

ATTACHMENT A

**A RESOLUTION RECEIVING THE PRELIMINARY REPORT ON
THE POSSIBILITIES AND IMPLICATIONS OF
IMPLEMENTING A PAY-AS-YOU-THROW PROGRAM
FOR SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL WASTE COLLECTION
Resolution No. 109/2006-07**

WHEREAS, the town staff has provided a preliminary report on the possibilities and implications of implementing a pay-as-you-throw program for single-family residential waste collection in the Town of Carrboro.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Board receives the report.

EXHIBIT 3-9
ORANGE COUNTY WASTE CHARACTERIZATION STUDY - APRIL 2005

Material Components	Orange County	Chapel Hill	Carrboro	Hillsborough	UNC
Paper					
Newspaper/Print	3.4%	4.5%	2.3%	4.3%	6.9%
Glossy Magazines	3.2%	4.3%	3.7%	5.0%	1.8%
Recyclable Corrugated Cardboard	2.7%	2.8%	2.5%	1.8%	2.2%
Non-Recyclable Cardboard	1.6%	1.0%	0.4%	0.8%	2.1%
Phone Books	0.2%	0.1%	0.3%	<0.1%	<0.1%
Paperboard	2.9%	3.1%	3.5%	3.3%	2.1%
Other Books	<0.1%	0.2%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%
White Ledger	4.9%	1.6%	1.9%	2.6%	3.4%
Mixed Office Paper	4.1%	3.6%	2.1%	3.4%	1.4%
Other Paper (includes hardback books)	12.2%	13.6%	11.2%	11.6%	15.0%
Total Paper	35.3%	34.7%	28.0%	32.8%	34.8%
Plastics					
All Plastic Bottles	3.3%	2.7%	3.0%	1.9%	2.9%
Film	5.6%	5.6%	5.1%	5.2%	8.1%
All Cups & Tubs	1.1%	1.9%	1.0%	1.1%	1.7%
All Other Plastic (includes styrofoam)	10.4%	4.6%	5.7%	5.2%	6.7%
Total Plastics	20.3%	14.7%	14.9%	13.3%	19.4%
Organics					
Food Waste	19.7%	27.5%	21.9%	23.9%	21.0%
Textiles/Leather	5.0%	4.0%	5.9%	8.4%	3.1%
Diapers	2.2%	3.1%	3.9%	2.2%	1.3%
Other Organics (includes rubber)	1.6%	0.9%	3.5%	1.5%	2.2%
Total Organics	28.5%	35.4%	35.2%	36.0%	27.7%
Ferrous Metal					
Food Containers/Bi-Metal	2.2%	1.0%	0.9%	0.7%	2.2%
Aerosols	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%	0.5%	0.4%
Other Ferrous	1.5%	1.0%	1.9%	4.3%	1.3%
Total Ferrous Metal	4.0%	2.3%	3.1%	5.5%	3.9%
Non Ferrous Metal					
Aluminum Cans	0.8%	0.7%	0.6%	0.5%	0.9%
Aluminum Foil	0.7%	0.6%	0.5%	0.8%	2.2%
Other Non-Ferrous	0.4%	0.3%	<0.1%	0.2%	0.1%
Total Non Ferrous Metal	1.8%	1.6%	1.1%	1.6%	3.2%
Glass					
All Bottles & Jars	4.4%	5.3%	4.1%	3.0%	1.9%
Other Glass	0.5%	0.3%	1.4%	0.9%	0.2%
Total Glass	4.9%	5.6%	5.6%	3.9%	2.1%
Wood					
Pallets	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%
Lumber	1.2%	1.0%	4.7%	0.6%	0.3%
Painted/Treated	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%
Stumps/Heavy Sections	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%
Total Wood	1.2%	1.0%	4.7%	0.6%	0.3%
Inert					
Brick, concrete, dirt, asphalt, etc.	0.8%	1.6%	3.6%	1.2%	1.8%
Yard Waste					
(includes grass, leaves, small branches)	1.1%	1.3%	2.1%	0.8%	<0.1%
Special Waste					
Lead-Acid Batteries	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%
Dry Cell Batteries	0.1%	<0.1%	0.1%	<0.1%	0.2%
Oil Filters	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%
Other Hazardous Waste	0.2%	0.4%	0.4%	0.1%	<0.1%
Infectious Waste	<0.1%	0.4%	<0.1%	<0.1%	6.2%
Reusable Waste	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%
Total	0.5%	0.9%	0.5%	0.1%	6.4%
Brown Goods					
Electronic Goods	1.4%	0.8%	1.3%	4.1%	0.4%
TOTALS	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Notes: 1. Composition based on 6 samples.

Sarah Williamson

From: Steven Stewart
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2007 2:37 PM
To: Alex Zaffron; Dan Coleman; jacqueline gist; Joal Hall Broun; John Herrera; Mark Chilton; Randee Haven -O'Donnell
Cc: George E. Seiz; Sarah Williamson
Subject: Info from Blair Pollock

Hi Everybody,
George asked Blair Pollock to review his PAYT agenda item. Blair's comments are reflected below.
Steve

I read the report, found it accurate and to the point. There is one minor modification where in the fifth paragraph of the summary section, I would conditionalize or otherwise soften the sentence "An additional 150 to 225 tons *will* be diverted to the recycling program." I'd rather you use 'is projected to' or 'is estimated based on experience in other mature programs' or similar language. Otherwise, my comments echo Gayle's regarding the County's involvement in development of PAYT for jurisdictions other than its own.

I further note that high-performing PAYT programs are often fine-tuned over the years and not static; and they may take several years to fully implement and fine-tune. see Loveland, Colorado whose info is in our 9/05 SWAB report.

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Only 1 in 5 plastic bottles is now recycled in Orange County.

Dear Mayor,

I would like to address the "Pay As You Throw" PAYT garbage collection system that the Board of Aldermen will be discussing. To begin with, I believe, as most certainly, nearly every taxpayer in Carrboro believes, that garbage collection is a basic service that the cost of which is, and should be, included in our current taxes. Along with fire protection and police protection, garbage and waste collection is one of the most noticeable services that we all receive, and I for one, feel that I am already paying dearly for it with the high taxes I pay on my small piece of property. I realize that I receive other services, but this is the most noticeable.

Since we've started recycling mixed paper, my garbage has declined as much as possible, and I don't want to be punished for doing a good job by having another tax (fee) levied upon me. My wife and I are retired, and live on a modest income which is already being eroded by tax increases to the point that it leaves no room for entertainment or recreation as it is.

If such a fee is levied, no matter how small, it will require the same costs to implement that a large fee would--personnel, office space, paper cost, etc.

If it were possible, I would say, determine who is not recycling, and levy a fee or notify them of a possible fee assessment. Certainly, levying a fee on everyone is not the way to appease already somewhat disgruntled taxpayers.

If this is implemented, you can rest assured that some people will find other means of disposing of their garbage, and some of these means will probably not improve our surroundings or our countryside.

I hope that you will consider the above comments when you gather to discuss "additional" garbage collection fees. Thank You.

Sincerely,

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