

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1993 SESSION

CHAPTER 165  
SENATE BILL 53

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY THAT A COUNTY OR CITY HAS TO  
REQUIRE PARTICIPATION IN A RECYCLING PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 153A-136(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) A county may by ordinance regulate the storage, collection, transportation, use, disposal, and other disposition of solid wastes. Such an ordinance may:

- (1) Regulate the activities of persons, firms, and corporations, both public and private.
- (2) Require each person wishing to commercially collect or dispose of solid wastes to secure a license from the county and prohibit any person from commercially collecting or disposing of solid wastes without a license. A fee may be charged for a license.
- (3) Grant a franchise to one or more persons for the exclusive right to commercially collect or dispose of solid wastes within all or a defined portion of the county and prohibit any other person from commercially collecting or disposing of solid wastes in that area. The board of commissioners may set the terms of any franchise, except that no franchise may be granted for a period exceeding seven years, nor may any franchise by its terms impair the authority of the board of commissioners to regulate fees as authorized by this section.
- (4) Regulate the fees, if any, that may be charged by licensed or franchised persons for collecting or disposing of solid wastes.
- (5) Require the source separation of materials ~~from solid waste~~ prior to collection of ~~the~~ solid waste for disposal.
- (6) Require participation in a recycling program ~~which has been approved by the board of commissioners.~~ by requiring separation of designated materials by the owner or occupant of the property prior to disposal. An owner of recovered materials as defined by G.S. 130A-290(a)(24) retains ownership of the recovered materials until the owner conveys, sells, donates, or otherwise transfers the recovered materials to a person, firm, company, corporation, or unit of local government. A county may not require an owner to convey, sell, donate, or otherwise transfer recovered materials to the county or its designee. If an owner places recovered materials in receptacles or delivers recovered materials to specific locations, receptacles, and facilities that are

owned or operated by the county or its designee, then ownership of these materials is transferred to the county or its designee.

(7) Include any other proper matter."

Sec. 2. G.S. 160A-317(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Solid Waste. – A city may require an owner of improved property to do any of the following:

(1) Place solid waste in specified places or receptacles for the convenience of city collection and disposal.

(2) Separate materials ~~from solid waste~~ before the solid waste is collected.

(3) Participate in a recycling program ~~approved by the Council~~ by requiring separation of designated materials by the owner or occupant of the property prior to disposal. An owner of recovered materials as defined by G.S. 130A-290(a)(24) retains ownership of the recovered materials until the owner conveys, sells, donates, or otherwise transfers the recovered materials to a person, firm, company, corporation, or unit of local government. A city may not require an owner to convey, sell, donate, or otherwise transfer recovered materials to the city or its designee. If an owner places recovered materials in receptacles or delivers recovered materials to specific locations, receptacles, and facilities that are owned or operated by the city or its designee, then ownership of these materials is transferred to the city or its designee.

(4) Participate in any solid waste collection service provided by the city or by a person who has a contract with the city if the owner or occupant of the property has not otherwise contracted for the collection of solid waste from the property.

(c) A city may impose a fee for the solid waste collection service provided under subdivision ~~(4)~~ (4) of subsection (b) of this section. The fee may not exceed the costs of collection."

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification and does not apply to any contracts in existence at that time or to any extensions or renewals thereof.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 16th day of June, 1993.

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Dennis A. Wicker  
President of the Senate

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