

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE COMMISSION

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Plainville in meeting duly assembled:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE.

The State of Connecticut has mandated laws affecting the collection, disposal and recycling of solid waste and other refuse within the cities and towns of the State of Connecticut. Disposal of such items is a significant social and health concern affecting the wellbeing of the citizens of the town of Plainville. A separate commission is desirable, proper and necessary to assist the Town of Plainville in the discharge of its obligations to be in conformance with such State mandated laws.

SECTION 2. COMMISSION CREATED; MEMBERSHIP.

There shall be a Recycling and Solid Waste Commission, which shall consist of seven (7) members who must be electors and residents of the Town of Plainville. No more than four (4) members shall be members of the same political party. These members shall be appointed by the Town Council. The Director of Environmental Services shall serve as an ex officio member of the commission without vote.

SECTION 3. TERMS OF OFFICE; OFFICERS; QUORUM.

- (a.) The term of all members shall run for two (2) years, except that the initial terms shall be staggered as follows: three (3) initial terms of one (1) year and four (4) initial terms of two (2) years.
- (b.) The Commission shall elect a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary from among its members for such terms as the commission may designate, to hold office until their successors have been elected and qualified.
- (c.) The Town Council may also appoint up to three (3) alternates to perform the duties of an absent member. The alternate's term shall run for two (2) years.

- (d.) The Commission shall make rules for the transaction of its business and keep a record of all votes and other proceedings of its meetings.
- (e.) The Commission may employ necessary technical, legal and clerical assistance and prescribe the compensation for such services rendered. However, nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to authorize the Commission to expend funds other than appropriations made to it pursuant to law, or funds derived from gifts, grants or other sources and made available to its use for purposes prescribed herein.
- (f.) A quorum at any meeting shall consist of a majority of the membership of the Commission.

SECTION 4. POWERS AND DUTIES.

The purpose of the Recycling and Solid Waste Commission will be to prepare a Solid Waste Plan for the Town, and it shall amend said Plan from time to time as required by enactments of the federal, state or town governments. It shall review and recommend to the Town Council proposals for local and regional solid waste disposal and recycling. It may propose ordinances for adoption by the Town Council. It shall review and recommend to the Town Council an annual budget for operation of a local and regional solid waste program. It shall encourage the recycling of materials and proper disposal of solid, bulk and hazardous wastes from residences, public buildings, businesses and industries in the town through educational programs, dissemination of literature and other methods. The Commission may perform such other duties as may be assigned to it by the Town Council.

SECTION 5. DEFINITIONS.

- (a.) Recyclable materials.

Recyclable materials are any discarded materials which are mandated by the State of Connecticut to be recycled, as well as other items which are deemed recyclable by the Commission.

- (b.) Solid Waste.

The type of household waste normally collected from residential, institutional, commercial and industrial areas (included but not limited to garbage, refuse, rubbish, yard waste and other

discarded materials and substances) that (1) does not represent substantial endangerment to public health or safety, (2) does not cause applicable air quality or water effluent standards to be violated by the normal operation of a resource recovery facility, or (3) does not adversely affect the operation of a resource recovery facility because of its quantity, size or bulk.

(c.) Hazardous Wastes.

Those household waste products that may be considered TOXIC (can injure or kill if swallowed, inhaled or absorbed through the skin), FLAMMABLE (may explode or ignite, even when cool), CORROSIVE (can cause permanent tissue damage through contact) and/or IRRITANT (can irritate or inflame the skin, eyes, nose, throat or lungs).

(d.) Bulk Waste.

A waste product that by its very nature is too heavy and/or too large to be included in the curbside solid waste collection program, and may require special efforts in collection and disposal. Items may include but not be limited to furniture, large appliances, miscellaneous iron/steel (bicycles, wagons, landscape tools and equipment, grills, barrels, drums), yard wastes etc. and other wastes that have a reasonable possibility of adversely affecting the operation of a resource recovery facility.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication as required by law.

Adopted by Town Council October 15, 2001