

**Proposed Solid Waste Regulatory Policy
Pursuant to Lincoln County Code, Section 58-173. Terms and conditions for
release of the solid waste management fee for solid waste management services:
Limited or Fixed Income.**

This policy creates a procedure whereby the owners of real property may request release of the *Solid Waste Management Fee*, hereinafter referred to as *fee*, imposed for solid waste management services.

The Board of Commissioners establishes a Solid Waste Management Fee, to fund solid waste management efforts within the unincorporated areas of Lincoln County for the collection of Solid waste. In addition to these primary functions, solid waste management includes roadside litter abatement, special waste management and disposal, recycling, and state mandated public education programs concerning waste reduction and recycling.

The Board recognizes that some elderly real property owners may be financially disadvantaged by limited or fixed incomes and furthermore that the imposition of the solid waste management fee may present an undue financial hardship on such individuals. With the approval of the Lincoln County Department of Planning & Zoning, Office of Solid Waste, these individuals may be eligible for the release or reduction of this fee. The criteria for consideration of release or reduction for this *fee* imposed for solid waste management is as follows:

- The individual must demonstrate that the Gross Annual Household Income is \$10,000 or less.
- The individual must qualify as “Head of Household” under IRS rule.

Owners seeking release of the fee must complete the appropriate form and return it to the Lincoln County Department of Planning & Zoning, Office of Solid Waste no later than the due date of the tax year in which the release is requested. Releases cannot be made if the form is filed after the tax due date. A copy of the form is attached to this policy (Form: SW5-3). The Lincoln County Department of Planning & Zoning, Office of Code Enforcement shall make the investigation and determination as to the validity of the application.

Head of
Household: _____ Date: _____



Return Completed Form to: Lincoln County Solid Waste Department, Office of Planning and Zoning
107 Perryman Ave. - P.O. Box 340 Lincolnton, GA 30817

PH# (706) 359-4414 / FAX# (706) 359-5831

Application for Release of Solid Waste Management Fee: Limited or Fixed Income

M / P # _____ / _____ Owner's Name: _____

Property Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone (home): _____ Annual Gross Household Income: _____

For consideration of release of the fee you must provide a copy of your most recent Individual Income Tax Return Form 1040, Bank Statements, or annual Social Security Benefits Statement.

Privacy Statement: The forms and/or information requested will be used solely for the determination of eligibility for release of the Solid Waste Management Fee. The information will not be released or disseminated to any other entity, person, group, or organization without prior written permission of the property owner.

I have read and understood all the provisions of this application and all my statements are true and correct. I further understand that any untrue or incorrect statement constitutes a violation of law under Section 58-163 of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Management Ordinance. I further agree to notify the Lincoln County Department of Planning & Zoning, Office of Solid Waste and apply for solid waste service **within 30 days** Should I no longer qualify for release of the Solid Waste Management Fee.

Exemption form must be filed on a yearly basis. _____ (initials)

Date: _____ Property Owner's Signature: _____

Code Enforcement Recommendation: Approval Disapproval

Code Enforcement Officer/Designee: _____ Date: _____

Planning and Zoning Recommendation: Approval Disapproval

Planning & Zoning Director _____ Date: _____

Type of Refund: Full Partial \$ _____ Amount

Commission Chairman: _____

_____ Date: _____

Tax Commissioner (date entered): _____ by: _____

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