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Resource Recovery Recycling Program

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935.01 INTENT AND PURPOSE.

Recycling conserves valuable material resources and energy, promotes greater efficiency in the regional economy and provides local employment.

Recycling will reduce the overall amount of solid waste presently generated, and thus, reduce storage, collection, transportation and disposal costs.

Therefore, be it ordained by Council of the City of Easton, County of Northampton, State of Pennsylvania, and hereby enacted by the authority of the same as follows. (Ord. 3037 §3. Passed 8-8-89.)

935.02 DEFINITION.

For the purpose of this article, the following list of defined items shall be included as recyclables for the mandatory separating of recyclables from garbage and rubbish in the City. The following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

- (a) "Aerosol cans" means any containers dispensing an aerosol spray.
- (b) "Aluminum" means all aluminum containers and other aluminum products.
- (c) "Corrugated paper" means any corrugated paper product such as a cardboard box.
- (d) "Glass containers" means all containers made from silica or sand, soda ash and limestone, the product being transparent or translucent and being used for packaging or bottling of various matter and all other material commonly known as glass excluding, however, blue glass, float glass, plate glass and glass commonly known as window pane glass.
  - (1) "Clear glass" means that which has no discernible color or tint.
  - (2) "Brown glass" means that which generally has a brown hue.
  - (3) "Green glass" means that which generally has a green hue.
- (e) "Magazines and colored newspaper inserts" means all magazine books, colored newsprint fliers and/or coupon inserts.
- (f) "Newspaper" includes paper of the type commonly referred to as newsprint and distributed at stated intervals, usually daily or weekly having printed therein news and opinions and containing advertisements and other matters of public interest.

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Magazines and periodicals as well as other paper products of any nature are not considered newspaper.

- (g) "Plastics" means any container constructed of plastic marked as 1-PETE or 2-HDPE.
- (h) "Polycoated paper containers" means any container constructed of polycoated paper which includes:
  - (1) "Drink boxes" meaning all polycoated containers used for liquid refreshments and larger one liter boxes used for soy milk.
  - (2) "Gable top cartons" meaning all polycoated containers constructed with a gable top opening such as milk or orange juice cartons.
- (i) "Recyclables" means material having an economic value in the secondary materials market. The following materials have such economic value: aluminum cans and articles, tin cans, clear glass containers and newspaper. In addition, yard waste will be considered as recyclable.
- (j) "Tin" means all tin containers and other tin products.
- (k) "Yard waste" means grass, weeds, leaves and other types of biodegradable materials and other mixtures of decayed or decaying organic matter.  
(Ord. 3421 §1. Passed 2-28-96.)

935.03 PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.

There is hereby established a Resource Recovery and Recycling Program for the mandatory separating of recyclables from garbage and rubbish in the City.  
(Ord. 3037 §3. Passed 8-8-89.)

935.04 SEPARATION OF RECYCLABLES AND PLACEMENT FOR REMOVAL.

Clear, brown and green glass, aluminum and tin cans, newspapers, plastics 1 (PETE) and 2 (HDPE), yard waste, drink boxes, gable top cartons, magazines and colored newspaper inserts, aerosol cans and corrugated paper shall be kept separate from other refuse. Individual household units and other refuse containers shall separate and prepare for collection, these materials in the following manner:

- (a) Clear, brown and green glass, aluminum and tin cans, plastic 1 (PETE) and 2 (HDPE), polycoated paper containers, and aerosol cans shall be empty or emptied and cleaned and stored in an appropriate receptacle for such purposes. These items may be commingled in one container.
- (b) Newspaper and colored newspaper inserts shall be tied both across and lengthwise in easy to manage bundles or placed within a brown paper bag and kept dry.
- (c) Magazines shall be kept separate and apart from newspapers. Magazines shall be tied both across and lengthwise in easy to manage bundles or placed within a brown paper bag and kept dry.
- (d) Yard waste shall be stored separately, and if bagged, yard waste should be marked as yard waste or placed in clear bags.
- (e) Corrugated paper should be disassembled and bound together neatly in easily managed bundles. Do not include single layer wall boxes such as cereal, pizza, cracker, etc.

(Ord. 3421 §2. Passed 2-28-96.)

935.05 COLLECTION BY UNAUTHORIZED PERSON.

(a) From the time of placement of recyclables at the curb, items shall be and become the property of the City or its authorized agent. It shall be a violation of this article for any person unauthorized by the city to collect or pick up or cause to be collected or picked up any such items. Any and each such collection in violation hereof from one or more locations shall constitute a separate and distinct offense punishable as hereinafter provided.

(b) It shall be unlawful for a person to collect, remove or dispose of solid waste which contains recyclables combined with other forms of solid waste.

(c) The Mayor, or his agent, is empowered to designate the day(s) of the month on which recyclables shall be collected, removed and disposed of from a particular area. (Ord. 3037 §3. Passed 8-8-89.)

935.99 AUTHORITY, VIOLATION, AND PENALTY.

(a) The separation, placement, collection and disposal of recyclables in the City shall be under the supervision of the Director of Public Services. The Director shall have the authority to make and enforce regulations concerning days of collection, type of recyclables accepted, procedures for disposing of recyclables and such other matters pertaining to the separation, placement, collection and disposal of recyclables as he or she may deem advisable, and to change and modify the same after notice as required by law, provided that such regulations do not conflict in substance with the provisions hereof.

(b) Whoever violates any provisions of this article shall receive a written warning from the City authorities. The person or persons shall be given up to thirty days to comply with that provision of the article. If after such notice a second violation of the same provision of the article occurs a person or persons shall upon conviction by a District Magistrate, be sentenced to pay a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) fine and court costs. Persons convicted by a District Magistrate for a third or subsequent violation of the same provision of the article shall be sentenced to pay a three hundred dollar (\$300.00) fine, court costs, or ninety days imprisonment, or both.

(c) Each violation of any provision of this article and each day the same is continued shall be deemed a separate offense. (Ord. 3423 §1. Passed 3-27-96.)