



Legislation Text

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A MOTION authorizing temporary free disposal of storm-related debris resulting from the December 2007 storm event.

WHEREAS, King County experienced unusually destructive rain, flooding and other secondary hazards ("the storm") beginning December 1, 2007 causing significant damage to homes and other property, and

WHEREAS, the executive, on December 4, 2007, declared a storm emergency for King County, and

WHEREAS, disposal of solid waste material resulting from the storm at normal disposal fees would cause financial hardship for many property owners and could delay the cleanup of debris, and

WHEREAS, all of King County will benefit from the prompt cleanup of debris caused by the storm, and

WHEREAS, the executive, on December 6, 2007, called for a temporary waiver of solid waste fees for the disposal of storm-related debris at county disposal sites beginning December 13, 2007 and ending December 16, 2007, and

WHEREAS, the estimated loss of revenue resulting from the temporary solid waste disposal fee waiver is approximately \$50,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

A. The King County council, in light of the storm emergency that has occurred beginning December 1, 2007, affirms that it is in the best interest of the county to waive the solid waste disposal service fees provided for in KCC 10.12.021, and hereby temporarily waives such fees for storm-related debris resulting from the storm of December 2007.

B. Loads of storm-related debris from commercial haulers will not be accepted at no charge without

prior authorization by the division director of the King County solid waste division. For jurisdictions that have drop boxes, commercial haulers may seek authorization from the solid waste division to dispose of storm related debris at no charge. These jurisdictions may also seek reimbursement from the county for any transport costs for this storm event.

C. This temporary fee suspension is only authorized from December 13, 2007, through December 16, 2007.

D. The following special conditions apply to the temporary suspension of the disposal fee for storm-related debris:

1. All King County residents are eligible, except those who live in the cities of Seattle and Milton, which are not part of King County's solid waste handling system;
2. King County residents must provide acceptable proof of residence such as a current utility bill or other piece of mail containing the resident's current address;
3. All loads must be properly secured; unsecured loads will be subject to unsecured load fees in accordance with K.C.C. 10.12.040;
4. Loads of storm-related debris may be inspected by King County solid waste division staff, and division staff reserve the right to limit quantities disposed without charge;
5. Only storm-related debris may be disposed at no charge; split loads of mixed storm-related debris and regular solid waste will be charged at the regular solid waste disposal rate; and
6. All standard King County waste acceptance policies apply, which are K.C.C. Title 10 and King County Public Rules and Regulations: Waste Acceptance Rule for King County Solid Waste Division Solid Waste Handling Facilities, which can be found

as of the effective date of this motion at <<http://www.metrokc.gov/recelec/archives/policies/put715pr.htm>>.