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**From:** Michael Perina <...>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2020 8:38 PM  
**To:** PHBudgetComments@enfield.org  
**Cc:** Kayla & Michael Perina; Kayla Smith  
**Subject:** Public Hearing Questions - Solid Waste Ordinance Update

TO: Enfield Town Council

RE: Public Hearing & Comment, Updates to Municipal Solid Waste Ordinances

After reviewing the recorded Town Council Special Meeting, held September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020, there are a few clarifying points that I would ask the Council for. Ref: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jOBs9ifSITc>

- 1) At approximately minute 40:00 into the recorded Town Council meeting, link referenced above, Councilmember Bosco inferred that a Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA) had been completed in committee.
  - a. Has the CBA been made available for public review?
  - b. If the CBA has not been released, will you require an FOIA to provide the information?
  - c. Can the Council comment on the fidelity of the Annual Budget allocations if Councilmember Boscos' assertion of Full DPW Personnel Cross-training is true?
  - d. Why is there Overtime listed in the Annual Budget, under Solid Waste, when that overtime is operated under other department budget activities?
  - e. Was Naugatuck, which has a population two-thirds that of Enfield, used as a reference for Privatization cost savings during the committee CBA?
  - f. Was the Asset capital investment, maintenance, and depreciation over industry-standard useful life expectancy considered in the CBA conducted by the committee?
  
- 2) There was general discussion and presentation material on the transfer station. However, there was no confirmation that the Transfer Station was either Cost Neutral or Revenue Generating for the town.
  - a. Is the Transfer Station Cost Neutral or Revenue Generating?
  - b. At \$7 for the first 260 pounds and \$0.07/lb above, for residents, the minimum fee to remain cost neutral is \$11.05 (assumption of \$85 bulk rate per ton). Why has the minimum not been increased to assure Transfer Station waste is Cost Neutral?
  
- 3) At the one-hour mark (approximately 1:00:20) of the link referenced above, Town Manager Bromson directed the administrative staff that the presentation materials shall be made publicly available to town residents on the Town of Enfield website on 9/22/2020.
  - a. Why did it take until 9/28/2020 and 9/29/2020 for the materials to be made available to the residents?
  - b. Why, considering the administrative publishing delay, has the Public Hearing comment period not been extended on a day-for-day delay basis?
  
- 4) For clarification, have the Residential Solid Waste and Recycling amounts been separated from the Municipal (Town of Enfield) Solid Waste and Recycling in the presentation?

- a. Why are there no budget lines in the Enfield Public School budgets for Solid Waste and Recycling collection?
  - b. Why are the no budget lines in the Enfield Public School budgets for Custodial staffing?
  - c. How many Residential Addresses are on the pickup schedule?
  - d. What percent of the parcels in town are on the pickup schedule?
  - e. What percent of the parcels in town are not serviced by DPW and are required to seek alternative commercial disposal services?
- 5) We currently own two grey tipper-barrels.
- a. If I do not put both to the curb, will I still be assessed a fee for owning a second barrel?
  - b. If I will be assessed a fee based solely on ownership of an additional tipper barrel and not its factual usage, shouldn't the fee instead be considered a Personal Property tax?
  - c. Wouldn't a Personal Property Tax levy fall outside DPW control to administer valuation and collection of revenue derived therefrom?

We thank the Enfield Town Council and Enfield DPW for your kind consideration. We know that the list is lengthy. We assume that others will have asked substantially similar questions.

Your attention and response to this matter is very much appreciated.

Regards,

Kayla & Michael Perina

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**From:** Eric Drouin <emdrouin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 29, 2020 11:11 PM  
**To:** PHBudgetComments@enfield.org  
**Subject:** PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ENFIELD TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 30, SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING

Town of Enfield should move forward with pay-by-the-pound for residential refuse.  
This is the only way to get the refuse vs recycling trends back on the right track.

Also enforce policy of retrieving trash cans after pickup - they should not be left out all week, week after week.

Thank you,

Eric Drouin  
221 Broad Brook Rd

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**From:** Christine Asselin <chrissyasselin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2020 7:45 AM  
**To:** PHBudgetComments@enfield.org  
**Subject:** Garbage draft

This is all just ridiculous. For what we pay in taxes each year on our properties, cars and any other tax the state feels they can get from us now you want to add another charge on to us?! You do realize people are not going to pay this and instead just start dumping their garbage any where they want right? The fact that you have trucks now that do all the work with 1 driver makes it even worse that you want to charge us for garbage when it's literally a machine that picks up the cans so what's reason?? You don't need more employees because only 1 rides most truck now. This is a bogus draft and just another way to drive people out of ct. Think smarter before you pass this charge and realize how people will react. We have to make town dates already to go clean up our town because people throw garbage daily on the roads or back roads imagine if you start charging people for something they already pay for in taxes?! Horrible idea!

Chrissy asselin  
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**From:** jodi albano <jodijalbano@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2020 7:53 AM  
**To:** PHBudgetComments@enfield.org  
**Subject:** New Refuse Ordinance

I strongly disagree with the new ordinance. My main disagreement is with charging for more than 1 gray tipper barrel. We need to promote the collection of garbage. We want Enfield to be clean. If this ordinance goes into place, I feel people will illegally dump or hold onto garbage for the following week, and create unsanitary conditions which can include rotting garbage and bad smells.

What happens when someone with one barrel has more garbage than usual? This person has never had a need for a 2nd barrel and so did not pay for a 2nd tag. You have just created an issue for an Enfield tax payer. Who wants to be worrying on a weekly basis that we will be going over our allocated 1 barrel because happened to have a birthday party, or we decided to purge some things. We don't need more things to worry about on our daily lives.

It seems as if you are promoting recycling over regular garbage with this ordinance. We should be promoting the collection of garbage and not at an extra cost.

I have a large family. We always utilize 2 gray barrels. We also recycle and the 1 blue barrel every other week is enough for us. Very rarely do we fill up the blue barrel before collection day.

This is just another expense Enfield taxpayers do not need.

Keep things the way they are!

Respectfully,  
Jodi Albano  
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**From:** Christine Dolan-Kerr <cadkerr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2020 8:58 AM  
**To:** PHBudgetComments@enfield.org  
**Subject:** Yard waste tag already purchased

Good morning,

When I purchased our yard waste tag I was told this is a one-time purchase.

Will the tag be replaced with another tipper bin at no charge or are the tags already purchased grandfathered into this new system?

Christine Dolan-Kerr  
20 Hunter Lane  
Enfield, CT 06082

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**From:** Adam <adam28@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2020 9:44 AM  
**To:** PHBudgetComments@enfield.org  
**Subject:** Trash and yard waste fees

To whom it may concern,

I have just read the article in the Enfield patch describing the new proposed fees and limitations on the trash, yard waste and recycle bins. I have lived here over ten years and seen fees upon fees added while services have dropped. Enough is enough. I consider myself a responsible home owner who tries to do what's right. I don't even put out my yard waste or trash bins unless they are full. With this new proposed regulation you better believe they will be out every week so they are completely empty in case I need the room. Since the leaf vacuuming was discontinued it's a race every fall to keep my 3 yard waste containers full so I can remove all of my leaves. This starts well before any "leaf season" that I'm sure will be declared. These barrels are already paid for and to say I should pay a yearly fee on top of that is insane. If I'm limited to one barrel, feel free to buy back the ones I cannot use anymore.

Sincerely yours,

Enfield resident and voter,

Adam Lewko

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**From:** Robert Marshall <bob@naturallydogsandcats.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2020 9:45 AM  
**To:** PHBudgetComments@enfield.org  
**Cc:** Ludwick, Michael; Cekala, Gina; Kiner, Bill; Mangini, Cindy; Muller, Joseph; Sferrazza, Carl; Unghire, Lori; Bosco, Joseph; Hemmeler, Kelly; Szewczak, Donna; Riley, Charlotte  
**Subject:** Tipper Barrels

Dear Enfield Town Council Members:

I am writing to you to address the proposal for the Tipper Barrel tag fee for a second barrel. While I understand the costs have increased on the town for disposal, I also feel that the residents of the Town are at a tax and fee breaking point.

Many families have individuals out of work due to Covid 19 and are struggling financially. I recently volunteered at a Foodshare event in East Hartford and when I arrived at 7:30 am, there were hundreds of cars lined up to receive food. These food distributions go on daily. This is not the only location that people are seeking assistance for something as basic as food. Our local food bank can't find enough volunteers either. Another fee or tax is not what we need right now.

This measure is only going to lead to people dumping trash out wherever they want it. I recently volunteered at the dog park rebuilding and while we were there, Karen Pugliese caught people dumping trash and filling the barrels at the dog park. This is going to become common practice around town. The town will become littered in garbage and you will need to hire more public works individuals to clean up public places. This is not an image I want to see in Enfield.

The town manager and council need to look at the entire budget to see where money can be moved and find creative ways to earn revenue in the budget in these trying times. Tax money should be spent on services that EVERYONE uses. Fire, police, public works (street maintenance) and garbage collection is something that every resident uses and should be given priority. Things like sports at the schools should get a second look and should be a pay for play. It's not fair to residents who don't have children to ask for the large amounts of money spent on this. During Covid 19 there have been no sports and the children have not suffered. Not every child is an athlete and I am sure that things like children's band instruments are not paid for by the school system.

Council members must remember that they are elected to represent the entire population of the town and not just those with children in schools. Recently, the Mayor stood at the dog park and gave a speech about how all were welcome in the town. Let's start showing the residents that. The dog park is self-funded. It does not rely on town funding to operate. Let's make some of these other things in town that a small portion of people use considering the entire population of the town become self-funded. Trash collection should not be one of them.

Regards

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**From:** JOYCE HALL <plaid8@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2020 10:55 AM  
**To:** PHBudgetComments@enfield.org  
**Subject:** Public Hearing On Amendments to Enfield Solid Waste Ordinance

Question:

Does the following, copied from the draft document, mean that recyclables will be collected weekly rather than every other week?

ii. Recyclables. One 96-gallon blue tipper barrel per week will be collected at no charge. Subject to approval by the Director, a maximum of up to three additional 96-gallon blue tipper barrels, per residence, will be available, at no additional charge. No more than a total of four blue tipper barrels per residence shall be collected.

Joyce Hall

4 Pine Grove Avenue, Enfield, CT,

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**From:** lpercy014@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2020 1:45 PM  
**To:** PHBudgetComments@enfield.org  
**Subject:** Public forum

We should not be charged to collect garbage bins if we have more than one bin. We have already paid for said bin, adding another fee is not needed.

Lauren Percy  
7 Cloud Street  
Enfield, CT

## COMMENTS TO PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE CHAPTER

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1. The definition of Yard Waste does not exclude leaves (Ref. Para. II Definitions) yet, para. VI, A, 1a implies leaves are separate from yard waste, i.e. “ **Municipal Solid Waste, recyclables, leaves, and yard waste must each be kept separate and cannot be commingled.**” By this definition the town is saying leaves must be stripped from branches, bushes, etc. before placing them in the tipper barrel which is ridiculous!!!
2. Para. VI, 1A, 1a, i, states one solid waste barrel (gray) will be picked up/week at no charge then states up to 3 barrels will be picked up for a fee. **Where would one find the fee? How often is the fee changed? Is that fee for the tag? Should one presume that a tag must be purchased for each gray tipper exceeding the one allowed?** The statement isn't clear what the fee is for. The same applies to Para. VI, A, 1a, iii.
3. Para. VI, 1A, 1a, iii and iv contradict each other. Para VI, 1A, 1a, iii states Yard Waste will be picked up weekly whereas Para iv states Yard Waste pickup shall be seasonal. **Needs clarification.**
4. Throughout the amendment there are mentions of “fees to be determined by the Director of Public Works. **Where will these fees be posted? Will residents be notified of fee changes and by what means?**
5. Para. VII, B specifies a police officer or other person designated by the Town Manager may issue a citation... **Does this mean there will be ACTIVE enforcement or, if not, Does the town encourage residents to report violations and by what means should that reporting take place?**
6. **Will there be any feedback to the comments made by residents?**
7. **Will comments be read aloud?**



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**From:** Michelle Wink <m.wink3@att.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2020 3:40 PM  
**To:** PHBudgetComments@enfield.org  
**Subject:** Tipper barrel fees

Hello

My name is Michelle Wink, 39 Edgewood Drive, Enfield.

I absolutely disagree with another tax this town is proposing against our homeowners. Since we bought our home in 2001 our annual property taxes (home) have gone up from \$2500 per year to well over \$5000 a year. We have had to endure increased taxes that were not seeing any benefit from. And now another tax/fee? Why is it being mandated to recycle when recycles aren't picked up weekly? I have four adults living in my home. We fill up our recycling barrel in week one! And our trash in 1 week. So to mandate us to pay for another barrel(s) which were already paying too high of taxes in this town is ludicrous!!! We should be encouraging people to move here not pushing them away with ridiculously high taxes. Sewer tax?? Property taxes that are insane! Car taxes that are ridiculous. And now this? Get your budget under control and stop raising our taxes!!!!

Michelle Wink  
39 Edgewood Drive  
Enfield CT

[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

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**From:** Kristen Holubecki <kristenholubecki@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2020 4:02 PM  
**To:** PHBudgetComments@enfield.org  
**Subject:** Amendments to Enfield Solid Waste Ordinance

Kristen Holubecki & Adam Hasiuk

[266 N Maple Street](#)

[Enfield CT, 06082](#)

RE: Amendments to Enfield Solid Waste Ordinance

Enfield Town Council Members,

Please consider this our written testimony that is in response to the proposed policy changes regarding solid waste, recyclables, leaves and yard waste.

As nearly life-long residents of the Enfield community, we are strongly against the proposed changes.

While this pending amendment outlines new minimum/maximum requirements, new rules, regulations, penalties and warning processes, there are many aspects missing

There is absolutely no insight to the anticipated costs to town residents, as the new fees shall be established at a later time by the Director. It is our feeling that, if approved now, this amendment will ultimately remove insight into the new and forthcoming costs and prohibit our ability to proactively budget for residential expenses. Additionally, there is a lack of broad explanation and understanding of why this proposal is being considered at all.

This half-baked amendment does not represent a complete proposal to approve or deny at this time.

Year over year, we have quietly endured the annual increase in the cost of living in Enfield CT. Particularly over the last 5 years, the town-related expenses to reside in our home continue to rise, and basic services provided to the community continue to dwindle.

Approving this proposal will facilitate an overarching feeling of frustration and further deteriorate town morale. please deny moving these changes forward.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kristen Holubecki

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**From:** Mark DePace <mark.depace@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2020 4:20 PM  
**To:** PHBudgetComments@enfield.org  
**Subject:** Comments - Solid Waste Ordinance  
**Attachments:** Solid Waste Comments - DePace.docx

Attached are my comments on the proposed changes to the Solid Waste Ordinance.

Thanks,  
Mark DePace

My name is Mark DePace and I am a resident of the town of Enfield. I am writing to comment on the proposed draft changes (09-15-20) to the town's solid waste and recycling ordinance.

### **MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE**

- One 96-gallon grey tipper barrel will be collected per week at no charge.
- Up to three additional 96-gallon grey tipper barrels, per residence, may be purchased
- Tipper barrel tags shall be purchased annually [...] for those residences with additional gray tipper barrels
- No more than a total of four grey tipper barrels per residence shall be collected per week
- The cost for additional tipper barrels excludes the cost of the tag

The residents of Enfield currently pay for municipal solid waste collection through their property taxes. The base single barrel collection would be done with no **additional** charge, not at "no charge".

Why is the collection being limited to a single barrel? Was there any sort of study done to see how many households, on average, put out one, two, three or four gray tipper barrels per week? I do feel that any more than four grey tipper barrels per week for a household is extreme and should be the upper limit as to how many can be collected per household, per week.

I live in a two-person household and I typically only put out one gray tipper barrel per week, so I likely wouldn't be affected very much if this draft is approved. There are, however, households that have multiple children or other living situations with multiple family members living under the same roof. These households will be punished simply because they have more residents living in their domicile. Why does the town think this is appropriate?

### **RECYCLING**

- One 96-gallon blue tipper barrel will be collected once every two weeks at no charge.
- A maximum of up to three additional 96-gallon blue tipper barrels, per residence, will be available, at no additional charge.
- No more than a total of four blue tipper barrels per residence shall be collected.

I think it's great that the Town is considering providing additional recycling barrels at no additional charge. Is the Town concerned at all that some households may begin placing non-recycling items in the blue tipper barrels to avoid paying the fees associated with the grey tipper barrel collection? Why is there no proposed collection tag for additional blue tipper barrels when the Town is proposing them for grey and brown tippers?

### **YARD WASTE**

- Up to two 96-gallon brown tipper barrels will be collected per week at no charge.
- Two additional 96-gallon brown tipper barrel, per residence, may be purchased for a fee.
- Tipper barrel tags shall be purchased annually at a fee [...] for those residences with a third or fourth brown tipper barrel.
- No more than a total of four 96-gallon brown tipper barrels will be collected per week.
- The cost for an additional tipper barrel excludes the cost of the tag.

- In the spring, on dates to be determined by the Director, the four brown tipper barrel collection limit [...] shall not apply. There will be no fee required for collection of any additional brown tipper barrels. In addition to the 96-gallon brown tipper barrels, one grey tipper barrel, with a red tag may be used for yard waste.
- During scheduled leaf collection [...] unlimited 96-gallon brown tipper barrels will be collected per collection day.

Residents that own houses on smaller parcels of land may only occasionally use a brown tipper barrel. These residents also likely pay lower taxes as the land would be appraised at a lower value due to the smaller size of the land. Conversely, residents that own houses on larger parcels would likely use their brown tipper barrels more regularly. These residents likely pay higher taxes as the land would be appraised at a higher value due to the larger size of the land.

I feel this proposal is unfairly punishing residents that own larger parcels of land, especially if the land is heavily vegetated. These residents are already paying more in their taxes, they should be allowed to utilize the brown tipper barrels without extra fees and charges.

### **COLLECTION TAGS**

What is the cost to purchase the collection tag? What is the per barrel, per week collection fee going to be for grey and brown tippers?

I assume that the tipper tags are used for electronically tracking and billing the collection through Radio-frequency Identification "RFID" or some other technology. If this is true, does the Town have the IT infrastructure in place to collect all the data and properly bill the collections? If not, what is the cost of building such infrastructure:

- a.) using current Town employees
- b.) hiring a third-party

Will the tracking of tipper barrel collection require the hiring of more town Employees to oversee?

How will the collection tags be affixed to the tipper? If they are similar in nature to the current gray-to-brown tipper collection tags, this could be very problematic. I can foresee many being stolen as it is a simple Velcro strap. Is there going to be anything to prevent someone from stealing the tag? If the tags are tracked with technology, I suppose the tag could be flagged in the system. What happens if the collection truck encounters a stolen tag or a tag at a location it isn't registered to? If the tag gets stolen or lost, does the original owner have to purchase a replacement?

### **BILLING**

Will the Town be outsourcing the billing to Lewiston, ME like was done with the Sewer Fee? Will residents have yet another bill that is only payable by mail via check?

### **CONCLUSION**

In light of the uncertainty surrounding implementation and the other concerns I have expressed above, I am opposed to the changes to the collection of the grey and brown tipper barrels. I do support limiting the collection of grey tipper barrels to no more than four per household, per week and the distribution of additional blue recycling tipper barrels to all households at no extra cost.

I have to ask - **what do our property taxes pay for now?** The mill rate has always had a separate fire component to it. The Town implemented a sewer fee a few years ago. Now the Town is trying to charge separately for trash collection. **What is the next thing that the Town wants to separately bill us for that we will not be able to use as a deduction on our income taxes?**