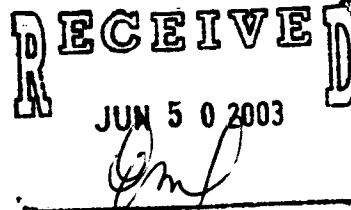


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Mayor Kevin Foy
 Town of Chapel Hill
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Dear Kevin:

In December 2001, the Board of County Commissioners adopted a Regulated Recyclable Materials Ordinance (RRMO) that requires certain waste materials located primarily in construction and demolition wastes to be recycled. The ordinance became effective October 1, 2002.

The key elements of the ordinance (attached) are:

- Requires mandatory recycling of specified materials (clean metal, cardboard, and clean wood)
- Requires haulers of these materials (commingled or separated) to obtain a haulers license
- Requires generators (business or job site) of materials to ensure their separation
- Requires, as part of building permit process, obtaining a Regulated Recyclable Materials Permit, and
- Provides for certification of facilities that can receive commingled wastes and separate-out the regulated materials.

The ordinance is currently enforced only in the non-residential waste services sector.

The ordinance has proven very successful to date, reducing incoming waste at our construction and demolition landfill in excess of 30%. The regulated community of generators and haulers has overwhelmingly complied with the ordinance and only a handful of citations have been issued. Coordination between Solid Waste staff and the County and Carrboro Planning and Inspection staffs related to issuing RRM Permits and collecting fees has been essentially problem free.

In order for the County ordinance to be uniformly enforced throughout the County, the municipalities must provide authorization. The Town of Hillsborough granted authorization on July 8, 2002. The Town of Carrboro granted authorization on September 24, 2002. This letter represents a request that the Town of Chapel Hill also grant the County authorization to enforce the ordinance within its municipal boundaries.

In the event the Town Council wishes to consider this matter I would ask the County Solid Waste Director and his staff to prepare the necessary information and be available to assist the Town during its deliberations. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

Margaret Brown, Chair
 Orange County Board of Commissioners

cc: County Commissioners
 John Link, County Manager
 Gayle Wilson, Solid Waste Management Director

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