

Turnagain Community Council Resolution to Support Municipality of Anchorage's Recycle Plan

WHEREAS, the Turnagain Community Council has shown, through its 15-year volunteer curbside recycle pick up program, that residents desire recycling in our neighborhood and are willing to separate recycle items from trash and set them out for curbside pickup; and

WHEREAS, currently, Anchorage recyclers divert about 15 percent of waste from the city landfill and the proposed plan by the Municipality could double that amount, extending the life of the landfill and committing more of our trash to renewable uses; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage should support not only curbside recycle pick up in our city, but also aggressively promote recycling in all public places, including municipal offices, schools, convention centers, performing arts venues, sports centers, parks, libraries, museums, airports, etc.; and

WHEREAS, a city composting facility would not only keep organic materials out of the city's landfill, but also provide the community use of a viable commercial product produced at this composting facility;

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Turnagain Community Council support the Municipality of Anchorage's proposed ordinances that would create all of the above, including:

AO 2008-51, an ordinance amending Anchorage Municipal Code Chapter 26.80 to add a new section for adding a surcharge to the landfill tipping fee to support Community Recycling Initiatives;

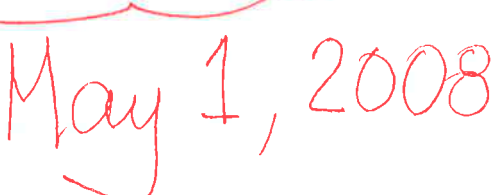
AO-2008-052 (or substitute), an ordinance amending Anchorage Municipal Code Chapter 26.70 to add a new section establishing variable garbage collection rates for automated collection routes;

AO 2008-053, an ordinance amending Anchorage Municipal Code Chapter 26.80 to add a section allowing the Solid Waste Disposal Utility to operate a compost facility, sell finished composted product and establish tipping fees for disposal of organic wastes;

A) 2008-62, an ordinance amending Anchorage Municipal Code Chapter 26.80 to add a new section for a surcharge to support community recycling initiatives and amending Section 26.70.040 to add the surcharge fees.

Passed this day of Thursday, May 1, 2008, at the regular monthly meeting of Turnagain Community Council.

Signed 

Date 

Mark Wiggin, Turnagain Community Council President