

ORDINANCE NO. 14957

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 94 - 2011

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INTRODUCED BY

NOVEMBER 16, 2011

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AN ORDINANCE

Amending Article 1137, Residential Recycling Ordinance, to include a yard waste material loading fee.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That Article 1137.07, Mandatory Source Separation of Yard Waste of the Residential Recycling Ordinance be amended as follows:

**1137.07 MANDATORY SOURCE SEPARATION OF YARD WASTE**

A. Each person shall separate yard waste from other municipal waste generated at their homes, apartments and other residential establishments until collection unless those persons have otherwise provided for the composting of yard waste.

B. Nothing herein shall require any person to gather yard waste or prevent any person from utilizing yard waste for compost, mulch, or other agricultural, horticultural, silvicultural, gardening or landscaping purposes. (12959 §1 2/21/90; 13039 §2 5/3/91)

C. Yard waste shall be prepared and placed at curbside, separate from municipal waste and recyclable materials, for collection at such times and dates as may be established by regulation or yard waste may be taken to the City's designated yard waste site. Yard waste preparation and other procedures are set forth in regulations established by the Director of Public Works. (13039 §2 4/3/91; 14263 §1 3/3/05)

D. The Bureau of Recycling and Solid Waste operates and processes yard waste at the city's designated yard waste site. A yard waste material loading fee is hereby established at a rate of \$12 per cubic yard for loading services provided by city staff for mulch.

SECTION TWO: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

	Yea	Nay
Michael D'Amore	x	
Michael Donovan	x	
Jeanette Eichenwald	x	
Julio A. Guridy	x	
Ray O'Connell	x	
Mike Schlossberg	x	
Peter G. Schweyer, Pres.	x	
TOTAL	7	0

Adding at the end of D for loading services provided by City Staff, Amended 7 - 0

**I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on December 21<sup>st</sup> and signed by the Mayor on December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**

*Michael P. Hale*

CITY CLERK

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**  
Bureau of Recycling & Solid Waste, Department of Public Works
- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**  
The proposed change to the Residential Recycling Ordinance, Article 1137.07 (D) would allow the City to charge a loading fee of \$12.00 per cubic for yard waste material at the city's yard waste site.
- **Purpose**
  - What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish  
Yard waste from curbside collection and from materials dropped off at the site are processed and ground into mulch. The material is made available to the Parks Department and to the general public at no cost. However, the residents must shovel the material themselves.  
  
Many residents ask the City for assistance in loading material into their vehicles. The City could use a Bobcat loader with a one cubic yard bucket to load material.  
  
The Bureau of Recycling and Solid Waste has also received inquiries from the private sector about our processed material. The City has a front end loader with a 3 and a 4 ½ cubic yard bucket to load material and would charge the service fee of \$12.00 per cubic yard.
  - What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this  
  
To assist Allentown residents to easily and reasonably obtain mulch processed out of material delivered to the site from Allentown. Also, the City could move larger quantities of materials to the private sector and allow room for new material to be processed.
  - How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities  
  
This proposed service is in line with the Bureau of Recycling and Solid Waste's mission for recycling yard waste material.
- **Financial Impact**
  - Cost (Initial and ongoing)  
  
The fee is estimated to cover the cost of the service and is comparable to the City of Bethlehem (\$10 per cubic yard).
  - Benefits (initial and ongoing)  
  
The Bureau will track the first year usage of the service for ongoing budgeting purposes.
- **Funding Sources**  
Make sure bill gives specific accounts if money is moved around  
  
No additional funding is necessary.
- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**
- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**  
  
This is a service that has repeatedly been asked of us by Allentown residents who are unable or unwilling to shovel larger quantities of material into their vehicles.