

CHAPTER 11

HAULING REFUSE AND SEWAGE SLUDGE

- 11 **Authority** These regulations are issued by the Norton Board of Health pursuant to its authority under Chapter 111 § 31 of the Massachusetts General Laws. In order to promote the health and safety of the Town of Norton, all commercial carriers of refuse and recyclables and/or sewage sludge over public ways of Norton shall be required to have a license from the Board of Health for each vehicle. Said license shall be renewed each year and shall expire December 31st.
- 11.1 **Application** Application for licenses to carry refuse and recyclables or sludge on the public ways of Norton shall stipulate and/or be accompanied by:
- i A properly filled out and signed application accompanied by a check made payable to the Town of Norton for payment of the license, fee as established in the fee schedule, Appendix A.
 - ii Estimated volume or tonnage of rubbish and recyclables or sludge carried weekly, and the number of households, commercial, or institutional customers.
 - iii The type and number of vehicles ordinarily to be used.
 - iv Verification in acceptable written form that a licensed state approved landfill or incinerator will be used for the disposal of solid waste or that a state approved facility will accept the sewage sludge.
 - v Verification or a statement that the following recyclables are being and/or will be marketed and not disposed of otherwise:
 - a Glass food & beverage containers.¹
 - b Aluminum cans, foil & pie plates.
 - c Plastic containers labeled #1 (PETE) & #2 (HDPE).
 - d Cardboard boxes.
 - e Cereal boxes.
 - f Steel cans & tin coated steel cans
 - g Newspaper, including inserts.
 - h Magazines.
 - i Junk mail.
 - j Yard waste.
 - vi Written and attested assurance that the licensee will adhere to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Waste Bans (copy is available).
 - vii A protocol or system for informing clients when their solid wastes or recyclable may be rejected.
 - viii Certificate of liability insurance, \$1,000,000 minimum; Worker's Compensation, and motor vehicle insurance.

¹ This list is taken from Mandatory Recycling By-Law a copy is available.

- 11.2 **Minimum Requirements** All licensed haulers shall offer the following services to their customers:
- i Weekly solid waste pick up by established routes on established days, which are scheduled with customers.
 - ii Collection of recyclables.
 - iii A program for the pickup of bulky waste, residential debris, and white goods (with and without Freon).
 - iv Regular distribution of materials to educate customers about the benefits and requirements of recycling.
 - v A local telephone number for customers to call for information or complaints.
 - vi A clear statement of all fees related to the various services provided.
- 11.3 **Tonnage Reports** All licensed haulers must report quarterly, on or before the first day of the months of January, April, July and October, the tonnage of material transported by month from the Town of Norton.
- 11.4 **Additional Requirements** In addition to the requirements herein, all haulers shall abide by additional stipulations on their license as set by the Board of Health. All trash haulers shall not materially change or alter their operation without written permission from the Board of Health.
- i Any company providing dumpsters in the Town of Norton shall clearly label each dumpster with the company's name and phone number.
 - ii Each dumpster shall display a unique identification number.
 - iii All solid waste dumpsters shall be maintained in a nuisance free manner and of sufficient size to contain the garbage and/or rubbish accumulated between collections.
 - iv Dumpsters shall be tightly closed, secured at all times and leak proof.
 - v Refuse on the ground will not be allowed.
- 11.5 **Vehicles** Each individual vehicle carrying refuse and recyclables and sewage sludge on public highways in the Town of Norton shall carry at all times when within the Town, a copy of its owner's or operator's license to haul refuse and recyclables.
- 11.6 **Inspections** Each vehicle hauling refuse or sewage sludge in the Town of Norton and the load therein shall be made available to the Board's Agent or designee for inspection upon request during said vehicle's operation within the Town.
- 11.7 **Compliance** Any license may be suspended or revoked by the Board of Health following a finding by the Board that the licensee has not

conformed to these Regulations or such further Regulations as may be adopted by the Board relating to the hauling of refuse or sewage sludge.

11.8 **Violations** Violations of any one of these regulations shall be punished by a fine of up to \$50 per day for each violation or reoccurrence of such violation. Any person or company issued a license by the Board and found to be in violation of these or any other applicable regulation, may be subject to the immediate suspension or revocation of said license or license. The Regulation may be enforced by the use of Non-Criminal Citations as put forth in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, § 21D