

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11
COUNCIL MEETING 6/6/13
APPROVED BY


DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

CITY MANAGER 

May 23, 2013

FROM: PATRICK N. WIEMILLER, Director
Department of Public Utilities

BY: STEPHEN A. HOGG, Assistant Director 
Department of Public Utilities - Wastewater Management Division

SUBJECT: ADOPT AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA,
AMENDING SUBSECTION (d) OF SECTION 6-309 AND AMENDING
SECTION 6-318 OF THE FRESNO MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO THE
ACCEPTANCE OF HAULED LIQUID WASTE AT APPROVED DISPOSAL
FACILITIES

RECOMMENDATION

Staff introduces and recommends approval of the attached Ordinance amending Chapter 6, Article 3 of the Fresno Municipal Code (FMC) as it applies to sewage and water disposal.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Fresno-Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility (RWRF) has a Waste-to-Energy project to improve gas quality and production using approved non-residential, high organic strength hauled liquid waste. The proposed amendments to the Fresno Municipal Code (FMC), Section 6-309 (d) and Section 6-318 expands acceptance of hauled liquid waste to include residential and non-residential sources of liquid waste to be accepted at approved disposal facilities. The proposed amendments are determined to have no significant effect on the environment pursuant to Article 5 of the State of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

BACKGROUND

On May 2011, the City of Fresno Wastewater Management Division started a "Waste-to-Energy" pilot project to receive approved non-residential hauled liquid waste to improve and capture gas production through digestion of material from grease traps, grease interceptors and/or high organic content industrial process waste. The pilot project demonstrated beneficial advantages of receiving and processing high organic strength hauled liquid waste with increased and improved gas production. There are facilities and processes already in place to continue receiving this material to take advantage of the gas production using approved non-residential liquid waste sources. Currently, the Fresno Municipal Code limits the acceptance of liquid hauled waste to residential/domestic waste only, as set forth in Section 6-309 (d) Special Disposal Site, Contract Disposal, Charges and Section 6-318 Hauled Liquid Waste. The proposed amendments clarify and add language on both sections of the Code to include non-residential sources of liquid waste, (grease traps, grease interceptors, high strength organic industrial waste), to be accepted at approved disposal facilities.

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FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no fiscal impact as a result of incorporating these proposed amendments into the FMC. Upon approval of the proposed code changes, staff will review and/or update cost recovery charges and related amendments to the Master Fee Schedule if at all necessary.

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

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LIQUID WASTE AT APPROVED DISPOSAL FACILITIES.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Subsection (d) of Section 6-309 of the Fresno Municipal Code is amended to read:

(d) Special Disposal Site, Contract Disposal, Charges. Whenever special disposal sites are constructed therefore, the Director may allow the disposal therein of the contents of trucks designed and used for the pumping out and removal of [approved] waste from [industrial processes, grease traps, grease interceptors,] septic tanks and chemical toilets. The Director is authorized to enter into agreements with ~~septic~~ [liquid] waste disposal companies regulating such disposal, and providing for charges to recover the cost of the sites and other city expensive including wastewater treatments at the rates designated in the Master Fee Resolution.

SECTION 2. Section 6-318 of the Fresno Municipal Code is amended to read:

SECTION 6-318. HAULED LIQUID WASTE.

(a) **Permit Required.** Liquid waste haulers shall be required to obtain a wastewater discharge permit. [In addition, liquid waste haulers vehicles are

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required to meet all local and State permit requirements for the hauling of liquid waste.]

(b) **Accepted Discharge Location.** [Approved residential or non-residential liquid] ~~Septic tank~~ waste may be introduced into the POTW only at locations designated by the Control Authority, and at such times as are established by the Control Authority. Such waste shall not violate Section 6-327 of this ordinance or any other requirements established by the city.

(c) **Accepted Types of Waste.** Liquid waste haulers [of residential or domestic type of waste (e.g. septic tanks or chemical toilets)] shall transport ~~domestic or residential liquid~~waste originating in Fresno County only, unless specifically permitted by the Control Authority. [Liquid waste haulers of non-residential waste (e.g. grease traps, grease interceptors or approved industrial waste) may transport these wastes originating within and outside of Fresno County.]

(d) **Manifest Required.** Liquid waste haulers shall provide a manifest for every load; [and any other information as specified in the manifest. In the case where a liquid hauler services multiple generators in one event, the manifest should list each generator.] The manifest shall be of a form approved by the Control Authority and shall include, at a minimum:

- (1) The name and address of the source of the ~~domestic~~-waste;
- (2) The volume of waste generated; and
- (3) The truck identification.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective and in full force and effect at 12:01 a.m. on the thirty-first day after its final passage.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2013.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2013
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2013
Mayor Veto: _____, 2013
Council Override Vote: _____, 2013

YVONNE SPENCE, CMC
City Clerk

BY: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

BY: _____
Raj Singh Badhesha, Deputy

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RECORDING REQUESTED BY:

Department of Public Utilities
City of Fresno
No Fee [Gov't Code ' ' 6103 & 27383]

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Department of Public Utilities
Wastewater Management Division
City of Fresno
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