A. §299.501 et seq.

2. See Chapter 78 of this Code for lawn care contractors.

3. See section 2.10 of this chapter.

4. See also section 9.95 of this Code.

2.4. **Disposition of solid waste.** Solid waste shall be disposed of only to licensed waste haulers or the city collection service (if provided), except that any individual may dispose of solid waste from his own household:

- A. By an approved incinerator<sup>1</sup> or approved garbage grinder;
- B. Upon the individual's own land so long as the disposal does not create a nuisance or hazard to health, in accordance with Section 18 of Act 641 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1978, as amended<sup>2</sup>.
- C. By personally transporting the same to an approved sanitary landfill but only in accordance with the rules and regulations pertaining thereto and the Act 641 plan. No person transporting any solid waste in accordance with this section shall fail to securely cover and secure the load so that no part of said load shall be lost while being transported. (Ord., 11-18-85)

2.5. **Waste haulers' licenses.** No person shall engage in the business of collecting, transporting, or disposing of solid waste within the city without first obtaining a license therefor. Licenses shall be issued upon application to the city clerk on forms provided by him and upon payment of such fee as shall be required by section 7.32. Licenses shall cover the period from July 1 through June 30, and a new license must be secured for each license year. No such license shall be issued except upon certification by the director that the equipment and ability of licensee is such that said licensee is able to conduct a solid waste collection business in accordance with the terms of this chapter and the rules and regulations of the director hereunder. It shall be an express condition of each license that the waste hauler shall comply

with all provisions of the chapter. The director shall make such reasonable rules and regulations governing the operation of the business of solid waste collection, transportation, and disposition as he may deem necessary and as are consistent with the Act 641 plan, subject to approval of the city commission. The director shall revoke the license of any waste hauler who fails to abide by any such rule or regulation or any provision of this chapter. Prior revocation of a license shall be sufficient grounds for refusal by the director to certify any future application of such licensee. (Ord., 11-18-85; Ord., 9-5-90)

2.5A. **Identification of solid waste containers.**

- A. A solid waste container having a capacity of at least one-half ( $1/2$ ) cubic yard shall be plainly marked with the name and current street address or the name and current telephone number of the waste hauler which collects solid waste from or transports solid waste within the solid waste container. The name and current street address or the name and current telephone number of the waste hauler shall be plainly marked on at least three (3) sides of the solid waste container in letters and figures not less than three (3) inches in height.
- B. The waste hauler collecting solid waste from or transporting the solid waste container having a capacity of at least one-half ( $1/2$ ) cubic yard shall be responsible for complying with this section. It shall be a violation of this section for any waste hauler to collect solid waste or to transport such a solid waste container unless the solid waste container has been marked in compliance with this section.

1. See also section 9.97, 9.98 and 9.205 of this Code.

2. M.C.L.A. §299.401 et seq.; see also section 9.98 of this Code.

- C. For purposes of this section, "solid waste container" means a container or receptacle designed or used for depositing, storing, or accumulating solid waste for collection or transportation by a waste hauler. Without limitation, this definition shall include dumpsters, packer boxes, and roll-offs or other receptacles designed or used to store solid waste or to transport solid waste from a site of generation.
- D. This section shall become effective on January 1, 1991. (Ord., 9-14-1991)

**2.5-1. Regulations governing operations of waste haulers.**

- A. Regulation no. 1. Each applicant for waste hauler license shall file with the application a certificate of insurance for motor vehicle insurance in the minimum amounts of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) per person and three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) per accident for bodily injury, and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) for property damage, or a combined single limit coverage of at least three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00). None of this coverage shall have any deductible amount, except for property damage which shall have a deductible of not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00). The certificates must name the applicant as the insured and the city as an additional insured, and must include at least a ten (10) day notice of cancellation clause. The certificates must state that they cover commercial operations or waste hauling operations, and must either extend through the full license period (through June 30) or be immediately renewed so as to avoid any lapse in coverage during the

license period. Proof of renewal shall be furnished to the city at least ten (10) days prior to the insurance expiration date.

- B. Regulation no. 2. Every licensed waste hauler shall prominently display on each vehicle registered for use in the city a Kent County sticker and a city sticker in accordance with regulations issued by Kent County. An East Grand Rapids sticker shall be provided at the time the license is issued. A new license and sticker shall be issued each July 1 by the city clerk's office. The Kent County sticker, along with an updated copy of the county rules and regulations governing operations of waste haulers, must be obtained at the Kent County department of public works.
- C. Regulation no. 3. Every waste hauler licensed in East Grand Rapids must provide every customer with the collection, transportation and disposition of both solid waste and source-separated materials other than yard rubbish which are specified by the director (recyclables), and shall charge customers a unified fee for this service. This regulation does not prohibit a licensed waste hauler from subcontracting with another licensed waste hauler for the collection, transportation and/or disposition of solid waste or recyclables so long as the customer is only charged a unified fee.
- D. Regulation no. 4. Every licensed waste hauler shall not collect solid waste and/or source-separated materials within any residentially zoned areas of the city between the hours of nine (9:00) o'clock p.m. and seven (7:00) o'clock a.m. (Ord., 4-8-1988; Ord., 8-7-1989; Memo dated 5-27-1993; Ord., 10-16-2000)

2.6. **Delivery of combustible waste; commercial operation date.**

- A. Commencing on the commercial operation date and at all times thereafter, waste haulers shall: 1) deliver to the MBI all combustible waste collected or transported from a site of generation within the city, and 2) pay the tipping fee for delivery of such waste at the MBI (unless otherwise provided by contract between the city and the waste hauler). Commencing on the commercial operation date and at all times thereafter, no waste hauler shall deliver combustible waste collected or transported from a site of generation within the city to any disposal site other than the MBI.
- B. Waste haulers shall deliver to the MBI all combustible waste regardless of whether the combustible waste is transported in the same load or vehicle as solid waste which is not combustible waste. This requirement shall be absolute and unconditional unless the board of public works, acting through its designated representatives, has made a prior written determination that a specific load of waste consists primarily of waste which would not be accepted for delivery at the MBI. Such a written determination of the board of public works shall not be applicable to waste collected from any site of generation, any load or vehicle, any waste hauler or any facts or circumstances, other than those expressly identified in the written determination. This subsection shall become effective on January 1, 1992.
- C. Waste haulers shall not deliver combustible waste to a site for site separation of recyclable materials unless the board of public works, acting through its designated representatives, after request of the

waste hauler, has made a prior written determination that such delivery does not violate this section. Such a written determination shall not be applicable to waste collected from any site of generation, any load or vehicle, any waste hauler, or any facts or circumstances other than those expressly identified in the written determination. A written determination pursuant to this section shall not relieve the waste hauler from the obligation to deliver to the MBI all combustible waste remaining in a load after site separation of recyclable materials. This subsection shall become effective on January 1, 1992.

- D. Waste haulers shall not deliver hazardous waste to the MBI.
- E. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, waste haulers shall not be prohibited from transporting combustible waste from a site of generation within the city for disposal at any disposal site located outside of the state of Michigan. (Ord., 9-14-1991; Ord., 11-14-1997)

2.7. **Compliance with laws, rules, and regulations.** Waste haulers shall comply with the act 641 plan and all applicable federal and state laws, statutes, rules, and regulations (including, but not limited to, act 641 and administrative rules promulgated pursuant to act 641) in the collection, transportation, delivery, and disposal of combustible waste. Waste haulers shall also comply with all rules and regulations of the board of public works for the administration and operation of the MBI (including, without limitation, rules and regulations prohibiting delivery of loads consisting primarily of unacceptable waste as solely determined by the board of public works acting through its designated representatives) and other disposal sites of the Kent County refuse disposal system. (Ord., 9-14-1991)

2.8. **Littering<sup>1</sup> and waste accumulation prohibited.** No person shall throw or deposit any solid waste, including yard rubbish, upon or into any street, alley or other property, public or private, except to the extent that yard rubbish may be placed in the street adjacent to the curb for collection by the city under the rules and regulations made by the city manager and approved by the city commission. It shall be the duty of every occupant of property and the owner of unoccupied property, at all times, to maintain the premises occupied or owned by him in a clean and orderly condition, permitting no deposit or accumulation of solid waste upon such premises unless stored or accumulated as permitted by this chapter. (1982 Code §2.8)

2.9. **Rules and regulations.** All rules and regulations promulgated by the director pursuant to section 2.5 of this chapter shall be filed with the city commission. Unless reversed or modified by the city commission at the first meeting after such filing with the city commission, the rules and regulations shall take effect immediately after said first meeting of the city commission. (Ord., 11-18-1985; Ord., 4-20-1987; Ord., 9-19-1988)

2.10. **Regulations governing collection of yard rubbish.** The following regulations issued pursuant to the provisions of section 2.2 of this chapter are approved by the city:

- A. Regulation no. 1. Yard rubbish, including grass clippings, branches, twigs, leaves, weeds, shrub clippings, and general yard and garden waste materials, shall be picked up by the city at curbside according to a schedule established and published by the city manager.
- B. Regulation no. 2. All grass clippings, weeds, and general yard and garden waste

materials shall be placed in a bag, box or other suitable container, limited in capacity to forty (40) pounds, which shall be placed on the outlawn abutting the property from which it came next to the curb for collection.

- C. Regulation no. 3. Shrub clippings and branches may be placed on the outlawn next to the curb for collection. Tree removal contractors are required to remove from the premises all waste materials resulting from the removal or trimming of trees.
  - D. Regulation no. 4. During the period from October 1 through November 30, leaves not placed in bags or containers may be placed in the street along the curb for collection, but care should be taken that piles of leaves not extend into the traveled portion of the roadway.
  - E. Regulation no. 5. Residents are requested to place such materials for pickup by the city not earlier than the day preceding the scheduled pickup day for the area.
  - F. Regulation no. 6. These regulations apply to lawn contractors and tree removal and tree trimming contractors as well as to residents.
  - G. Regulation no. 7. Residents may place Christmas trees on the outlawn next to the curb for collection by the city throughout the Christmas season through January 15.
  - H. Regulation no. 8. Scheduled city collection shall be discontinued from January 1 through March 15. Yard rubbish may not be placed on the outlawn next to the curb during this period unless approved by an authorized city employee.
- Violations of these regulations by contractors shall be grounds for suspension of their licens-

1. See also chapter 91, article II of this code.

es. (Ord., 11-18-1985; Ord., 4-20-1987; Ord., 3-21-1988) 2.13-2.17. Reserved<sup>1</sup>.

2.11. **Violations; penalty.** Upon a violation of any provision of this chapter, the city may seek prosecution and may seek legal and/or equitable relief in a court of competent jurisdiction. Any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter shall have committed a civil infraction. The civil fine for violation of section 2.6 of this chapter and the subsections thereunder shall be as follows:

First offense, not less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00).

First repeat offense, not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).

Second or subsequent repeat offense, not less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00).

The civil fines for all other violations under this chapter shall be not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Each day that a violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense. For purposes of this chapter a "repeat offense" means a second (or subsequent) municipal civil infraction violation of the same requirement or provision: a) committed by a person within any five (5) year period, and b) for which the person admits responsibility or is determined to be responsible. (Ord., 11-18-1985; Ord., 9-19-1988; Ord., 8-7-1989; Ord., 9-14-1996; Ord., 1-16-1998)

2.12. **Notice of violation.** The issuance of a ticket or notice of violation by a public safety officer, the director or the director's assistant shall be deemed an allegation of a violation of this chapter. (Ord., 11-18-1985; Ord., 4-20-1987; Ord., 9-19-1988)

1. Ordinance dated September 19, 1988, repealed sections 2.13 through 2.17 of this chapter, which pertained to location of bureau, disposition of offenses, procedure for settlement, notice of violation and schedule of violations, and derived from ordinance dated November 18, 1985, and ordinance dated April 20, 1987.

**KENT COUNTY  
WASTE-TO-ENERGY FACILITY  
HAULERS RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**I. Facility Operations**

- A. Receiving hours at the facility will be:  
Monday through Friday 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday 6:00 a.m. to 12 Noon.  
This facility is for the use of licensed haulers or commercial users only.
- B. Scalehouse telephone number: 336-2502.
- C. Haulers shall proceed through the main entrance on Freeman Street and form a single line at the scalehouse. During peak usage periods, a second scale will be opened to serve haulers. Traffic signals located at the end of the two incoming scales will indicate which scale is open or closed. Vehicles should not proceed on or off the scales until instructed to do so by the scale attendant.

After weighing in at the scale house drivers will be instructed on how to proceed utilizing a green/yellow signal light located on the side of the scalehouse. A green light means that the driver should proceed along the main road around the ash building and enter the tipping floor through the south door, find an open bay, and dump their load following the Tipping Floor Procedures. A yellow light signal means that that load has been selected for a random inspection and that the driver will be directed by tipping area personnel to an open-tipping position on the floor where the load will be inspected. The driver will be given a Waste Inspection Report to give to the scalehouse attendant when weighing out. After unloading in the tipping area, empty vehicles will exit the tipping area through the south door and proceed to the exit scale at the scalehouse. Drivers will wait 30 seconds for the vehicle to be weighed for tare weight then enter the scalehouse, sign the completed weight ticket and receive their copy.

- D. Speed limit on all facility roads will be 10 m.p.h.
- E. Vehicles with mechanical problems shall exit the facility, or if disabled, request towing immediately so inbound and outbound roads will be clear to other traffic.
- F. Haulers shall follow standard vehicle safety practices at all times and observe safety regulations, posted or otherwise instructed.

**II. Hauler Identification**

- A. The County has established a method of hauler identification including a master

decal and six separate city decals for the cities of Grand Rapids, East Grand Rapids, Kentwood, Grandville, Walker and Wyoming. Attachment C demonstrates the positioning of the decal. All waste hauling trucks and solid waste containers utilizing the WTE Facility are required to display their County identification number in a position demonstrated in Attachment C. The decal and County identification number are to be visible to the scalehouse operators as well as for the enforcing agents in each of the six cities. All lettering and figures shall be three (3) inches or more in height. The scalehouse operator will issue County identification numbers as required for waste hauling trucks and solid waste containers.

- B. Vehicles that arrive at the scalehouse without appropriate truck permits or identification will be required to obtain the proper permits for future Facility use.
- C. For the purposes of this Section, "Solid Waste Container" means a container or receptacle designed or used for depositing, storing, or accumulating solid waste for collection or transportation by a waste hauler. Without limitation, this definition shall include dumpsters, packer boxes, and rolloffs or other receptacles designed or used to store solid waste or to transport solid waste from a site of generation to the WTE Facility.

### III. Notice of Hauler Changes

Each hauler shall give the County advance written notification of any changes in such Hauler's operation which would have a material effect on delivery schedules or weight records and shall include the effective date or dates of such changes. These include but are not necessarily limited to any of the following:

1. Changes in name and/or mailing address
2. Change in phone number
3. Purchase or sale of trucks
4. Purchase or sale of containers brought into the Facility
5. Purchase or sale of packer bodies
6. Leased or borrowed trucks or equipment
7. Sale, lease or transfer of a substantial portion of the Hauler's business operations

The information identified in items 3 through 7 above is necessary in order for the Facility and the County to predict and control the quantity and type of

acceptable waste which may be delivered to the Facility and keep computer data up-to-date.

#### IV. Tipping Area Procedures

- A. Upon entering the tipping area, tipping area personnel will control floor traffic. The driver should proceed to the next available bay for unloading, or as directed by tipping area personnel. Trucks shall stay in the marked lanes. Drivers must stop their trucks at least ten (10) feet in front of the curb before exiting to release their tailgates. After tailgates are released away from the pit, drivers will back up and unload into the pit. After unloading, the driver shall make sure all refuse is off all external parts of the vehicle. Haulers not utilizing self unloading equipment will be directed to a specific area of the tipping floor to unload manually.
- B. Suspected problem loads are subject to inspection. In addition, ten percent of all incoming loads will be inspected. Trucks may be directed to a specific area of the tipping floor to unload for examination of waste being delivered. This spot check may result in some materials being rejected or in the discovery of Hazardous Waste.
  1. For Unacceptable Waste that is not Hazardous Waste, the hauler may be required to reload such materials for disposal at another location. (See Appendix A for a listing of "Unacceptable Waste".) The facility can transfer small amounts of "Unacceptable Waste" to the landfill. Drivers who have a small amount (less than 50% of load) of "Unacceptable Waste" which is not Hazardous Waste shall inform tipping area personnel so that the load can be dumped in Open Top Transfer Bays 7,8 or 9 and the Unacceptable Waste be separated for transfer.
  2. For Hazardous Waste, as defined by Federal, State, and local laws and regulations, Haulers shall remain at the Facility until appropriate public health and law enforcement officials arrive.
- C. Haulers shall make every effort to unload in an expedient manner to assure even traffic flow through the Facility.
- D. Trucks with hydraulic leaks will be allowed to unload but not permitted further use of the Facility until the leak is repaired. Vehicles with repeated mechanical problems or those deemed unsafe will be reported to the cities in which they are licensed.

## V. Weight Tickets

- A. The driver of each truck disposing of waste at the Facility shall be presented with a weight ticket from the scalehouse attendant. The tickets shall indicate Hauler's company name, vehicle identification, gross weight, tare weight, net weight (pounds delivered) and total cost. Each driver shall sign the weight tickets and then be given the original for the Hauler's records. The weight tickets are the hauler's invoice for customers on account Receipts for cash customers) and will be used by the County for preparing statements to the Hauler.
- B. Each driver is responsible for ascertaining the accuracy of their weight tickets before signing. All claims for adjustments must be made within five (5) days of the original transaction.
- C. Each driver who fails to sign for or receive a weight ticket shall be billed for such delivery as if the weight ticket had been signed and received.

## VI. Emergencies and Damages

- A. Haulers who discover a fire in their truck (hot loads) shall be diverted to a designated area on the tipping floor to unload. Tipping area personnel shall use available equipment to extinguish all fires.
- B. In the event of accidents, explosions, or Facility damage which impairs the flow of traffic or the ability to dispose of waste, haulers shall follow directions and procedures from the County or Covanta employees.
- C. Any damage to hauler's trucks or equipment shall be promptly reported to the Covanta Facility Manager, Shift Supervisor or the County Administrator for appropriate action.
- D. Any damage to County property or equipment shall be reported to the Covanta Facility Manager, Shift Supervisor or the County Administrator before leaving the site.
- E. Any personal injury to a driver shall be promptly reported to the Covanta Facility Manager, Shift Supervisor or the County Administrator before leaving the site.
- F. Haulers are required to comply with the Radioactivity Monitoring Procedures issued by the County and Covanta. A copy of the Procedures is enclosed (Appendix B) and incorporated as part of these Rules and Regulations.

## VII. Rejected Loads

- A. All loads consisting primarily of unacceptable waste shall be rejected from the Facility if delivery is attempted. It will be the hauler's responsibility to dispose of rejected loads at an authorized site. Facility personnel will assist in reloading the rejected waste.
- B. The Facility reserves the right to reject total or partial loads being delivered to the Facility if they require special handling.
- C. Any hauler who attempts to deliver or delivers Hazardous Waste shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary and legal action. All costs of proper disposal will be borne by the hauler.
- D. Haulers shall dispose of rejected loads at a site and in a manner prescribed by law.
- E. Haulers who have received weight tickets for loads which contain a portion of unacceptable waste which is rejected shall not receive a credit for such rejected tonnage.

## VIII. Enforcement

- A. If continuous violations of these Rules and Regulations occur, the hauler shall be subject to enforcement procedures and/or penalties, including fines and loss of license to do business within the cities of Grand Rapids, East Grand Rapids, Grandville, Kentwood, Walker and Wyoming.

## IX. Disposal Billing and Payment

Questions regarding invoicing, statements and payment terms should be directed to the County at (616) 336-3694.

## X. Disposal Requirement at Alternative Facility

A disposal site(s) will be designated from time to time as an alternate facility to be used in the event that the facility is unable to accept hauler's deliveries.

## DRIVER REGULATIONS

1. All containers must be secured as to not allow leakage or spillage.
2. Trucks are not to be left unattended while on the plant site or access roads.
3. All trucks must proceed with care and follow directions issued by appropriate plant staff and obey posted traffic signs.
4. Drivers should ascertain correct placement of equipment before releasing load.
5. Trucks are not to bump or roll into guard rails.
6. Cigarettes or other sources of combustion are not permitted in or around the pit area.
7. Foul language and inappropriate behavior is not permitted on the site, i.e., spitting, swearing, lewd gestures, etc.
8. No hauler shall possess, consume, nor be under the influence of any illegal or intoxicating substance.
9. There will be no phone or inside restroom facilities available. A pop machine is available at the scalehouse.
10. Scavenging of any material once on site is absolutely prohibited. Haulers observed scavenging will be subject to the fullest possible enforcement action by the County (see Section VIII Enforcement).

ALL UNACCEPTABLE WASTE MUST BE INSPECTED BY COUNTY PERSONNEL AND ISSUED A LETTER OF EXEMPTION BEFORE THE REQUIREMENT TO DELIVER SUCH WASTE TO THE WASTE-TO-ENERGY FACILITY WILL BE WAIVED.

APPENDIX A  
UNACCEPTABLE WASTE

Unacceptable waste may be delivered in MINIMAL QUANTITIES and CONCENTRATIONS found as part of normal residential, commercial and industrial collections. Unacceptable waste shall include the materials listed below.

If present in concentrations or quantities that, in the sole judgment of Kent County would:

1. Pose a substantial threat to public health or safety
2. Cause applicable air quality or water effluent standards to be violated by the normal operation of the Facility.
3. Have a reasonable possibility of adversely affecting the operation of the Facility.

UNACCEPTABLE WASTE includes but is not limited to the following:

A. Explosives:

Dynamite	Hand Grenades
Blasting Caps	Ammunition
Fireworks	Any other explosives

B. Liquid Wastes:

Gasoline	Acids
Kerosene	Hydraulic Oil
Turpentine	Petroleum
Waste Oil	Caustics
Ether	Sewage or process waste waters
Naphtha	Leachate
Acetate	Solvents
Paint	Insecticides
Alcohol	Fungicides
Inflammable or Volatile Liquids	
Sewage Sludge (unless processed to permit incineration)	

C. Demolition Debris

Sheetrock	Plaster Board - Dry Wall
Aggregate	Brick
Stone	Cement
Gravel	Sand, Foundry Sand
Structural Clay	Soil
Asbestos	Roofing Materials
Debris	Other Non-combustible Demolition

D. Miscellaneous Material

Offal	Tar
Asphalt	Sealed Drums
Pressurized Containers	Lead Acid Batteries
Wire and Cable	Metal Furniture
Rechargeable Tools, Equipment or Appliances	All Plastics

E. Tires

Motor Vehicles	Major Motor Vehicle Parts
Any Large Machinery	Marine Vessels
Trailers	Agricultural and Farm Machinery

F. Pathological or Biological Waste

(unless sterilized and otherwise processed to permit incineration in accordance with all applicable health and environmental requirements)

G. Radioactive Waste

H. White Goods

I. Pieces of wood, logs or tree stumps larger than six inches in diameter and four feet in length.

J. Hazardous Waste as defined under Federal, State and Local laws and regulations

K. Cannery Waste

(food processing waste)

**APPENDIX B  
RADIOACTIVITY MONITORING PROCEDURES**

The purpose of this document is to set forth the procedures that will be utilized by Kent County Waste-To-Energy (WTE) Facility personnel in responding to an alarm from the scale house radioactivity monitors. In addition to the procedures outlined below, a Radiation Detector Record will be prepared after every verified radiation event. The scale house has these forms and will be given to Kent County and Covanta Energy personnel

**ALARM TRIGGERED BY INCOMING VEHICLE**

- 1) County Scalehouse Operator issues a weight ticket and records on the back of the ticket the radiation level (KCPM) of the incoming vehicle using the scale house detector. The Scalehouse Operator will direct the driver to park in the isolation area located on the east side of the plant on the asphalt pad where the transfer trailers are stored. **A VEHICLE IS NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE FACILITY AFTER A RADIATION ALARM.** County and Covanta representatives will contact the police if any vehicle attempts to flee the site after triggering an alarm.
- 2) Scalehouse Operator notifies the County Administrative Manager and the Shift Supervisor that an alarm has been triggered by using the scalehouse radio or phone system.
- 3) County personnel and the Shift Supervisor will proceed to the isolation area and scan the vehicle using the portable scanner unit that is stored in the Shift Supervisors s Office in order to confirm that there is a radioactivity event. The readings from the scalehouse and the portable scanner are not comparable. The scalehouse monitor output is (KCPM) while the handheld is rem/hr.
- 4) If the readings are greater than or equal to 2000 micro rem/hr as personnel approach the vehicle a physical barrier shall be placed at the location of where the 2000 micro rem/hr level is detected. State of Michigan Department of Hazardous Waste and Radiological Protection Section of the Waste and Hazardous Material Division shall be contacted at 517-335-2690 (contact is Kenneth Coble). The vehicle is not to be unloaded unless under the supervision of the agency representative. It should be noted while evaluating the vehicle at no point shall anyone approach the vehicle (source of the radiation) where the exposure level is 5,000 micro rem/hr or greater.
- 5) If the readings are below 2000 micro rem/hr as personnel approach the vehicle a complete evaluation should be performed using the hand held scanner at approximately one foot away from the outside cargo shell. The evaluation should be completed until the approximate location (highest readings) of the contamination has been determined. The approximate location of the contamination, the detected radiation level and time of the day to the nearest minute will be written with grease pencil on the outside of the vehicle.

6) Vehicles with detected radiation less than 2000 micro rem/hr will be kept in the isolated area until the situation meets one of the following requirements: 1) readings are at background levels 2)radioactive material is removed by the original generator 3) Kent County personnel has determine the proper means of assessing the situation leading to the eventual removal / processing of the material in accordance with accepted operating practices. Once measured radiation levels reach background the material can be disposed of in the refuse pit.

7) In instances where radioactivity is confirmed, the driver of the vehicle will be questioned by County and Covanta representatives as to the probable generator(s) and composition of his load. The hauler's dispatcher will also be notified of the incident. If the generator can be identified, (area medical facility), then County representatives will contact them. The generator will be requested to come to the WTE Facility and assist in evaluating the incident. Any questions should be directed to Kent County and Covanta Management.



# KENT COUNTY

## Refuse Disposal System



## Waste-to-Energy Facility



